
**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
2011-12 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 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 and from 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.

With the transfer of the state's federal student loan program to Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), the Commission has benefited from a public-private partnership with ECMC. ECMC is providing services to the Commission and has provided over \$245 million to the Cal Grant Program and \$500,000 to the Cash for College scholarship program.

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. The Cal Grant Program currently 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 award.

Schools or postsecondary institutions seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program must meet various statutory eligibility requirements. Beginning in 2011-12, an additional requirement for institutional eligibility was implemented which required schools to meet a federal student loan three-year Cohort Default Rate threshold. Eligible Cal Grant schools received Cal Grant funds for new and renewal Cal Grant recipients. Ineligible Cal Grant

schools received Cal Grant funds only for renewal Cal Grant recipients who attended the same school in the prior academic year. However, the maximum Cal Grant award was reduced by 20 percent.

Renewing Cal Grant recipients must meet various statutory eligibility requirements in order to continue in the Cal Grant Program. Beginning in 2011-12, California law redefined the way that a renewing recipient's financial need would be determined. Renewing recipients had to meet Income and Asset Ceilings and minimum need criteria to satisfy the financial need requirement.

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 eligible independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges to qualified low- and middle-income students. Cal Grant B awards provide funds to qualified 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 eligible Cal Grant schools. For new and renewal recipients at the California State University, the 2011-12 systemwide fee was \$5,472. At the University of California, the 2011-12 systemwide fee was \$12,192. For new recipients at eligible 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 eligible 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. Renewal recipients at ineligible independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges received 80 percent of 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. Over the 1,235,800 students who were successful in completing this first step in the 2011-12 award year, over 782,300, or 63 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 California college or university seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program on the FAFSA, 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 2011-12 new High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to students who graduated from high school in 2009-10 or 2010-11. 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 2011-12 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 and renewal 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 2011-12 new Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards were available to California students who did not receive 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. Qualifying applicants competed for the 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards. Fifty percent of these awards were available to all applicants who met the eligibility criteria and applied by the March 2nd application deadline. The remaining fifty percent were reserved for students who enrolled at a California Community College and applied by the September 2nd application deadline.

Cal Grant C Awards

The 2011-12 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. Qualifying 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.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

In the 2011-12 award year, of the approximately 1,235,800 students who applied for a new Cal Grant, over 453,500, or 37 percent, qualified for a Cal Grant award. Of the over 453,500 qualified applicants, 170,775 were awarded a Cal Grant.

The following tables summarize the 2011-12 new and continuing Cal Grant recipients. These recipients may have attended an eligible or ineligible Cal Grant school. 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 2nd 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
2011-12 New and Renewal Recipients by Award Type

Recipients	Cal Grant A		Cal Grant B		Cal Grant C		All Components	
New	47,753	28%	114,264	67%	8,758	5%	170,775	100%
Renewal	57,613	31%	119,884	65%	5,946	3%	183,443	100%
All	105,366	30%	234,148	66%	14,704	4%	354,218	100%

TABLE 2
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 New and Renewal Recipients by Component

Recipients	High School Entitlement		Transfer Entitlement		March Competitive		September Competitive		Cal Grant C		All Components	
New	112,870	66%	23,688	14%	13,093	8%	12,366	7%	8,758	5%	170,775	100%
Renewal	137,896	75%	8,929	5%	12,201	7%	18,471	10%	5,946	3%	183,443	100%
All	250,766	71%	32,617	9%	25,294	7%	30,837	9%	14,704	4%	354,218	100%

TABLE 3
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
CCC	New	4,351	32	154	359	4,896	39,687	182	6,039	11,930	57,838	5,437	68,171	40%
	Renewal	4,249	14	131	279	4,673	35,820	29	6,493	15,269	57,611	4,213	66,497	36%
	Total	8,600	46	285	638	9,569	75,507	211	12,532	27,199	115,449	9,650	134,668	38%
UC	New	18,363	1,796	14	2	20,175	1,592	3,743	355	1	5,691	3	25,869	15%
	Renewal	24,060	923	38	24	25,045	11,480	1,820	543	585	14,428	4	39,477	22%
	Total	42,423	2,719	52	26	45,220	13,072	5,563	898	586	20,119	7	65,346	18%
CSU	New	7,543	3,747	53	2	11,345	25,887	11,256	1,074	35	38,252		49,597	29%
	Renewal	11,775	1,153	101	73	13,102	31,042	3,454	1,487	1,480	37,463		50,565	28%
	Total	19,318	4,900	154	75	24,447	56,929	14,710	2,561	1,515	75,715	0	100,162	28%
ICU	New	7,798	871	114	5	8,788	2,076	1,556	444	14	4,090	120	12,998	8%
	Renewal	11,463	502	152	54	12,171	2,571	799	606	505	4,481	74	16,726	9%
	Total	19,261	1,373	266	59	20,959	4,647	2,355	1,050	519	8,571	194	29,724	8%
PCC	New	1,206	183	1,156	4	2,549	4,367	322	3,690	14	8,393	3,198	14,140	8%
	Renewal	1,768	95	735	24	2,622	3,668	140	1,915	178	5,901	1,655	10,178	6%
	Total	2,974	278	1,891	28	5,171	8,035	462	5,605	192	14,294	4,853	24,318	7%
All Segments	New	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100%
	Renewal	53,315	2,687	1,157	454	57,613	84,581	6,242	11,044	18,017	119,884	5,946	183,443	100%
	Total	92,576	9,316	2,648	826	105,366	158,190	23,301	22,646	30,011	234,148	14,704	354,218	100%

