



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2022-23 Competitive Cal Grant Awards – Important Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards. The Commission is very close to reaching a 100% paid rate for the 2022-23 year and requests institutions to refrain from posting any additional payments to new competitive awardees.

Per California Education Code [Section 69437\(b\)](#), the Commission is authorized to pay 13,000 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.

- As of April 20, 2023, close to 13,000 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards have been paid to eligible students, requiring Commission staff to closely monitor any subsequent payments.
- Remaining unpaid competitive awards will be withdrawn shortly to minimize the risk of paying awards in excess of the authorized 13,000 awards.
- Please refrain from adding competitive students to the weekly Cal Grant batch payment file.
- Please also refrain from processing any new payments to competitive awarded students who currently have other adjustment reason codes posted such as Leave of Absence (LA) or Less than Half-Time Enrollment (LH), unless a prior payment transaction already exists for the student in the current year.

The Commission will confirm early next week if there are any remaining competitive awards available for payment and will communicate the process on how to request student reinstatements for these awards.

Thank you for your support and efforts in maximizing the utilization of all available Competitive Cal Grant awards for the 2022-23 academic year.

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