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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Golden State Teacher Grant Program Legislation Changes

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides updates to the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program following the enactment of [Senate Bill No. 114](#) on July 10, 2023 as part of the 2023-24 State Budget package.

Legislative Changes

- Establishes a process through which the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) may expand eligibility to CTC-approved **online institutions** meeting the requirements outlined in [California Education Code Section 69617.5](#), allowing for CA residents enrolled in an eligible professional preparation program to receive an award up to \$10,000.
- Extension of the timeframe to complete professional preparation program and obtain credential from three years to **six** years after the first distribution of grant funds to a recipient.
- Eligibility expansion to allow grant recipients to serve at a priority school or a **California preschool program** for four years to meet the service obligation requirement. “California preschool program” means a state-funded or federally funded preschool program in the state, including:
 - California state preschool programs
 - Tribal preschool programs
 - Head Start programs

The Commission will work on any applicable updates to the GSTG application, WebGrants, website and Coordinator’s Guide, and will provide updates as these are completed. The 2023-24 GSTG application will remain open while we work on the system enhancements and will be modified to accommodate those pursuing an eligible credential at a CTC-approved online institution should those programs gain eligibility.

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