

California

Student Aid Commission



Institutional Support

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Cal Grant Quick Guide Reference

Program	Eligible Grant Type	LA First Year	Application Deadlines	Required GPA	Important Facts
High School Entitlement	Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B	Yes - fall term has to be accounted for (by either payment, LH, or LA) before winter or spring will be paid	March 2 nd	HS or Test Scores ONLY CGA 3.00 CGB 2.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent HS graduate Meets all the CA high school graduation requirements Does not have to graduate from a CA HS (unless student is AB 540) Has to verify HS grad date by completing G-8 form before funds released (self-reported online or by school)
Transfer Entitlement	Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B	Yes - Must be paid <i>at least</i> 1 term at a BDGI semester school or 1 payment and a LA at a BDGI quarter school during the academic year	March 2 nd	CC ONLY CGA 2.40 CGB 2.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate from CA HS Be a CA resident @ the time of high school graduation (unless student is AB 540) Be enrolled at a CCC any term of the previous academic year Must have 24 semester or 36 quarter completed CCC units Age < 28 by 12/31 of the year of application Transferring to a 4 year bachelor degree granting institution (BDGI) Verify they will be transferring from a CCC to a 4 year BDGI
March 2nd Competitive	Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B	No – fall term has to be accounted for (by either payment or LH) or the student will be withdrawn	March 2 nd	CGA 3.00 HS, 2.40 CCC or College CGB 2.00 HS, CCC, College or Reestablished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAFSA corrections accepted until cycle runs (approx. mid-April) Due to limited awards (12,785), no appeals approved unless admin error by CSAC Do not have to be a HS grad Students (except for AB 540) who were originally run for Transfer Entitlement but did not meet the eligibility requirements based on their G-6 answers or information received by college will be reconsidered for a Competitive award. The same cutoff score is used from the first run of Competitive awards. It is not necessary to differentiate these students, except that their award notifications will come later than those for the first run of Competitive awardees
Cal Grant C	Cal Grant C	Yes – fall term has to be accounted for (by either payment or LA) before winter or spring will be paid	March 2 nd	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cal C students must state on FAFSA/Dream applications that the program they are pursuing is vocational, technical or occupational Only 7,761 awards annually Scored using different criteria than Competitive Award is for up to 2 years Applicant may submit a GPA (optional) for additional points in the scoring
September 2nd Competitive	Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B	Yes - fall term has to be accounted for (by either payment or LA) before winter or spring will be paid	September 2 nd	CGA 3.00 HS, 2.40 CCC or College CGB 2.00 HS, CCC, College or Reestablished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAFSA corrections accepted until award cycle runs (approx. mid-September) Due to limited awards (12,875), no appeals approved unless admin error by CSAC Be included on a CCC enrollment file Awards can be used at a qualifying institution Do not have to be a HS grad



Dream Act

Eligibility Criteria:

The student must be AB 540 eligible and ineligible to apply for Federal Aid.

AB 540 Eligibility:

- Attended a CA HS for 3 years or attain equivalent HS credits in combination of 3+ years at a CA elementary or secondary school
- Graduated from a CA HS or equivalent
- Enroll at a qualifying CA college or university
- Complete affidavit to legalize immigration status (If applicable)

U Visa Holders are not required to complete the affidavit.

Verification Process:

- All students must be verified in the same manner as FAFSA verification process
- 20% of Dream Applicants are selected for verification

Aid Available:

- Entitlement Cal Grant A and B, Cal Grant C
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Chaffee Grant
- Institutional Aid
- Private Scholarships

Applicant Challenges:

- Completing the wrong application or a change in citizenship status – contact the Commission
- Afraid to register for Selective Service – does not share information



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS
and
RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$104,600	\$57,500
Five	\$97,000	\$53,200
Four	\$90,500	\$47,600
Three	\$83,300	\$42,800
Two	\$81,300	\$38,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$33,200	\$33,200
Married, no other dependents	\$38,000	\$38,000

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students ¹	\$70,000
Independent students	\$33,300

¹ This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

NOTE: Per California Education Code section 69432.7(k), the Cal Grant program income and asset ceilings for new applicants and renewing recipients are to be adjusted annually using the change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution:

SEC. 8. (e) (1) "Change in the cost of living" for the State, a school district, or a community college district means the percentage change in California per capita personal income from the preceding year.



Cal Grant Quick Payment Code References

Payment Codes

- PD- Paid Full Time Status
- NA- Not in Attendance (used at an annual level)
- SC- School Change

Adjustment Codes

Students receiving payment and using eligibility:

- FT- Full Time Status
- TT- $\frac{3}{4}$ Time Status
- HT- Half-Time Status
- OF- Outside Funding (FT)
- OT- Outside Funding (TT)
- OH- Outside Funding (HT)

No payments received and no eligibility used:

- LA- Leave of Absence
- LH- Less than Half-Time
- FI- File Incomplete
- IG- Ineligible for Grant (withdraw)
- LD- Loan Default (withdraw)
- NP- Not Maintaining SAP (withdraw after 3 consecutive terms)

- NS- Reverse Payment



WebGrants System

<https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov>

CSAC Technology Help Desk:

1-888-294-0148

csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov

Assists with:

- Status of Access Request Forms
- WebGrants Log-in
- Password Reset

Access:

Forms are located at www.csac.ca.gov.

Hover over 'Colleges' and choose 'Access Forms'.

- System Administrators – up to 2 per school
- Authorized Official
- Users

Access Time Period: 1 year – when SA account expires, then users SA created will become inactive as well

Programs Housed in System:

- Cal Grant
- Chafee Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Dream Applications

CG – STUDENT AUDIT WORKPAPERS – 2013-14 AWARD YEAR

INSTITUTION

OE#

REVIEW ID

AUDITOR

REVIEW DATES

STUDENT

SSN

No exceptions for this student

1. Program & E/C			Information from WebGrants
2. Eligible CG Program			Verify using institution Catalog/Enrollment Agreements, etc.
3. E2 Verified			Verify using CC transcripts, HS diploma, BDGI transcripts
4. Maximum Award			Information from WebGrants
a. Tuition/Fees			Information from WebGrants
b. Access			Information from WebGrants
c. Books/Supplies			Information from WebGrants
5. EL/New/Renewal			Verify using transcripts
6. Program of Study			Verify using transcripts, enrollment agreement, catalog, etc.
7. Program Length			Verify using catalog, enrollment agreement, etc.
8. Program Start Date			Verify using enrollment agreement, transcripts, etc.
9. SAP			Verify using transcripts, SAP policy, SAP letters/warnings
10. WD/GD/Current			Verify using transcripts, Add/Drop screens, R2T4 calculation, etc.
11. Citizenship			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
12. CA Resident			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
13. D/I			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
14. ISIR Edits			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
15. BA/BS Degree			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
16. Parent Income			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
17. Student Income			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
18. Family Size			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR, affidavits
19. COA			Verify using budgets, award letters, need analysis, etc.
20. EFC			Verify using ISIR/Cal ISIR
21. EFA			Verify using award letters, account ledgers, etc.
22. Add back EFC			
23. Unmet Need			

EFA COMPONENTS	
BOGG	
Pell	
Sub	
Unsub	
Total	

Term	Type	Att/Comp	Adj. Term	CSAC PD	INST PD	Date PD	AUTH/SIGN
1							
	Verify using transcripts				*	*	**
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* Verify using account ledger/accounting documents

** Verify using front/back copy of negotiated check, Cal B Access/Cal C Book & Supply authorization form, etc.