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**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
2008-09 CAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS**

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**Legislative Report Requirement**  
Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) requires that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) annually report to the Legislature and Governor on the number of Cal Grant applicants and new and continuing recipients each year. The data shall include at a minimum the following recipient information: educational level, grade point average, and segment of attendance.

The Commission is the state's principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission's primary programmatic responsibilities include administration of the Cal Grant Program, the Chafee Grant Program and several targeted state scholarship and loan assumption programs. The Commission administers financial aid awareness and outreach programs, such as Cal-SOAP and Cash for College, in collaboration with business, private industry, and community-based organizations. The Commission is also the designated State guaranty agency responsible for the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program which it administers through its auxiliary organization, EDFUND. The Commission maintains overall responsibility for the FFEL Program, financial aid program administration, policy leadership, program evaluation and information development and coordination.

The Commission consists of 15 appointed members. Eleven members are appointed by the Governor and represent segments of the State's higher education community, postsecondary education students, and the general public. In addition, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee each appoint two Commission members as representatives of the general public.

In its policy decision-making, the Commission receives advice and recommendations from its staff; its advisory committees, including the Grant Advisory Committee and the Loan Advisory Council; the EDFUND Board; and ad hoc committees comprised of individuals that represent colleges and universities, secondary schools, student groups, the business community, lending institutions, and various levels of government. The Commission's strong tradition of public participation stems from its commitment to continuous improvement and responsiveness in the development and delivery of its financial aid programs and services.

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2000, Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), also known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, was signed into law. This historic bill changed the Cal Grant Program, which previously consisted of Cal Grant A awards, Cal Grant B awards, Cal Grant C awards, and Cal Grant T awards. Since the 2001-02 award year, the Cal Grant Program consists of the following components: High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, and the existing Cal Grant C and T awards.

As with the original Cal Grant Program, Cal Grant A awards provide for full systemwide fees at the California State University and the University of California, as well as tuition support at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges to eligible low- and middle-income students. Cal Grant B awards provide funds to eligible low-income disadvantaged students. For first-year students, Cal Grant B awards provide up to

\$1,551 for books and living expenses. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, the Cal Grant B award also helps pay for tuition and fees at qualifying postsecondary institutions. For new and renewal recipients at the California State University and the University of California, the 2008-09 systemwide fees were \$3,048 and \$7,126, respectively. For new recipients at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges, both the Cal Grant A and B awards provided up to a maximum tuition and fee grant of \$9,708. Renewal recipients at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges continued to receive the same tuition and fee grant amount as when they were initially awarded.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form by the statutory deadlines is the first step for students to be considered for a Cal Grant award. Of the approximately 742,900 students who were successful in completing this first step in the 2008-09 award year, over 489,600, or 66 percent, did not meet the financial and basic eligibility criteria. The basic eligibility criteria that students failed to meet include not being a California resident, not listing a qualifying Cal Grant college or university, and having already graduated with a bachelor's degree.

In addition to meeting financial and basic eligibility criteria, there are academic and other requirements specific to each component as indicated below.

### **High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2008-09 new High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to students who graduated from high school in 2006-07 or 2007-08. The High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards required a minimum 3.0 and 2.0 GPA, respectively.

Beginning with the 2008-09 award year, new High School Entitlement Cal Grant recipients were required to provide confirmation of high school graduation prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds.

### **California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2008-09 new California Community College Transfer Entitlement (Transfer Entitlement) Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to every student who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000, was a California resident at the time of high school graduation, transferred to a qualifying baccalaureate-degree granting institution from a California Community College during the award year, was under the age of 28 at the time of the transfer, and had a minimum California Community College GPA of 2.4.

Beginning with the 2006-07 award year, new Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant recipients were required to provide confirmation of meeting the above eligibility requirements prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds. Also, 10 percent of the new awards were randomly selected for campus-level verification that the recipients met the eligibility requirements prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds.

## **Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2008-09 new Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards were available to California students who did not meet the eligibility criteria for a new High School or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award. The Competitive Cal Grant A awards required a minimum 3.0 high school GPA or a minimum 2.4 college GPA. The Competitive Cal Grant B awards required a minimum 2.0 high school or California Community College GPA. Eligible applicants competed for the 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant awards. Half of these awards (11,250) were offered to those applicants who met the March 2 deadline. The remaining 11,250 awards were offered to students who enrolled at a California Community College and met the September 2 deadline.

## **Pre-SB 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The Commission continued to phase out the Cal Grant A and B awards offered prior to the 2001-02 award year. There were 188 renewal recipients in 2008-09.