TABLE 4
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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%	42%	61%	61%	47%	57%	46%	60%	60%	56%	48%	53%	
College or beyond	44%	53%	17%	10%	45%	25%	45%	17%	16%	26%	41%	32%	
Unknown	8%	5%	22%	29%	8%	18%	9%	23%	24%	18%	11%	15%	
Recipients	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	

TABLE 5
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	10,041	655	585	152	11,433	2,440	1,182	3,135	3,113	9,870	469	21,772	12.7%
3.50 - 3.74	9,646	885	292	104	10,927	4,487	1,742	2,485	2,524	11,238	509	22,674	13.3%
3.25 - 3.49	9,544	1,178	243	61	11,026	7,009	2,722	2,209	2,297	14,237	641	25,904	15.2%
3.00 - 3.24	10,030	1,367	255	35	11,687	10,781	3,578	2,013	2,184	18,556	832	31,075	18.2%
2.75 - 2.99		1,304	75	19	1,398	13,252	3,669	1,071	1,149	19,141	794	21,333	12.5%
2.50 - 2.74		950	32	1	983	13,552	3,217	539	611	17,919	795	19,697	11.5%
2.25 - 2.49		290	9		299	11,533	949	148	110	12,740	680	13,719	8.0%
2.00 - 2.24						10,555		2	6	10,563	557	11,120	6.5%
Less than 2.00											374	374	0.2%
Not reported											3,107	3,107	1.8%
All GPAs	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100.0%

TABLE 6
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	38,311	382	1,059	167	39,919	71,671	262	2,998	6,109	81,040	3,822	124,781	73.1%
Sophomore	944	858	249	204	2,255	1,928	2,407	5,937	5,878	16,150	4,462	22,867	13.4%
Junior	6	4,758	113		4,877	10	12,233	1,420	4	13,667	154	18,698	10.9%
Senior		631	70	1	702		2,157	1,247	3	3,407	320	4,429	2.6%
All Levels	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100.0%

TABLE 7
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	37,707	6,291	184	23	44,205	63,024	8,078	1,964	2,968	76,034	1,200	121,439	71.1%
Independent	1,554	338	1,307	349	3,548	10,585	8,981	9,638	9,026	38,230	7,558	49,336	28.9%
All Statuses	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100.0%

TABLE 8
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	3,502	34	71		3,607	17,527	2,119	941	1,493	22,080	296	25,983	21%
\$12,000 - \$23,999	4,881	38	56	3	4,978	19,837	2,439	705	995	23,976	217	29,171	24%
\$24,000 - \$35,999	5,129	106	37		5,272	17,586	2,493	276	413	20,768	228	26,268	22%
\$36,000 - \$47,999	6,559	1,358	14	13	7,944	7,734	987	42	66	8,829	170	16,943	14%
\$48,000 - \$59,999	7,600	2,097	6	7	9,710	340	40		1	381	138	10,229	8%
\$60,000 - \$71,999	6,571	1,756			8,327					0	109	8,436	7%
\$72,000 - \$83,999	3,069	802			3,871					0	39	3,910	3%
\$84,000 - \$90,999	396	100			496					0	3	499	1%
All Levels	37,707	6,291	184	23	44,205	63,024	8,078	1,964	2,968	76,034	1,200	121,439	100%

TABLE 9
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	1,356	48	358	1	1,763	9,529	3,352	3,337	3,222	19,440	2,380	23,583	48%
\$6,000 - \$11,999	58	25	157	4	244	510	2,138	1,613	1,581	5,842	1,143	7,229	15%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	36	26	109	1	172	194	1,592	1,426	1,376	4,588	1,163	5,923	12%
\$18,000 - \$23,999	21	12	99		132	147	1,136	1,332	1,147	3,762	901	4,795	10%
\$24,000 - \$29,999	14	6	80		100	109	591	1,073	949	2,722	720	3,542	7%
\$30,000 - \$35,999	5	16	107	54	182	57	144	588	493	1,282	279	1,743	3%
\$36,000 - \$41,999	7	52	156	95	310	20	26	211	206	463	251	1,024	2%
\$42,000 - \$47,999	11	66	118	115	310	17	2	52	49	120	210	640	1%
\$48,000 and over	46	87	123	79	335	2		6	3	11	511	857	2%
All Levels	1,554	338	1,307	349	3,548	10,585	8,981	9,638	9,026	38,230	7,558	49,336	100%

