
**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
2009-10 CAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS**



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 2009-10 systemwide fees were \$4,026 and \$8,373, 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 nearly 886,100 students who were successful in completing this first step in the 2009-10 award year, over 574,700, or 65 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 2009-10 new High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to students who graduated from high school in 2007-08 or 2008-09. 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 2009-10 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 2009-10 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 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 63 renewal recipients in 2009-10.

Cal Grant C Awards

The 2009-10 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.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

In the 2009-10 award year, of the approximately 886,000 students who applied for a new Cal Grant, 311,400, or 35 percent, qualified for a Cal Grant award. Of the 311,400 qualified applicants, 121,378 were offered a Cal Grant award. The following tables summarize the 2009-10 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.

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

- TABLE 3** Although new September Competitive 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.
- TABLE 5** Cal Grant C applicants are not required to submit a GPA.
- TABLE 6** The educational level is the self-reported grade level the student indicates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- TABLE 12** The Average GPA for Cal Grant C and All Components is an average of the reported GPAs.

TABLE 1
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 New and Renewal Recipients by Award Type

Recipients	Cal Grant A		Cal Grant B		Cal Grant C		All Components	
New	29,510	24%	83,390	69%	8,478	7%	121,378	100%
Renewal	50,873	27%	128,485	69%	7,334	4%	186,692	100%
All	80,383	26%	211,875	69%	15,812	5%	308,070	100%

TABLE 2
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 New and Renewal Recipients by Component

Recipients	High School Entitlement		Transfer Entitlement		March Competitive		September Competitive		Cal Grant C		Pre-SB 1644		All Components	
New	80,424	66%	7,715	6%	11,841	10%	12,920	11%	8,478	7%	0	0%	121,378	100%
Renewal	136,231	73%	6,210	3%	15,432	8%	21,422	11%	7,334	4%	63	0%	186,692	100%
All	216,655	70%	13,925	5%	27,273	9%	34,342	11%	15,812	5%	63	0%	308,070	100%

TABLE 3
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 New and Renewal Recipients by Component and Segment

Segment	Status	Cal Grant A						Cal Grant B						Cal Grant C	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	3,418	27	96	232		3,773	26,886	102	5,829	12,546		45,363	5,440	54,576	45%
	Renewal	4,320	9	293	471	10	5,103	36,191	10	7,953	17,500	12	61,666	5,435	72,204	39%
	Total	7,738	36	389	703	10	8,876	63,077	112	13,782	30,046	12	107,029	10,875	126,780	41%
UC	New	10,057	821	15			10,893	6,045	1,519	510	9		8,083	1	18,977	16%
	Renewal	16,664	698	128	59	3	17,552	19,726	1,203	842	774		22,545	5	40,102	21%
	Total	26,721	1,519	143	59	3	28,445	25,771	2,722	1,352	783	0	30,628	6	59,079	19%
CSU	New	5,678	1,154	25			6,857	17,395	3,185	1,458	63		22,101		28,958	24%
	Renewal	12,834	1,042	348	143	11	14,378	29,121	2,311	2,009	1,656	11	35,108		49,486	27%
	Total	18,512	2,196	373	143	11	21,235	46,516	5,496	3,467	1,719	11	57,209	0	78,444	25%
ICU	New	5,647	295	72	5		6,019	1,366	494	476	34		2,370	137	8,526	7%
	Renewal	10,101	354	279	55	9	10,798	2,256	452	810	525	3	4,046	119	14,963	8%
	Total	15,748	649	351	60	9	16,817	3,622	946	1,286	559	3	6,416	256	23,489	8%
PCC	New	1,059	42	856	11		1,968	2,873	76	2,504	20		5,473	2,900	10,341	9%
	Renewal	1,585	64	1,362	28	3	3,042	3,433	67	1,408	211	1	5,120	1,775	9,937	5%
	Total	2,644	106	2,218	39	3	5,010	6,306	143	3,912	231	1	10,593	4,675	20,278	7%
All Segments	New	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	0	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	0	83,390	8,478	121,378	100%
	Renewal	45,504	2,167	2,410	756	36	50,873	90,727	4,043	13,022	20,666	27	128,485	7,334	186,692	100%
	Total	71,363	4,506	3,474	1,004	36	80,383	145,292	9,419	23,799	33,338	27	211,875	15,812	308,070	100%

