



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Reminder: Withdrawal for Unpaid 2016-17 Competitive Cal Grant Awards**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides a reminder for the upcoming Withdrawal for Unpaid 2016-17 Competitive Cal Grant awards and an update on the 2016-17 Competitive Cal Grant Program.

In an effort to pay 100% of our competitive Cal Grant awards, the Commission will be processing new 2016-17 Competitive awards to the next cohort of eligible applicants. Students who were offered a 2016-17 Cal Grant award and have not yet been paid will be withdrawn. Therefore, if you have eligible students on your roster who have not been paid, now is the time to pay them or update your Cal Grant rosters. Please make it a priority to pay eligible students before they are withdrawn.

These unpaid students have been notified via email that their awards will be withdrawn if they are not paid by **January 15, 2017**.

- To date, 18,727 Competitive awardees have been paid of the 25,750 authorized Competitive awards for the 2016-17 academic year, a 72.7% participation rate.
- We hope to have 100% of students paid and will continue to monitor the paid rate to ensure that payments do not exceed the 25,750 competitive awards for this academic year.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to partner with us in this effort to pay eligible Cal Grant students their awards. If you have any questions, please contact Institutional Support.

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