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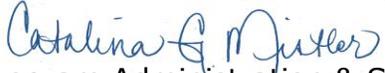


Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2016-17 Unpaid Competitive Cal Grant Award Status

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2016-17 Competitive Cal Grant Program awards and the next steps Commission staff will take in an effort to increase the paid rate for eligible students.

The Commission will offer new Competitive awards to the next cohort of eligible applicants. These award offers will be processed in mid-January 2017. If you have eligible students on your roster who are unpaid, please make it a priority to pay them as soon as possible. These students will be notified via email and mail in the next few weeks that their awards will be withdrawn if it is not paid by **January 15, 2017**.

- To date, 16,825 Competitive awardees of the 25,750 have been paid for the 2016-17 academic year, a 65.3% paid rate.
- Today, over 800 unpaid Competitive awarded students identified on the Community College enrollment file will be processed for a school change. See [GOM 2016-32](#) for more information.
 - Students will be notified of the changes via email and mail and asked to correct any school discrepancies.
- The Commission will continue to monitor the paid rate to ensure that payments do not exceed the authorized number of awards for this academic year.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to partner with us in this effort to better serve our Cal Grant students. If you have any questions, please contact Institutional Support.

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