



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2019-20 California State Budget Update**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed his first State Budget on June 27, 2019. This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the following updates related to the 2019-20 State Budget and the Commission's programs:

### Maintains:

- The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at private non-profit institutions at **\$9,084**.
- The 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, 2019, at **\$8,056**.
- The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at for-profit non-WASC accredited institutions at **\$4,000**.
- The Cal Grant C award for students attending eligible for-profit schools at **\$2,462** for Tuition and Fees and **\$547** for Books and Supplies.
- The Cal Grant C Books and Supplies Award for students attending community colleges at **\$1,094**, with the exception of students with dependent children.
- The Cal Grant B access award at **\$1,672** which includes \$24 from the College Access Tax Credit Fund, with the exception of students with dependent children.
- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for CSU mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$5,742**.
- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for UC mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$12,570**.

### Increases:

- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant awards to **41,000** and authorizes the Commission to make up to 51,000 Competitive Cal Grant award offers.

- Awarding priority for FAFSA applicants has been removed from statute.
- Cal Grant access awards for students with dependent children attending a University of California, California State University, or California Community College campus.
  - Dependent children must be under 18 years of age and receive more than 50 percent of their support from the student.
  - Access awards of up to **\$6,000** for qualifying Cal Grant A and B recipients and up to **\$4,000** for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.

**Creates:**

- The **Golden State Teacher Grant Program** which delivers grants to aspiring teachers to help them cover the cost of the training they need to enter the classroom.
- The **Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program** for Cal Grant B recipients awarded through the California Dream Act Application who meet the eligibility requirements.
  - Eligible students shall perform at least 100 hours per quarter or 150 hours per semester of community or volunteer service.
  - Participating students will be eligible to receive a grant under the program for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 quarters.
  - Awards of up to \$1,500 per semester or \$1,000 per quarter.
  - Grants under this program are expected to be available in the 2020-21 academic year.
- The **Child Savings Account Grant Program** to support local governments and nonprofit organizations that sponsor or collaborate on one or more comprehensive citywide or regional child savings account programs.

The Commission is currently working on the initial phases of implementation for these programs and system changes and will provide additional details in future communications.

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