



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: **Golden State Teacher Grant Program Update**

This Special Alert provides new updates to the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

GSTG Administration

CSAC will provide GSTG awards of up to \$20,000, with the award amounts determined by the institutions of higher education, and by the applicable local teacher preparation programs to eligible students enrolled in a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) approved teacher preparation program in a 'high need field'. Candidates will need to work with their Office of Financial Aid or program administrators to determine, and agree to, the appropriate award amount up to \$20,000. These grant funds may be used to offset student loans.

Awarding Process

2021-22 GSTG awards will be provided to teacher candidates attending a California institution of higher education or teacher internship/residency programs with CTC approved teacher preparation programs according to the applications received. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2021-22 academic year.

To be considered for funding, students must be currently enrolled in an approved teacher preparation program leading to a credential to teach in a high need field as specified in Education Code Section 69617(e). CSAC will continue to provide awards until program funds are exhausted or through June 30, 2024, (*or a date to be determined in statute*) whichever comes first. Candidates may apply via CSAC's website at:

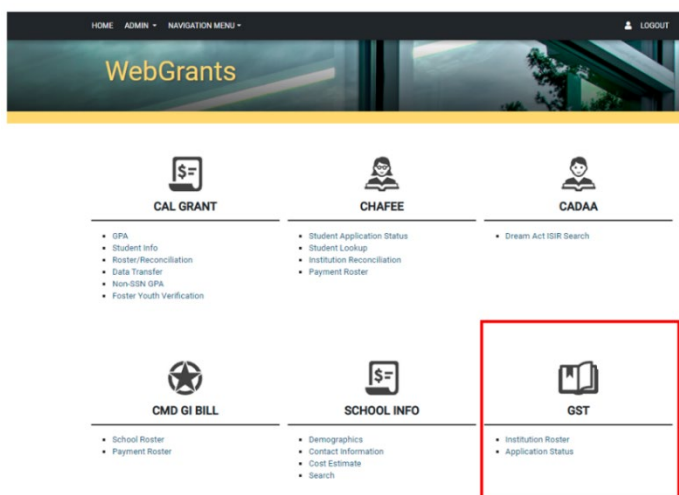
<https://gstg.csac.ca.gov>.

CTC's list of priority schools for the required teaching service may be found at:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/notices/gs-teacher-list>

Golden State Teacher Grant Program-New WebGrants Screens

CSAC is pleased to announce the launch of the GSTG section in WebGrants.



In this section, schools will be able to use the 'Institution Roster' screen to verify eligibility. On the 'Application Status' screen, schools will be able to check application information for a student.

GSTG Resources

CSAC has created a GSTG flyer with the most updated information regarding program eligibility and requirements. Please feel free to disseminate to interested candidates.

CSAC has finalized the GSTG Coordinator's Guide for 2021-22. This guide provides key features including information on:

- program requirements
- verifying eligibility
- WebGrants screens

Next Steps from CSAC:

1. CSAC is still accepting applications via our website and will provide reports to campuses to track their applicants. Upon submission, applicants will be informed that CSAC will contact them via email. Updated program details will follow in the Golden State Teachers Grant Coordinators Guide.
2. Teaching agreements and awards are anticipated to be available later this fall term.
3. CSAC will track program participants' teaching employment and repayment status based on the five years required to complete their four-year teaching obligation.

Need to contact us?

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Enclosures: Golden State Teacher Grant Program Flyer; Golden State Teacher Grant Program Coordinator's Guide

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