

California Student Aid Commission

CSAC Updates

*Presented by:
California Student Aid
Commission*





Agenda

- Early FAFSA & Prior-Prior-Year
- CA Dream Act
- IPA Updates
- Chafee
- Other changes and upcoming
- Questions?



Early FAFSA & Prior-Prior-Year

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Proposed Processing Timeline

FAFSA/CADA/Chafee
Application Opens

October 1, 2016

Initial Cal Grant
Award Notifications

November 2016

UC Application Due

November 30, 2016

CSU Application Due

November 30, 2016



Cal Grant Awarding Process

- With school choice randomization in effect for 2017-18, the Cal Grant awarding process will change.

ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (November – May)

- Initial Cal Grant awards to start first week of November
- Cal Grant students will receive notification from CSAC to select their school of choice via WebGrants for Students.
- Once student selects school, student will receive CAR
- Access to rosters will not be available until after May 1, 2017.

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Cal Grant Awarding Process

- **CLAIMING PERIOD (After May)**
- Rosters will become available
- Rosters will only include students that selected that campus from the acceptance period
- Schools can add unclaimed students to their roster after May 1 using award status extract and school change process
- Rosters will be more accurate with verified students.
- **PAYMENT PERIOD (Starting in August)**
- Regular processes for payments, adjustments, school changes



WebGrants California Aid Report (CAR)

- Institutions will only see their school listed
- Student school choices and ranks not listed
- Award amount by segment listed





2015-2016 Reconciliation

- Stop Awarding: **June 30, 2016**
 - Weekly Entitlement On-Demand
- Stop Processing: **June 30, 2016**
 - Grant record changes (G21)
 - Appeals
- Year-End Reconciliation: **September 23, 2016***
 - No adjustments



* Still evaluating possibility of September 30

GPA Submission Windows



	High Schools
	CCC





CA Dream Act

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Just the Facts

Dream Act Applicants	On Time Applications	Awarded	CCC Award Counts	CCC Paid Recipients
2013/14	20,726	6,956	3,473	1,435
2014/15	27,366	7,927	3,905	2,121
2015/16*	30,718	8,274	4,003	1,457

*2015/16 is not yet complete



Unpaid Dreamers

- Survey results reveal that many “dreamers” didn’t know they had a Cal Grant
- Campuses reported that many of the students are not in attendance or still waiting on verification documents
- Some campuses cited system (FAM) issues
- Working with Chancellors Office



2016-17 Dream Application

- Adjustments to the landing page layout
- Improved information and resource page
- Revised help text and skip logic questions
- Access determination logic updated to include U-Visa and Temporary Protected Status
- Updates to the Cal ISIR





2017-18 Dream Application

- Anticipate to be released on October 1
- Continuous minor updates to the application
- Updating schools to be viewed as #1 regardless of student placement on application





IPA updates

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2016-17 IPA

- One-year IPA approved by the Commission on February 5, 2016 to cover the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
- All institutions should submit renewal IPA by April 30, 2016 – GSA 2016-05, released on February 24, 2016.
- Questions: Institutional Support

888-294-0153



2017-21 IPA

- Discussion will reconvene in May.
- Many of the items already discussed in December 2015 meeting. Finalize the details.
- Stay tuned.

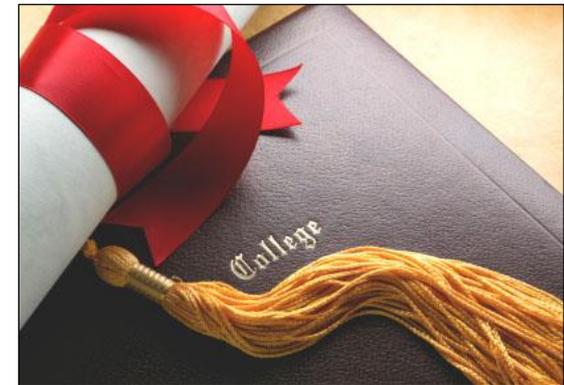


Education Level Verification

Starting in 2017-18

Institution must verify Education Level (EL)
before Cal Grant payments issued

- EL determines student eligibility
- Each institution sets policy on EL
- Institution responsible for implementing their EL policies





Education Level Verification

- Must review completed units of new students
- Properly apply transfer units
- Transferable units determine educational level

Education Level Criteria:

EL 1 = 1-30 units

EL 2 = 31-60 units

EL 3 = 61-90 units

EL 4 = 91+ units



Chafee Program

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Enhancements

- Continue to work on the Needs Analysis Report (NAR) functionality including:
 - Reduce the number of required fields
 - Prepopulate the NAR for students records
 - Implement term payment caps
 - Ability for schools to verify/request payment
 - Rename NAR screen (e.g. Award Calculation)
- Improvements to website screens



Other Changes and upcoming

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BA programs at CCC

- Working with CCC Chancellor's office on best method of implementation of Cal Grant processing for institutions
- Clarifying various situations on lower division and upper division courses
- Need a payment process in place by Fall of 2016-17.



Cal Grant C Changes (SB1028)

30 occupations out of 131 met the priority criteria:

1. High employer need or demand.
2. High employment growth.
- 3. High employment salary and wage projections.**
- 4. Part of a well-articulated career pathway.**

CSAC to give special consideration to the **social and economic situations** of the applicants. Criteria to be considered shall include:

1. Family income and household size.
2. Household status (single parent or child of a single parent).
3. Employment status of the applicant, giving greater weight to the long-term unemployed.



Cal Grant C scoring

CATEGORY	CURRENT	PROPOSED	NEW SCORING
Education History	25	20	10
Occupational History	25	20	15
GPA	15	0	0
Priority Occupational Goals	35	25	25
Family Income & Household Size	-	10	20
Household Status	-	10	10
Long-term unemployed	-	15	20
TOTAL	100	100	100

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Adjustments and Refunds

February 26, 2016

GOM 2016-05

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler 
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SUBJECT: Cal Grant Program Handbook Updates

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates to Chapter 13 of the Cal Grant Program Handbook regarding disbursement and payment adjustments. The updated version also includes some format edits.

Updates to the Cal Grant Program Handbook include changes to the following sections:

- "Cal Grant payments should be disbursed based on the recipient's enrollment status using the institution's add/drop date, financial aid census date, or its equivalent" on page 113.
- "If it is determined by the institution that a recipient withdraws and a Cal Grant refund is due to the Commission, refer to the payment adjustments section of this Handbook" on page 113.
- Page 117 provides an example of a payment adjustment for a student who drops from full time to half time any day before census.



Thank You for Attending!

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