TABLE 10
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	31,400	66	2	2	31,470	54,447	46	20	445	54,958	42	86,470	51%
19	7,450	146	27	4	7,627	17,383	169	146	725	18,423	133	26,183	15%
20 -23	384	6,135	349	17	6,885	1,630	9,264	2,674	2,789	16,357	1,588	24,830	14%
24	4	69	59	4	136	17	2,753	429	399	3,598	596	4,330	3%
25 - 29	13	213	306	66	598	44	4,827	2,427	2,234	9,532	2,271	12,401	7%
30 or over	10		748	279	1,037	88		5,906	5,402	11,396	4,128	16,561	10%
All Ages	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100%

TABLE 11
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	24,489	3,692	1,090	282	29,553	43,857	9,421	8,547	8,468	70,293	5,815	105,661	62%
Male	14,772	2,937	401	90	18,200	29,752	7,638	3,055	3,526	43,971	2,943	65,114	38%
All Genders	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775	100%

TABLE 12
Cal Grant Program
2011-12 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	3.34	3.02	3.57	3.62	3.37	2.69	3.05	3.41	3.42	2.91	2.87	2.95
	Average Income	\$57,939	\$53,541	\$43,437	\$43,419	\$56,390	\$16,845	\$15,408	\$11,980	\$12,639	\$15,465	\$18,057	\$18,611
	Average Age	18	21	38	36	20	18	23	32	31	22	33	23
	Recipients	4,351	32	154	359	4,896	39,687	182	6,039	11,930	57,838	5,437	68,171
UC	Average GPA	3.58	3.34	3.67	3.67	3.56	2.92	3.30	3.64	3.60	3.21	3.08	3.48
	Average Income	\$33,727	\$55,967	\$26,254	\$3,122	\$35,698	\$18,916	\$15,731	\$12,267	\$7,128	\$16,404	\$23,458	\$31,452
	Average Age	18	21	28	40	18	18	22	26	23	22	30	19
	Recipients	18,363	1,796	14	2	20,175	1,592	3,743	355	1	5,691	3	25,869
CSU	Average GPA	3.37	3.07	3.63	3.73	3.27	3.01	3.00	3.48	3.45	3.02		3.08
	Average Income	\$58,431	\$57,450	\$43,291	\$47,048	\$58,034	\$18,920	\$15,182	\$13,757	\$13,949	\$17,671		\$26,904
	Average Age	18	22	37	46	19	18	23	31	29	20		20
	Recipients	7,543	3,747	53	2	11,345	25,887	11,256	1,074	35	38,252	0	49,597
ICU	Average GPA	3.52	3.20	3.49	3.41	3.49	2.67	3.13	3.46	3.36	2.93	2.91	3.31
	Average Income	\$38,388	\$53,676	\$25,587	\$28,387	\$39,732	\$18,228	\$15,217	\$15,526	\$15,240	\$16,779	\$21,259	\$32,339
	Average Age	18	21	34	37	19	18	23	33	35	22	30	20
	Recipients	7,798	871	114	5	8,788	2,076	1,556	444	14	4,090	120	12,998
PCC	Average GPA	3.30	2.94	3.54	3.57	3.38	2.52	2.94	3.43	3.60	2.94	2.84	3.01
	Average Income	\$32,242	\$43,670	\$17,486	\$31,809	\$26,370	\$16,653	\$14,725	\$14,309	\$14,893	\$15,546	\$19,751	\$18,448
	Average Age	19	22	30	34	24	19	23	32	35	25	30	26
	Recipients	1,206	183	1,156	4	2,549	4,367	322	3,690	14	8,393	3,198	14,140
All Segments	Average GPA	3.49	3.16	3.54	3.61	3.45	2.79	3.07	3.43	3.42	2.97	2.86	3.10
	Average Income	\$42,036	\$56,153	\$21,786	\$42,895	\$43,370	\$17,647	\$15,300	\$13,030	\$12,648	\$16,303	\$18,722	\$23,996
	Average Age	18	21	31	36	19	18	23	32	31	22	32	22
	Recipients	39,261	6,629	1,491	372	47,753	73,609	17,059	11,602	11,994	114,264	8,758	170,775