



# Cal Grant

## Competitive Program

*This document displays data about the 2008-09 Competitive Cal Grants awarded to recipients. It also includes data for students who filed their application on time and were financially eligible but did not receive an award (qualified non-recipients).*

**Under Senate Bill 1644** (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), California students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for an Entitlement Cal Grant award may compete for 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant awards. These awards are not guaranteed, as are the Entitlement Cal Grant awards. Competitive awards are limited to the statutory number.

remaining grants (11,250) are required to be set aside for the September 2 application deadline for students attending a California Community College in the fall.

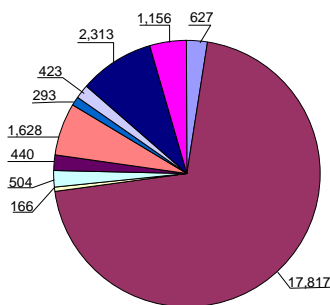
The document displays data from the 2008-09 Competitive Cal Grants awarded to students who applied by one or both deadlines and received awards or were financially eligible to receive an award (qualified non-recipients).

Students apply for half of these grants (11,250) by the March 2 Cal Grant application deadline. The

### Typical Recipient

	March 2 Deadline	September 2 Deadline	Both Deadlines
<b>Age</b>	31	29	30
<b>Income</b>	\$14,631	\$14,803	\$14,715
<b>GPA</b>	3.28	3.28	3.28
<b>Family Size</b>	2.9	3.0	2.9

### Awards by School Segment



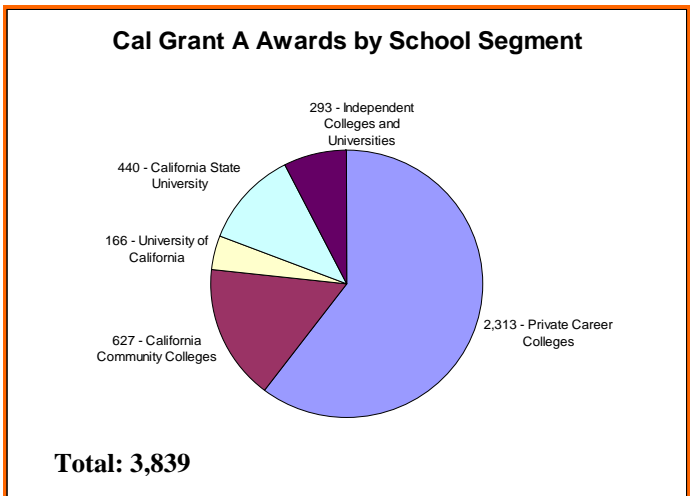
- California Community Colleges-Cal Grant A
- California Community Colleges - Cal Grant B
- University of California - Cal Grant A
- University of California - Cal Grant B
- California State University - Cal Grant A
- California State University - Cal Grant B
- Independent Colleges and Universities - Cal Grant A
- Independent Colleges and Universities - Cal Grant B
- Private Career Colleges - Cal Grant A
- Private Career College - Cal Grant B

**Total: 25,367**

Note: The numbers in this document reflect the number of recipients notified. The number of awards funded will not exceed 22,500.

