

SPECIAL ALERT



Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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FROM:

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Unconfirmed Student with Dependent Awards - UPDATE

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Cal Grant Awards for Students with Dependent Children (SWD). To allow institutions to post eligible payments and reconcile Cal Grant funds in a timely manner, the Commission will reprocess additional unconfirmed 2023-24 SWD students to their base Cal Grant award amount on **April 12, 2024.** This process will remove the current payment hold and the SWD system identifier.

- Exception: SWD awards with the following holds will be bypassed and will not have their SWD amounts reprocessed to the base amount. This includes El students pending confirmation of school of attendance, E2 students with a pending G-6, and E3 students with pending CCC enrollment verification.
- If you later determine that a student in this scenario meets SWD eligibility, schools can view and update SWD program eligibility for individual students on the Grant Application MG21 screen in WebGrants. This feature is only available for student records that were initially flagged for SWD. For all others, the institution will still need to submit a Grant Record Change to the Commission and request that a student be processed for SWD using a subsequent ISIR transaction. For additional information on this functionality, please see <u>GSA 2023-09</u>.
- You may customize your roster in WebGrants to limit the records displayed based on the 'Student with Dependents Eligibility Confirmed' flag.
- The Commission will send email notifications to unconfirmed SWD students later this week. The email includes steps students can take to certify their eligibility through their WebGrants for Students account.

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