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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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FROM:

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2024-25 CA Community College Cal Grant Entitlement Awards (E3)

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2024-25 <u>California Community College (CCC) Cal Grant</u> <u>Entitlement Awards</u> (E3 awards).

- The Commission processed initial 2024-25 preliminary E3 awards on June 8, 2024, and will continue to process additional awards on a weekly basis.
- **73,143** E3 awards were offered to CCC students. **1,282** 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.
- For the 2024-25 award year, the Commission will continue to select E3 awardees for Education Level verification.

E3 Award Eligibility

Students considered for a 2024-25 E3 award are those who:

- Did not receive a High School Entitlement or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by September 2, 2024.
- List at least one CCC in any position on their FAFSA or CADAA.
- Submit a 2024-25 verified grade point average (GPA) to the Commission by September 2, 2024. GPA minimum requirements are:
 - 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 may use their E3 award upon transferring to a UC or CSU and are entitled to retain their remaining Cal Grant eligibility for the award if:

- E3 payment has been reported in WebGrants by a CCC for at least one term. **Note:** Students with a Cal Grant A award under the Students with Dependent Children (SWD) or Foster Youth Access (FYA), are not placed on Community College Reserve (CCR) and should be paid at California Community Colleges if eligible.
- They have a Cal Grant A award that is automatically placed on CCR for a period of 2 years. E3 payments cannot be reported for students on CCR while at a CCC. Students on CCR can use their E3 award upon transferring to a CSU or UC as long as their enrollment at a CCC has been verified prior to the transfer.

CCC Enrollment Submission

- The 2023-24 CCC enrollment submission will close on June 30, 2024.
- Beginning Monday, July 1, 2024, campuses will have the ability to submit 2024-25 enrollment files and confirm eligibility for E3 preliminary awards.

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