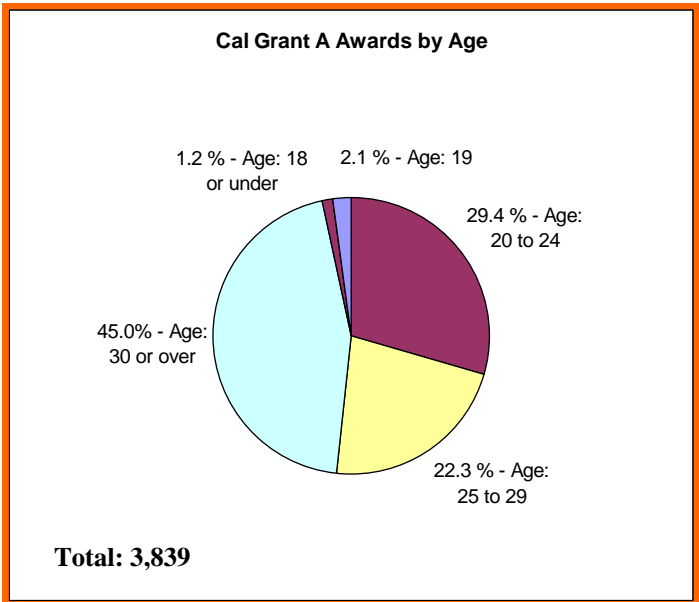
# Competitive Cal Grant A

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility and a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (GPA) or a minimum 2.4 college GPA. 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 independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges. Of these Cal Grant A awards, 3,430 were made for the March 2 deadline, while 11 percent, or 409 awards, were made for the September deadline.



### Cal Grant A Awards by Gender

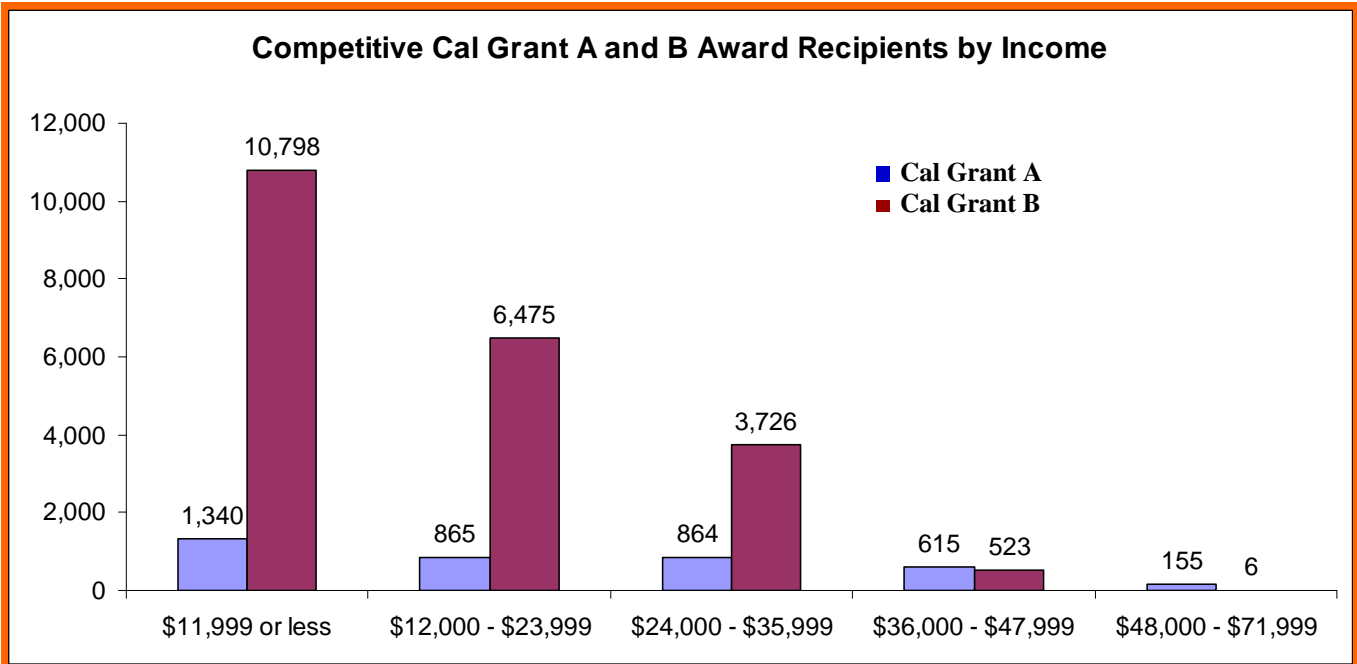
Men	1,004	26%
Women	2,835	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Average Student Assets by Segment\*

