



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Cal Grant – Late GPA Appeal Process for Colleges**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) explains the Late Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Appeal Process for colleges and students who missed the March 2, 2021 filing deadline.

State regulations allow Cal Grant applicants to appeal the late submission of their Cal Grant GPA if circumstances beyond their control delayed or prevented them from submitting a verified GPA by the March 2, 2021 filing deadline.

Late GPA Appeal Process – Submitted by School(s)

- Submit an appeal on school letterhead and include the following:
 - School contact information
 - Brief explanation of why the submission deadline was missed
 - Send appeal letters to schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.
- Submit the GPA file through *Secure File Transfer* (WebGrants > Data Transfer > File Upload > Select "Secure File Transfer"). Colleges continue to have the option to submit GPAs using the SSN (preferred) or Non-SSN methods.
 - SSN GPA files should be formatted using the [SSN GPA Record Layout](#).
 - For students who do not have a SSN or Dream Act ID, GPAs can be submitted using the [Non-SSN GPA Excel template](#).
 - If you do not have access to upload via *Secure File Transfer*, send a password protected document via e-mail. Please include the password for your file in your appeal letter.

Competitive Cal Grant Late GPA Appeal Deadline – Monday, March 22, 2021.

- 2021-22 Competitive Cal Grant applicants are:
 - All students that submitted a 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or 2021-22 CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the March 2, 2021 filing deadline and,
 - Do not meet the parameters for an entitlement Cal Grant Award

Entitlement Cal Grant Late GPA Appeal Deadline – Monday, May 17, 2021.

- 2021-22 Entitlement Cal Grant applicants are:
 - Students that graduated high school or achieved the equivalent on or after July 1, 2019; or
 - Students who are planning to transfer from a California Community College (CCC) to a four-year college during the 2021-22 academic year.

Late GPA Process – Submitted by Student(s)

- Complete the [Late Cal Grant GPA Appeal Form](#) located on the Commission's website, providing an explanation of the circumstances that prevented them from submitting an on-time Cal Grant GPA.
- Ensure the appeal is **received** by the Commission no later than **March 22, 2021** for competitive awards or **May 17, 2021** for entitlement awards.

Need to contact us?

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
- E-mail: schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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