TABLE 4
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	46%	41%	60%	69%	47%	57%	45%	59%	60%	57%	49%	54%	
College or beyond	46%	55%	19%	11%	45%	26%	48%	20%	17%	25%	39%	31%	
Unknown	8%	4%	21%	20%	8%	17%	7%	21%	23%	18%	12%	15%	
Recipients	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	

TABLE 5
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	6,241	278	323	88	6,930	3,491	464	2,470	2,821	9,246	308	16,484	13.6%
3.50 - 3.74	6,260	365	218	68	6,911	4,847	655	1,999	2,393	9,894	363	17,168	14.1%
3.25 - 3.49	6,360	449	175	57	7,041	6,196	940	2,085	2,419	11,640	477	19,158	15.8%
3.00 - 3.24	6,998	475	215	29	7,717	8,366	1,113	1,913	2,427	13,819	737	22,273	18.4%
2.75 - 2.99		425	77	5	507	9,177	1,049	1,308	1,455	12,989	767	14,263	11.8%
2.50 - 2.74		258	41	1	300	9,002	888	662	857	11,409	749	12,458	10.3%
2.25 - 2.49		89	15		104	7,356	267	264	271	8,158	618	8,880	7.3%
2.00 - 2.24						6,130		76	29	6,235	581	6,816	5.6%
Less than 2.00											388	388	0.3%
Not reported											3,490	3,490	2.9%
All GPAs	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	100.0%

TABLE 6
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	25,038	102	657	132	25,929	52,970	53	2,624	6,518	62,165	3,950	92,044	75.8%
Sophomore	817	220	261	115	1,413	1,586	518	5,355	6,136	13,595	4,061	19,069	15.7%
Junior	4	1,903	93		2,000	9	4,320	1,525	10	5,864	126	7,990	6.6%
Senior		114	53	1	168		485	1,273	8	1,766	341	2,275	1.9%
All Levels	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	100.0%

TABLE 7
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	25,510	2,248	154	38	27,950	49,273	2,385	1,855	3,184	56,697	1,178	85,825	70.7%
Independent	349	91	910	210	1,560	5,292	2,991	8,922	9,488	26,693	7,300	35,553	29.3%
All Statuses	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	100.0%

TABLE 8
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	1,762	9	50	2	1,823	13,417	612	853	1,457	16,339	251	18,413	21%
\$12,000 - \$23,999	2,381	8	45		2,434	14,700	721	645	1,059	17,125	222	19,781	23%
\$24,000 - \$35,999	2,418	34	29	4	2,485	13,958	696	292	546	15,492	192	18,169	21%
\$36,000 - \$47,999	4,349	474	21	22	4,866	6,697	329	59	116	7,201	186	12,253	14%
\$48,000 - \$59,999	6,178	717	8	9	6,912	501	27	6	6	540	147	7,599	9%
\$60,000 - \$71,999	5,293	660	1	1	5,955					0	113	6,068	7%
\$72,000 - \$83,999	2,685	287			2,972					0	54	3,026	4%
\$84,000 - \$92,999	444	59			503					0	13	516	1%
All Levels	25,510	2,248	154	38	27,950	49,273	2,385	1,855	3,184	56,697	1,178	85,825	100.0%

TABLE 9
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	279	13	213	2	507	4,589	966	3,364	3,452	12,371	2,196	15,074	42%
\$6,000 - \$11,999	31	3	144	2	180	436	673	1,622	1,678	4,409	1,198	5,787	16%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	7	5	100		112	121	620	1,296	1,502	3,539	1,075	4,726	13%
\$18,000 - \$23,999	6	1	98	3	108	69	396	1,127	1,271	2,863	833	3,804	11%
\$24,000 - \$29,999	5	1	65	2	73	45	254	819	887	2,005	713	2,791	8%
\$30,000 - \$35,999	3	5	60	32	100	18	70	469	470	1,027	332	1,459	4%
\$36,000 - \$41,999	3	19	100	70	192	8	9	160	175	352	241	785	2%
\$42,000 - \$47,999	4	11	68	52	135	4	3	58	46	111	193	439	1%
\$48,000 and over	11	33	62	47	153	2		7	7	16	519	688	2%
All Levels	349	91	910	210	1,560	5,292	2,991	8,922	9,488	26,693	7,300	35,553	100.0%

