



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **New 2015-16 Competitive Award Offers**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update to the 2015-16 Competitive Award offers.

- Pursuant to [GSA 2016-07](#), published February 29, 2016, in an effort to increase the participation rate for eligible students, the Commission is offering new 2015-16 Competitive Awards to the next cohort of eligible students.
- The 2015-16 Competitive Cal Grant scoring has changed in order to offer the new awards:
 - The March 2, 2015 competitive score has been reduced from 798 to 776, resulting in 3,959 awards.
 - The September 2, 2015 competitive score has been reduced from 811 to 804, resulting in 2,766 awards.
- A total of 6,725 newly eligible students were offer a 2015-16 Competitive Award.
- Institutions are advised to customize their WebGrants roster to identify these newly awarded students for payment posting.
- An on-demand "[Customizing Your School's Cal Grant Roster](#)" training module is available on the Webinar Trainings screen under "Colleges" at www.csac.ca.gov.

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