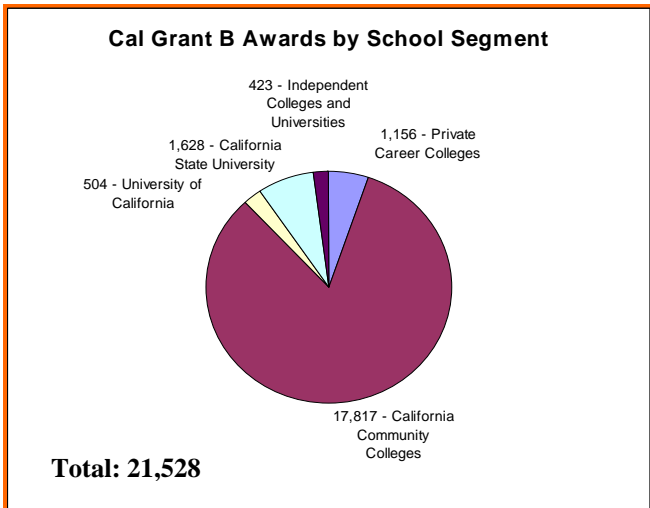
School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$422
University of California	\$499
California State University	\$587
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$627
Private Career Colleges	\$308

*\*79 percent of recipients are independent.*



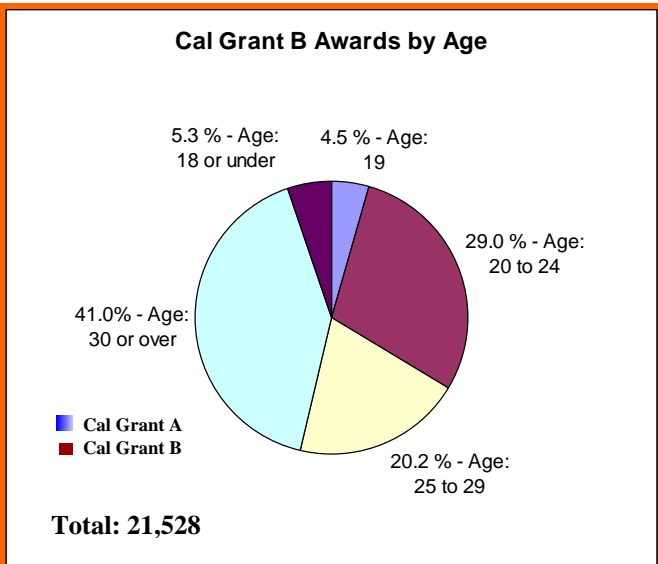
# Competitive Cal Grant B

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility and a minimum 2.0 GPA. Cal Grant B awards provide up to \$1,551 for books and living expenses for first-year students. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, Cal Grant B awards also help pay for tuition and fees at public or independent four-year colleges or other qualifying institutions. Of these Cal Grant B awards, 9,485 were made for the March 2 deadline, while 56 percent, or 12,043 awards, were made for the September deadline.



