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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Cal-HBCU Transfer Grant Application**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Cal-HBCU Transfer Grant (Cal-HBCU) Program. The Cal-HBCU Program awards up to \$5,000 to participating students who transfer from California Community Colleges (CCC) to eligible, partnered Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and intend to return to California after graduation.

The application is available now on the [Commission's website](#). Completed applications can be submitted to calhbcu@csac.ca.gov. Applicants will receive a confirmation email that their application has been received.

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for the Cal-HBCU Program, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a CCC student who has earned an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT),
- Enroll (or plan to enroll) at an eligible HBCU,
- Demonstrate unmet financial need.
- Intend to return to California after graduating from the eligible HBCU.

Cal-HBCU award priority will be given to students with the greatest unmet financial need, who do not exceed the maximum household income and asset level for a Cal Grant B award.

Eligible HBCUs

A list of eligible HBCUs for the 2024-25 academic year is available on the Commission's website. Qualifying HBCUs meet all of the following requirements:

- Have an ADT memorandum of understanding on file with the CCC Chancellor's Office.

- Maintain a federal student loan Cohort Default Rate (CDR) below 15.5% and a graduation rate above 30%.
- Are regionally accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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