




SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 California State Budget Update (Revised)**

Governor Jerry Brown signed his 16th and final State Budget on June 27, 2018. This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the following updates related to the 2018-19 State Budget and the Commission's programs:

Maintains:

- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant Awards at **25,750**. The Commission is authorized to make up to 35,000 Competitive Cal Grant Award *offers*.
- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at private non-profit institutions at **\$9,084**.
- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients attending private, for-profit institutions that are not accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as of July 1, 2018, at **\$4,000**.
- Maximum Cal Grant C award for students at eligible for-profit schools at **\$2,462** for Tuition and Fees and **\$547** for Books and Supplies.
- Maximum Cal Grant C Award for students attending community colleges at **\$1,094** for Books and Supplies.
- The Cal Grant B access award at **\$1,672** which includes \$24 from the College Access Tax Credit Fund.
- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for CSU mandatory system wide tuition and fees at **\$5,742**.
- Full funding for the Middle Class Scholarship available to students attending UC and CSU campuses, as well as those enrolled in a CCC baccalaureate degree program. The maximum award covers up to 40% of the student's mandatory system wide tuition and fees.
- The overall budget for the California Cash for College Program at \$586,000.

Increases:

- The overall budget for the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) by \$177,000 or 2.3 percent for cost-of-living expenses.
- The California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth program by \$4 million to increase age limit eligibility from age 23 to age 26.

Decreases:

- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients attending private, for-profit institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as of July 1, 2018, from \$9,084 to **\$8,056**.
- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for UC mandatory system wide tuition and fees from \$12,630 to **\$12,570**.

Foster Youth Entitlement Eligibility

- The budget includes \$5.3 million to allow former foster youth to receive a Cal Grant B High School Entitlement Award up to age 26, and for a total of eight years of full-time attendance.
- Commission staff is working to update the Grant Delivery System to incorporate award changes. Further details will be communicated within the next few weeks.

Grant Delivery System

- Provides \$5.5 million for the CSAC to begin the programmatic phase of the Grant Delivery System Modernization project.

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