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Cal Grant Deadline Approaching Fast

*All Qualified Students Will Receive Financial Aid
If They Apply By March 2*

SACRAMENTO – The deadline to apply for a Cal Grant is less than one week away, the California Student Aid Commission today reminded college bound seniors and recent high school graduates. The deadline is Tuesday, March 2.

“California students must act now to make sure financial aid is there for them next fall,” said California Student Aid Commission executive director Diana Fuentes-Michel. “Missing the March 2 deadline means missing out on thousands of dollars to help students fund their future.”

Cal Grants are available to students graduating from high school. They are awarded based on family income levels and a high school grade point average of at least 2.0.

Annual grants are intended to cover fees at the California State University and the University of California and can also be used to pay for tuition at private colleges or vocational schools. Community college grants are intended to cover living expenses and educational-related supplies.

Eligible students may renew their Cal Grant for each of the four years that they attend college providing they meet certain attendance and achievement criteria. Cal Grants do not have to be repaid.

To qualify for Cal Grants, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form. The forms are

due March 2 and are available in high school counseling offices and from college financial aid advisors, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Complete information on Cal Grants — including eligibility and instructions on completing forms — is available online at www.calgrants.org or by calling toll-free 1-888-CA-GRANT (888-224-7268).

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