



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2019-20 Cal Grant Awards for Students with Dependent Children**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update to [GSA 2019-23](#) regarding the Cal Grant awards for students with dependent children per the 2019-20 State Budget.

Cal Grant Access Awards for Students with Dependent Children

- Cal Grant students with dependent children attending a University of California, California State University, or California Community College campus may be eligible for an access award of up to **\$6,000** for qualifying Cal Grant A and B recipients and up to **\$4,000** for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.
 - Dependent children must be under 18 years of age and receive more than 50 percent of their support from the student. The Commission will be implementing a self-certification process for the students.
 - Institutions are required to resolve any conflicting information regarding student eligibility prior to disbursing payments.

Current Grant Delivery System Functionality

- The online display roster currently provides a program identifier (SWD) based on the students' self-reported information on their 2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) as shown below:

CSAC ID:										View History			Record: 13		
SSN	DOB	Grant ID	Cycle ID	Housing Code	Dep Status	New / Renewal	EL Code	TANF	Foster Youth	SWD	CSAC Budget	EFC	Remain Elig	Forecast Elig	Roster Section
			C1	2	I	R	3		N	Y	*****	*****	137.50%	100.00%	ELIGIBLE(1)
Custom Codes		1	2	3	4	5									
Fall Term		Adj Reason Codes					Pay Status Codes		Delete Txn						
Program Code	Award Type	Annual Award	Term Amount	Adj Amount	Adj Reason	Pay Code	Annual Need	Income & Asset Year Used	Rec Type						
Totals		\$14,242	\$4,747				30950	2019							
B-SWD	T/F	\$12,570	\$4,190						GRT						
B-SWD	ACSS	\$1,672	\$557						GRT						

- Based on the current system functionality in WebGrants, institutions can report the following payments for their Cal Grant students with dependent children:
 - Tuition and fees for Cal Grant A and B recipients.
 - Cal Grant Access Awards up to \$1,672 for their Cal Grant B recipients which includes \$24 from the College Access Tax Credit Fund.
 - Books and Supplies Awards up to \$1,094 for their Cal Grant C recipients.

Upcoming Grant Delivery System Functionality

- Based on preliminary business requirements, the system will display:
 - An Access Award field for Cal Grant A eligible students with an award amount of up to \$6,000 (similar to the current Cal Grant B access award.)
 - An increased Access Award amount for eligible Cal Grant B recipients of up to \$6,024 (the \$24 from the College Access Tax Credit Fund will be in addition of the maximum \$6,000.)
 - An increased Books and Supplies Award amount for eligible Cal Grant C recipients of up to \$4,000.
- These award amounts will need to be prorated to be consistent with the students' enrollment status in WebGrants: full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time.
- Institutions will have the ability to confirm changes in the students' eligibility through the Grant Record Change process (G-21).

Updated award amounts and WebGrants system changes are currently anticipated to be completed by early December 2019. Further details will be communicated as implementation progresses.

Communication to Students

- The Commission is currently sending the enclosed communication to potentially eligible students.

Need to contact us?

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
- E-mail: schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Enclosure: Communication to Cal Grant Students with Dependent Children

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