## **Cal Grant C Awards**

The 2008-09 new Cal Grant C awards were available to low- and middle-income students receiving occupational or technical training in a course that was at least four months long. Eligible applicants who completed and returned a Cal Grant C Supplement competed for 7,761 Cal Grant C awards. For new and renewal recipients, the tuition and fee award was up to \$2,592 and the allowance for training-related costs (such as: books, tools and equipment) was \$576.

## **Cal Grant T Awards**

The Cal Grant T awards were designed to help post-baccalaureate students pursue their initial California teaching credential. Funding for new Cal Grant T awards has not been authorized since 2002-03. There was 1 renewal recipient in 2008-09.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS**

In the 2008-09 award year, of the approximately 743,000 students who applied for a new Cal Grant, 253,300, or 34 percent, qualified for a Cal Grant award. Of the 253,300 qualified applicants, 114,139 were offered a Cal Grant award. The following tables summarize the 2008-09 new and continuing Cal Grant recipients eligible to receive payment. These statistics do not reflect the actual number of recipients who ultimately used their Cal Grant (received payment) to attend college.

Note: This report as well as other reports produced by the Commission can be viewed on the Commission's Website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

## ACRONYMS

These acronyms are used in the following tables:

CCC	California Community Colleges
CSU	California State University
ICU	Independent Colleges and Universities
PCC	Private Career Colleges
UC	University of California

## NOTES

<b>TABLE 2</b>	Other consists of Pre-SB 1644 and Cal Grant T renewal awards.
<b>TABLE 3</b>	Although new September Cal Grant awards are offered to students enrolled at a California Community College meeting the September 2 deadline, the data reflects recipients who subsequently transfer from the community colleges to tuition-charging institutions.
<b>TABLE 5</b>	Cal Grant C applicants are not required to submit a GPA.
<b>TABLE 6</b>	The educational level is the self-reported grade level the student indicates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
<b>TABLE 12</b>	The Average GPA for Cal Grant C and All Components is an average of the reported GPAs.

**TABLE 1**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New and Renewal Recipients by Award Type**

Recipients	Cal Grant A		Cal Grant B		Cal Grant C		Cal Grant T		All Components	
New	28,856	25%	76,631	67%	8,652	8%	0	0%	114,139	100%
Renewal	47,579	25%	132,427	71%	7,827	4%	1	0%	187,834	100%
All	76,435	25%	209,058	69%	16,479	5%	1	0%	301,973	100%

**TABLE 2**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New and Renewal Recipients by Component**

Recipients	High School Entitlement		Transfer Entitlement		March Competitive		September Competitive		Cal Grant C		Other		All Components	
New	72,264	63%	7,856	7%	12,915	11%	12,452	11%	8,652	8%	0	0%	114,139	100%
Renewal	135,622	72%	4,556	2%	16,798	9%	22,842	12%	7,827	4%	189	0%	187,834	100%
All	207,886	69%	12,412	4%	29,713	10%	35,294	12%	16,479	5%	189	0%	301,973	100%

**TABLE 3**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New and Renewal Recipients by Component and Segment**

Segment	Status	Cal Grant A						Cal Grant B						Cal Grant C	Cal Grant T	All Components	
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Pre-SB 1644	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Pre-SB 1644	Total				
CCC	New	3,157	22	226	401		3,806	22,972	65	5,828	11,989		40,854	5,470		50,130	44%
	Renewal	4,475	18	232	386	10	5,121	36,094	5	8,287	18,069	43	62,498	5,999		73,618	39%
	Total	7,632	40	458	787	10	8,927	59,066	70	14,115	30,058	43	103,352	11,469	0	123,748	41%
UC	New	7,829	749	166			8,744	7,259	1,458	493	11		9,221	8		17,973	16%
	Renewal	14,267	564	59	62	4	14,956	20,308	723	1,014	892	2	22,939	1		37,896	20%
	Total	22,096	1,313	225	62	4	23,700	27,567	2,181	1,507	903	2	32,160	9	0	55,869	19%
CSU	New	5,812	1,320	437	3		7,572	16,005	3,326	1,597	31		20,959			28,531	25%
	Renewal	12,988	920	181	178	50	14,317	29,742	1,597	2,884	2,251	34	36,508			50,825	27%
	Total	18,800	2,240	618	181	50	21,889	45,747	4,923	4,481	2,282	34	57,467	0	0	79,356	26%
ICU	New	4,877	317	290	3		5,487	1,033	482	414	9		1,938	166		7,591	7%
	Renewal	10,373	331	189	65	27	10,985	2,371	302	1,103	653	7	4,436	150	1	15,572	8%
	Total	15,250	648	479	68	27	16,472	3,404	784	1,517	662	7	6,374	316	1	23,163	8%
PCC	New	894	40	2,311	2		3,247	2,426	77	1,153	3		3,659	3,008		9,914	9%
	Renewal	1,527	61	574	31	7	2,200	3,477	35	2,275	255	4	6,046	1,677		9,923	5%
	Total	2,421	101	2,885	33	7	5,447	5,903	112	3,428	258	4	9,705	4,685	0	19,837	7%
All Segments	New	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	0	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	0	76,631	8,652	0	114,139	100%
	Renewal	43,630	1,894	1,235	722	98	47,579	91,992	2,662	15,563	22,120	90	132,427	7,827	1	187,834	100%
	Total	66,199	4,342	4,665	1,131	98	76,435	141,687	8,070	25,048	34,163	90	209,058	16,479	1	301,973	100%

