TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration & Services Division

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:

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Website: www.csac.ca.gov
• Based on the current system functionality in WebGrants, institutions can report the following payments for their Cal Grant students with dependent children:
  
  o Tuition and fees for Cal Grant A and B recipients.
  o Cal Grant Access Awards up to $1,672 for their Cal Grant B recipients which includes $24 from the College Access Tax Credit Fund.
  o 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:
  
  o 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.)
  o 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.)
  o 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?**

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Enclosure: Communication to Cal Grant Students with Dependent Children

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