



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors  
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2023-24 California State Budget Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates related to the 2023-24 State Budget which was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 30, 2023.

### Grant Priority Application Deadline Extension

- As outlined in Senate Bill (SB) 117: Section 22, the 2024-25 financial aid application deadline for the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs has been extended from March 2, 2024 to April 2, 2024 as the State Department of Education has announced that the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is scheduled to be released sometime in December 2023.

### Middle Class Scholarship Program

- The MCS program will now allow the exclusion of the following types of aid from the award determination that are in excess of the student's self-help and parent contribution (if applicable):
  - Emergency aid funding (beginning in 2023-24)
  - Institutionally administered non-need-based scholarships (beginning in 2024-25)
- Beginning with the 2023-24 award year, the MCS program will cover the total cost of attendance for current or former foster youth students.
  - Foster youth students will still be subject to the same award-amount calculations (including consideration of self-help and other awards) but will not be subject to the proportionate reduction that occurs to MCS awards based on the annual budget allocation.

### Golden State Teacher Grant Program

- The Golden State Teacher Grant Program expands eligibility to allow grant recipients to fulfill their service obligation at a California preschool program.

- Students enrolled in specific online universities for their credential program, as approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, will be eligible for a one-time grant of \$10,000.

### **Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program**

Beginning with the 2023-24 academic year, the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program will provide up to \$11,000 in payments toward educational loans over a four-year period to eligible recipients that work in public interest law.

### **Golden State Education and Training Grant Program**

The Golden State Education and Training Grant Program has sunset with the 2022-23 academic year. There will be no new applications available beginning with the 2023-24 academic year.

### **Maintains:**

- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for CSU mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$5,742** and for UC 2023 Cohort at **\$13,752**.
- The statutory Cal Grant B access award at **\$1,648**.
- The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients attending private, for-profit institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) at **\$8,056**. The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at for-profit non-WASC accredited institutions at **\$4,000**.
- The maximum award for Cal Grant recipients attending private, nonprofit institutions at **\$9,358**.
- The Cal Grant C award for students not attending community colleges at **\$2,462** for Tuition and Fees and **\$547** for Books and Supplies.
- The Cal Grant C Books and Supplies Award for community college students at **\$1,094**.
- Cal Grant access awards for students with dependent children, and for current or former foster youth attending a University of California, California State University, California Community College, or a Private-nonprofit institution at **\$6,000** for qualifying Cal Grant A or B recipients and up to **\$4,000** for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.
- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant awards at **13,000**. The Commission is authorized to make up to 16,000 Competitive Cal Grant award offers.

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