**TABLE 4**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients**  
**Highest School Completed by Father and/or Mother by Component and Educational Level**

Highest School Completed by Recipient's Father and/or Mother	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total		
High School or less	48%	43%	56%	60%	48%	56%	45%	59%	59%	56%	49%	54%
College or beyond	45%	52%	25%	14%	43%	25%	46%	20%	18%	25%	38%	30%
Unknown	7%	5%	19%	26%	9%	19%	9%	21%	23%	19%	13%	16%
Recipients	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139

**TABLE 5**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients by Component and Grade Point Average (GPA)**

GPA	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
3.75 - 4.00	5,098	271	947	157	6,473	3,620	432	1,737	2,241	8,030	264	14,767	12.9%
3.50 - 3.74	5,254	341	755	90	6,440	4,632	614	1,463	2,021	8,730	279	15,449	13.5%
3.25 - 3.49	5,855	452	663	73	7,043	5,813	849	1,491	2,119	10,272	422	17,737	15.5%
3.00 - 3.24	6,362	523	584	70	7,539	7,647	1,141	1,621	2,323	12,732	552	20,823	18.2%
2.75 - 2.99		460	292	17	769	7,914	1,120	1,339	1,582	11,955	606	13,330	11.7%
2.50 - 2.74		324	160	2	486	7,935	968	1,074	1,038	11,015	609	12,110	10.6%
2.25 - 2.49		77	29		106	6,445	284	504	534	7,767	511	8,384	7.3%
2.00 - 2.24						5,689		256	185	6,130	489	6,619	5.8%
Less than 2.00											453	453	0.4%
Not reported											4,467	4,467	3.9%
All GPAs	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139	100.0%



**TABLE 6**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients by Component and Educational Level**

Educational Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Freshman	21,860	89	726	205	22,880	48,342	71	2,411	5,792	56,616	4,733	84,229	73.8%
Sophomore	702	222	1,170	204	2,298	1,342	496	4,887	6,245	12,970	3,545	18,813	16.5%
Junior	7	1,869	873		2,749	11	3,960	1,138	3	5,112	105	7,966	7.0%
Senior		268	661		929		881	1,049	3	1,933	269	3,131	2.7%
All Levels	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139	100.0%

**TABLE 7**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients by Component and Dependency Status**

Dependency Status	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Dependent	22,366	2,339	725	80	25,510	46,167	2,477	1,906	3,465	54,015	1,684	81,209	71.1%
Independent	203	109	2,705	329	3,346	3,528	2,931	7,579	8,578	22,616	6,968	32,930	28.9%
All Statuses	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139	100.0%

**TABLE 8**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Dependent Recipients**  
**by Component and Parental Income**

Parental Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$12,000	1,012	4	268	2	1,286	10,655	623	781	1,511	13,570	259	15,115	19%
\$12,000 - \$23,999	1,446	3	218	5	1,672	13,115	719	697	1,222	15,753	275	17,700	22%
\$24,000 - \$35,999	1,833	52	165	25	2,075	15,950	864	368	644	17,826	311	20,212	25%
\$36,000 - \$47,999	4,994	589	59	30	5,672	6,346	267	59	87	6,759	291	12,722	16%
\$48,000 - \$59,999	6,080	794	13	18	6,905	101	4	1	1	107	284	7,296	9%
\$60,000 - \$71,999	4,869	629	2		5,500					0	192	5,692	7%
\$72,000 - \$84,999	2,132	268			2,400					0	72	2,472	3%
All Levels	22,366	2,339	725	80	25,510	46,167	2,477	1,906	3,465	54,015	1,684	81,209	100.0%

**TABLE 9**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Independent Recipients**  
**by Component and Student Income**

Student Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$6,000	135	7	600	15	757	2,775	903	2,545	2,439	8,662	1,713	11,132	34%
\$6,000 - \$11,999	22	10	436	19	487	467	693	1,625	1,897	4,682	1,300	6,469	20%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	11	5	361	11	388	153	591	1,223	1,423	3,390	1,071	4,849	15%
\$18,000 - \$23,999	7	3	265	5	280	66	441	862	1,048	2,417	833	3,530	11%
\$24,000 - \$29,999	4	1	292	6	303	36	235	738	976	1,985	679	2,967	9%
\$30,000 - \$35,999	7	9	317	59	392	21	59	428	572	1,080	411	1,883	6%
\$36,000 - \$41,999	2	23	240	104	369	8	8	131	175	322	304	995	3%
\$42,000 and over	15	51	194	110	370	2	1	27	48	78	657	1,105	3%
All Levels	203	109	2,705	329	3,346	3,528	2,931	7,579	8,578	22,616	6,968	32,930	100.0%

