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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
          High School Counselors
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          County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: **2019-20 Cal Grant High School Entitlement Award Offers**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the initial 2019-20 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

2019-20 Preliminary E1 Award Offers

- Following the opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) on October 1, the Commission ran its initial E1 award cycle on November 16, 2018.

- Approximately **52,132** preliminary awards were offered to current high school seniors and 2018 high school graduates. **2,152** of the preliminary awards were offered to California Dream Act applicants.

- The Commission will continue to process applications weekly throughout the academic year.

Preliminary Cal Grant Award Notifications

- In an effort to encourage students to create a WebGrants for Students (WG4S) account to claim their awards, the Commission and the UC Berkeley Policy Lab have partnered to pilot new Cal Grant preliminary eligibility notification letters. Different URLs will be used to track student response to each letter.

- E1 awardees will receive one of the attached new 2019-20 Cal Grant preliminary eligibility notification letters in the mail.

- Students must claim and manage their awards by creating a WG4S account at www.webgrants4students.org.

College Claiming Process

- Beginning February 2019, students will be able to confirm their school of attendance via WG4S. Students should not confirm their school of attendance unless they have been accepted by the college and submitted their intent to enroll. As students complete this step, the 2019-20 award amounts at Cal Grant eligible institutions will be reflected on the students' California Aid Report and their WG4S account.

- Colleges will be able to claim Cal Grant eligible students by submitting School Change Upload files beginning in February 2019. The WebGrants Display Roster will populate with Cal Grant eligible students who have confirmed their college of attendance via WG4S, and as institutions submit School Change Upload files.

CADAA Processing Update

- The 2019-20 California Dream Act ISIR weekly report is now available for download in the WebGrants Data Transfer menu.

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Enclosure: 2019-20 Cal Grant Preliminary Eligibility Notification Letters

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