OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: CCC Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2022-23 California Community College Cal Grant Entitlement Awards**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2022-23 California Community College (CCC) Cal Grant Entitlement Awards.

As communicated in GSA 2021-31, the 2021-22 state budget included an expansion to the Cal Grant Program by establishing the CCC Expanded Entitlement Program. This program establishes Cal Grant A and B entitlement eligibility for students attending a CCC who were not awarded at the time of high school graduation.

- The Commission processed initial 2022-23 preliminary CCC Cal Grant entitlement awards (E3 awards) on June 6, 2022, and will continue to process additional awards on a weekly basis.

- **60,350** E3 awards were offered to CCC students. **1,408** of the awards were offered to California Dream Act applicants.

- As the Commission is unable to initially confirm CCC enrollment, students with potential eligibility receive a preliminary award and are placed on hold on the roster until attendance at a CCC is confirmed through an enrollment file or manually through the online roster.

- Beginning with the 2022-23 award year, E3 students will be selected for Education Level verification.

E3 Award Eligibility

Students considered for a 2022-23 E3 award are those who:

- Did not receive a High School Entitlement or Transfer Entitlement award offer

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) postmarked or posted online by September 2, 2022.

- List at least one CCC in any position on their FAFSA or CADAA.

- Submit a 2022-23 verified grade point average (GPA) to the Commission by September 2, 2022. GPA minimum requirements are:

  o HS GPA = 2.00 (Cal Grant B), 3.00 (Cal Grant A)

- CCC GPA = 2.00 (Cal Grant B), 2.40 (Cal Grant A)
- Reestablished GPAs = 2.00 (Cal Grant B)

E3 Award Portability

- Students who receive a Cal Grant under this provision are permitted to retain their remaining Cal Grant eligibility when transferring to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus so long as they receive at least one payment at a CCC and continue to meet income and academic requirements Exception: Cal Grant A students placed on a Community College Reserve (CCR).
- CCR students do not receive disbursements at the Community College.
- Cal Grant A students in CCR still need their enrollment at a CCC verified to be able to transfer their awards to a UC or CSU campus.

Training

A [training webinar for the CCC Entitlement (E3) Award](#) is available online. Cal Grant awards should be disbursed in accordance with the guidelines in [GOM 2021-31](#) and institutional disbursement policy. Students with Dependent Children (SWD) eligibility and disbursement FAQs can be found on the [SWD page](#) of the Commission's website.

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