**TABLE 10**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients by Component and Age**

Age	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
18 or under	18,321	28	17	30	18,396	39,009	28	79	1,055	40,171	396	58,963	52%
19	3,999	61	67	15	4,142	9,661	59	191	774	10,685	355	15,182	13%
20 -23	225	2,284	938	56	3,503	910	2,871	2,477	2,907	9,165	1,530	14,198	12%
24	2	26	124	10	162	10	1,251	427	441	2,129	497	2,788	2%
25 - 29	13	49	772	83	917	40	1,199	2,158	2,193	5,590	2,038	8,545	7%
30 or over	9		1,512	215	1,736	65		4,153	4,673	8,891	3,836	14,463	13%
All Ages	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139	100%

**TABLE 11**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients by Component and Gender**

Gender	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Female	14,354	1,351	2,513	322	18,540	30,160	2,964	6,968	8,823	48,915	5,741	73,196	64%
Male	8,215	1,097	917	87	10,316	19,535	2,444	2,517	3,220	27,716	2,911	40,943	36%
All Genders	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139	100%

**TABLE 12**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2008-09 New Recipients**  
**Average GPA, Income, and Age by Component and Segment**

Segment	Category	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total		
CCC	Average GPA	3.35	3.10	3.45	3.56	3.38	2.72	3.03	3.21	3.27	2.95	2.75	2.98
	Average Income	\$55,419	\$55,872	\$31,735	\$37,076	\$52,082	\$19,755	\$15,159	\$12,624	\$14,045	\$17,055	\$20,207	\$20,058
	Average Age	18	21	33	31	21	18	23	31	31	23	33	24
	Recipients	3,157	22	226	401	3,806	22,972	65	5,828	11,989	40,854	5,470	50,130
UC	Average GPA	3.57	3.36	3.55		3.55	3.46	3.28	3.59	3.49	3.44	3.44	3.49
	Average Income	\$47,962	\$5,655	\$17,092		\$48,109	\$23,381	\$16,326	\$11,231	\$10,764	\$21,601	\$28,333	\$34,500
	Average Age	18	21	23		18	18	22	26	22	19	35	19
	Recipients	7,829	749	166	0	8,744	7,259	1,458	493	11	9,221	8	17,973
CSU	Average GPA	3.37	3.07	3.33	3.64	3.31	3.01	3.01	3.30	3.48	3.03		3.11
	Average Income	\$56,529	\$55,430	\$18,072	\$29,084	\$54,107	\$21,598	\$15,817	\$12,579	\$16,878	\$19,987		\$29,042
	Average Age	18	22	26	30	19	18	23	31	27	20		20
	Recipients	5,812	1,320	437	3	7,572	16,005	3,326	1,597	31	20,959	0	28,531
ICU	Average GPA	3.54	3.30	3.42	3.20	3.52	2.72	3.18	3.33	3.39	2.97	2.85	3.36
	Average Income	\$41,644	\$53,432	\$19,261	\$29,284	\$41,135	\$21,166	\$17,008	\$16,097	\$21,017	\$19,048	\$26,381	\$35,174
	Average Age	18	21	31	38	19	18	23	31	35	22	32	20
	Recipients	4,877	317	290	3	5,487	1,033	482	414	9	1,938	166	7,591
PCC	Average GPA	3.33	3.01	3.46	3.94	3.42	2.54	2.90	2.94	3.50	2.67	2.74	2.96
	Average Income	\$34,654	\$50,392	\$18,300	\$5,598	\$23,190	\$19,357	\$17,459	\$15,017	\$16,962	\$17,948	\$24,404	\$21,624
	Average Age	19	22	31	28	27	19	23	29	21	22	28	26
	Recipients	894	40	2,311	2	3,247	2,426	77	1,153	3	3,659	3,008	9,914
All Segments	Average GPA	3.47	3.18	3.44	3.56	3.44	2.91	3.10	3.22	3.27	3.02	2.75	3.12
	Average Income	\$49,319	\$55,425	\$19,179	\$36,806	\$46,077	\$20,888	\$16,076	\$12,986	\$14,055	\$18,497	\$21,792	\$25,719
	Average Age	18	21	30	31	20	18	23	31	29	22	31	22
	Recipients	22,569	2,448	3,430	409	28,856	49,695	5,408	9,485	12,043	76,631	8,652	114,139