TABLE 10
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	20,832	31	3	9	20,875	42,043	23	52	875	42,993	98	63,966	53%
19	4,748	70	10	12	4,840	11,288	67	187	803	12,345	176	17,361	14%
20 -23	254	2,163	251	18	2,686	1,105	2,693	2,467	2,636	8,901	1,481	13,068	11%
24	3	23	50		76	12	1,072	818	619	2,521	503	3,100	3%
25 - 29	8	52	261	48	369	51	1,521	2,601	2,572	6,745	2,140	9,254	8%
30 or over	14		489	161	664	66		4,652	5,167	9,885	4,080	14,629	12%
All Ages	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	100%

TABLE 11
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	16,427	1,358	781	187	18,753	33,192	2,937	7,711	9,032	52,872	5,627	77,252	64%
Male	9,432	981	283	61	10,757	21,373	2,439	3,066	3,640	30,518	2,851	44,126	36%
All Genders	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378	100%

TABLE 12
Cal Grant Program
2009-10 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	3.12	3.57	3.60	3.37	2.73	3.07	3.32	3.35	2.98	2.83	3.00
	Average Income	\$58,346	\$57,469	\$43,688	\$43,412	\$57,049	\$18,143	\$14,623	\$11,662	\$12,810	\$15,828	\$18,951	\$18,989
	Average Age	18	21	35	34	20	18	23	32	30	23	33	24
	Recipients	3,418	27	96	232	3,773	26,886	102	5,829	12,546	45,363	5,440	54,576
UC	Average GPA	3.58	3.37	3.66		3.57	3.45	3.32	3.60	3.81	3.44	3.12	3.51
	Average Income	\$43,164	\$58,827	\$33,542		\$44,331	\$21,527	\$15,929	\$10,145	\$12,430	\$19,747	\$24,502	\$33,859
	Average Age	18	21	25		18	18	23	25	26	19	23	19
	Recipients	10,057	821	15	0	10,893	6,045	1,519	510	9	8,083	1	18,977
CSU	Average GPA	3.37	3.09	3.62		3.33	3.03	3.03	3.36	3.41	3.06		3.12
	Average Income	\$58,987	\$57,997	\$43,338		\$58,763	\$19,980	\$16,093	\$12,705	\$11,936	\$18,917		\$28,352
	Average Age	18	21	31		19	18	23	30	27	20		19
	Recipients	5,678	1,154	25	0	6,857	17,395	3,185	1,458	63	22,101	0	28,958
ICU	Average GPA	3.53	3.27	3.48	3.49	3.51	2.72	3.17	3.43	3.48	2.97	2.83	3.35
	Average Income	\$41,303	\$53,098	\$23,268	\$20,986	\$41,649	\$20,481	\$15,662	\$14,386	\$15,148	\$18,176	\$20,849	\$34,790
	Average Age	18	21	34	33	19	18	23	31	32	22	33	20
	Recipients	5,647	295	72	5	6,019	1,366	494	476	34	2,370	137	8,526
PCC	Average GPA	3.31	2.93	3.43	3.45	3.36	2.54	2.90	3.35	3.43	2.92	2.71	2.97
	Average Income	\$33,288	\$47,934	\$17,406	\$22,487	\$26,632	\$17,916	\$13,901	\$13,958	\$11,412	\$16,025	\$20,636	\$19,337
	Average Age	19	22	30	32	24	19	24	30	28	24	30	26
	Recipients	1,059	42	856	11	1,968	2,873	76	2,504	20	5,473	2,900	10,341
All Segments	Average GPA	3.48	3.21	3.45	3.59	3.46	2.90	3.12	3.35	3.35	3.04	2.79	3.13
	Average Income	\$47,834	\$57,484	\$21,011	\$42,032	\$47,583	\$19,150	\$15,948	\$12,385	\$12,810	\$17,106	\$19,559	\$24,687
	Average Age	18	21	31	34	19	18	23	31	30	22	32	22
	Recipients	25,859	2,339	1,064	248	29,510	54,565	5,376	10,777	12,672	83,390	8,478	121,378