### Cal Grant B Awards by Gender

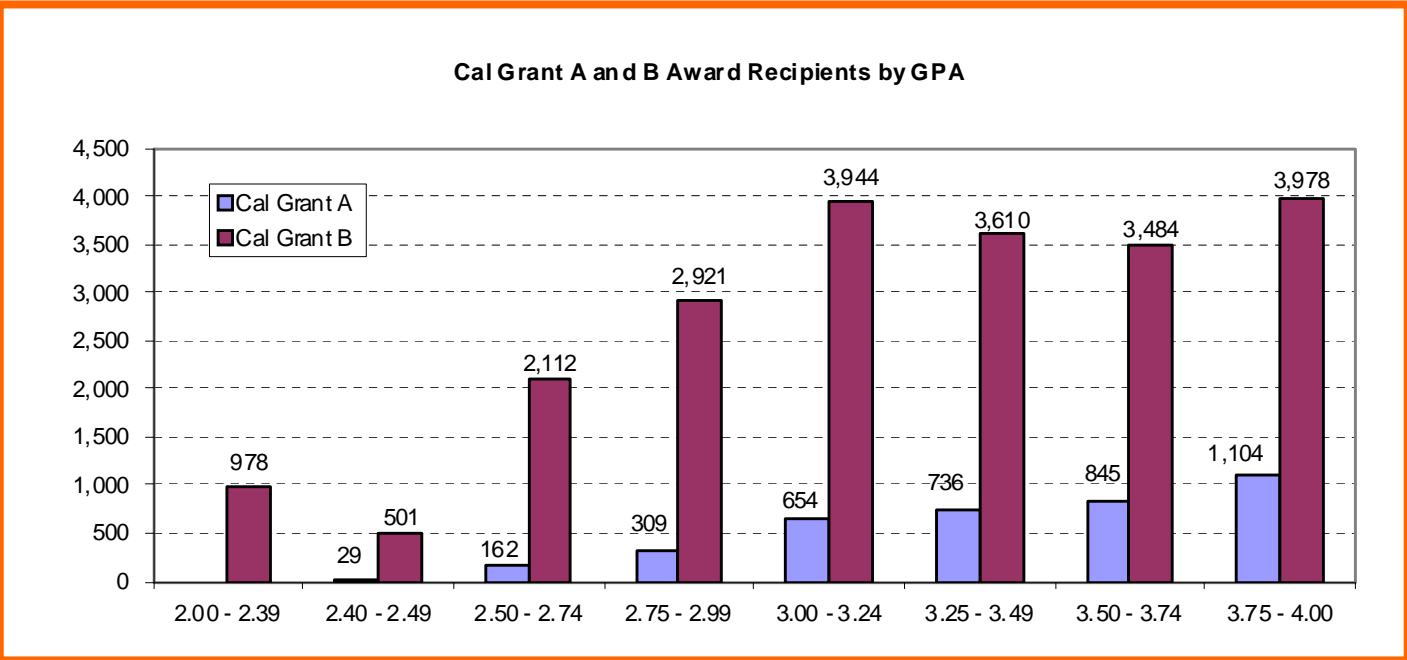
Men	5,737	27%
Women	15,791	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,528</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Average Student Assets by Segment\*

School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$178
University of California	\$539
California State University	\$321
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$367
Private Career Colleges	\$121

*\*75 percent of recipients are independent.*



# Competitive Cal Grant Qualified Non-Recipients

**Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify.**

Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is the first step for students to be considered for a Competitive Cal Grant. For 2008-09, 162,044 students were successful in meeting the financial and basic eligibility criteria. Additional eligibility criteria may include a disadvantaged high school experience, an orphan or ward of the court status and the size of the applicant's family relative to household income. About one out of six, or 16 percent, of the qualified students received awards. More than 136,600 qualified students remained unserved.

**Typical Qualified Non-Recipient**

Age	27
Income	\$22,399
GPA	2.89
Family Size	2.7

**Qualified Non-Recipients by Gender**

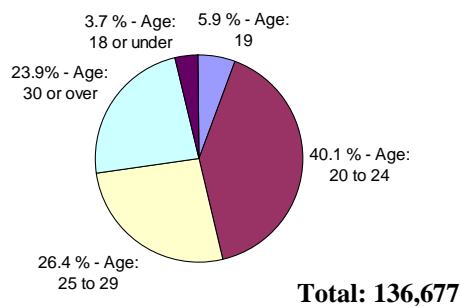
Men	56,496	41%
Women	80,181	59%
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,677</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Average Student Assets by Segment\***

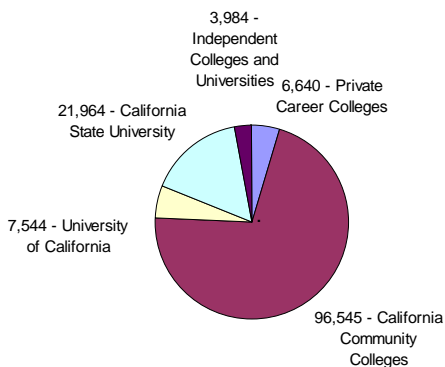
School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$320
University of California	\$426
California State University	\$381
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$732
Private Career Colleges	\$530

*\*65 percent of qualified non-recipients are independent.*

**Competitive Cal Grant Qualified Non-Recipients by Age**



**Competitive Cal Grant Qualified Non-Recipients by School Segment**



**Total: 136,677**



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The California Student Aid 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 15-member Commission also oversees the activities of its nonprofit student loan services auxiliary, EdFund.