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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2017-18 Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) informs all financial aid administrators of the upcoming processing of the 2017-18 California Community College (CCC) Transfer Entitlement Awards.

- Tonight, **March 3, 2017**, the Commission plans to begin processing applicants who have preliminary eligibility for a 2017-18 CCC Transfer Entitlement Award.
- The WebGrants System will be unavailable beginning Friday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. through Monday, March 6 at 12:00 p.m. during award processing.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1449

The newly enacted AB 1449 updates [Education Code 69436-69436.5](#) and commences with the 2017-18 academic year. The update provides an exemption to students from the requirement of graduating from a California high school or its equivalent if they were California residents on their 18th birthday.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a 2017-18 CCC Transfer Entitlement Award:

- Completed a 2017-18 FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by the March 2, 2017 filing deadline
- Attended a CCC during the 2016-17 academic year
- Transfer from a CCC to a bachelor degree granting institution during the 2017-18 academic year
- Are no more than 27 years of age by December 31, 2017
- Submitted a CCC GPA of at least 2.4 by March 2, 2017
- Graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000, and
- Were California residents at the time of high school graduation, **OR**
- Did not graduate from high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000 but, were California residents on their 18th birthday, pursuant to specified provisions of law

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