SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2017-18 College Cost Estimates Update

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the ability for institutions to update their 2017-18 College Cost Estimates. Based on the California Budget Act for 2017-18, Cal Grant Award amounts will be adjusted accordingly. For more information on the State budget updates refer to GSA 2017-24.

- Institutions initially submitted 2017-18 College Cost Estimates to the Commission from September 1, 2016 through October 14, 2016.

- Institutions are now encouraged to update their 2017-18 college cost of attendance information in WebGrants by Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

- Please refer to GOM 2016-27 for detailed instructions on updating college costs in WebGrants.
  - Institutions can update their 2017-18 estimated college cost of attendance by typing over the existing values.

- New awards will be processed after institutions update their 2017-18 estimated cost of attendance.

- The following students will be reprocessed to reflect the updated 2017-18 College Cost Estimates:
  - New 2017-18 Cal Grant awardees
    - To ensure the student’s unmet need is accurately calculated
    - To ensure the student’s award amount is updated
  - Applicants denied a 2017-18 Cal Grant award due to their unmet need being below the required minimum.
    - To ensure Cal Grant consideration is given to all eligible applicants using an updated cost of attendance.

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