

Instructions for filling out the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION. Please print clearly using blue or black ink only.

Filing deadline for 2018-19 awards is October 1, 2017. Final filing deadline March 2, 2018.

1. *Your Social Security number or DREAM Act ID Number:* Enter your Social Security number (SSN) as it appears on your Social Security card and your FAFSA. (Valid SSNs do not begin with 9 or 000. If you believe your SSN begins with a 9 or 000, contact your local Social Security Office to verify your number) Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) are not accepted. If you are a Dream Act Applicant and do not have a valid SSN, please enter your DREAM Act ID number which was given to you when you completed your Dream Act Application.
2. *Month/year of high school graduation:* Enter the month and year you graduated, or plan to graduate from high school. Enter the month in a two-digit format (for example: January should be appear as "01"; November should appear as "11"). Enter the year in a four-digit format (for example: 2018 should appear as "2018").
3. *Your name:* Print your full name as it appears on your Social Security card, if you do not have a Social Security card, print your name as it appears on your Birth Certificate. Enter last name, first name, middle initial
4. *Your date of birth:* Enter your birth date. For example, June 25, 2000 would be entered as 06-25-2000.
5. *Your Gender:* Enter "M" if you are male or enter "F" if you are female.
6. *Your permanent mailing address:* Enter your permanent mailing address, city, state and five-digit zip code.
7. *Your E-mail address:* Enter a "safe" e-mail address where you can be contacted for questions. This is optional.
8. *Submitting a test score instead of a GPA:* Complete questions 1 through 9, sign the form and attach a copy of the testing score report and mail by the deadline to Commission. **DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

The results from the ACT, SAT, GED, TASC or HiSET exams must be submitted in lieu of a GPA if:

- You participated in a home schooling program or attended a high school that is not regionally accredited.
- You attended a high school or college outside of the United States and are unable to have those grades converted to a 4.00 scale or your school did not grade in a manner that can be readily converted to a 4.00 scale (pass/fail only).

*Students who have been out of school for five years or longer can choose to submit either test scores or their GPA.

- **Scores from the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) cannot be accepted in lieu of a high school GPA, but passing the CHSPE does meet the high school graduation requirement of the Entitlement Cal Grant program. Also, grade reports, transcripts, and other proficiency certificates WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Only scores from the SAT reasoning test WILL BE ACCEPTED. Subject test scores will NOT BE PROCESSED.**

9. *Student signature:* By signing this form, you certify that you have read these instructions and that the information you provided is correct. It is illegal to report false or misleading information on this form and doing so may result in any Cal Grant award being revoked.

Once you have filled out the student information, take the form to your school and request that they verify your GPA. Be aware that if your school will be electronically submitting your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission, you do not need to submit this form. It is your responsibility to verify that the school will be submitting your GPA for you.

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY SECTION

Statewide Student Identification Number: **(Optional)** Please enter the 10-Digit Statewide Student Identification Number (SSID) of the student who's GPA is listed on this form. If the student does NOT have a SSID, please leave blank.

Is GPA based in High School Coursework?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA is based on high school coursework; Indicate if the high school verifying the GPA is a Public High School, Public Charter High School or Private High School by circling the appropriate option.

Is GPA a CA Community College Reestablished GPA?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA being certified is based on at least 16 but less than 24 semester units completed at a California Community College.

Is GPA a Regular College GPA?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA is based on at least 24 completed college semester units, and is not a reestablished GPA as described above.

GPA Verifier's School Code: High schools list their 6-digit College Board school code; colleges list their 6-digit USED OPE ID code.

Verified Student GPA: Fill in ALL three GPA spaces. Cal Grant GPAs are calculated on a 4.00 scale. High Schools certifying GPAs MUST be accredited or have a UC approved course list in order to verify GPAs.

Students attending non-accredited high schools should provide either a ACT, SAT, GED, TASC or HiSET score.

After the school completes the GPA information, we recommend making a copy for your records, and purchasing a \$1.30 Certificate of Mailing from the post office and mail to:

**California Student Aid Commission
Cal Grant Operations
P.O. Box 419077
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077**