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# High School Counselor Checklist

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Discuss reasons to consider college and ways students can prepare
- Develop college goals and research majors that are of interest
- Give students a financial aid overview both federal and state
- Create financial aid nights for students and parents
- Counsel students regarding academic standing

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Meet with students to discuss colleges and their requirements.
- Inform students about the importance standardized testing practice
- Introduce the Cal Grant program basics. Discuss topics such qualifying requirements, GPA and Income and Asset ceilings.
- Counsel students regarding academic standing

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Explore possible careers with students
- Encourage students to visit colleges, attend college fairs and presentations
- Encourage students to take the PSAT
- Encourage students to register for and take exams for college admission.
- Host financial aid night
- Host a Cash 4 College event
- Give students to opt-out of the GPA submission process not later than January 1
- Assist students with creating their FSA-ID
- Help students organize/narrow down their list of possible colleges to attend
- Prepare to submit GPAs; identify any students who may have opted out
- Counsel students about academic standing

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Remind students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) starting October 1 but no later than March 2.
- Assist students with the college application process
- Help set up college visits
- Submit senior GPAs to the California Student Aid Commission by October 1
- Edit and Match GPAs in WebGrants
- Verify high school graduation no later than Aug 1
- Counsel students about academic standing °

# 10 things students need to know about Cal Grants

1. Cal Grants are free money for college, money you don't have to pay back. Cal Grants are up to \$12,630\* of free money annually for up to four years of college!!!  
\*Amount varies depending upon the eligible school that you attend.
2. Cal Grants are good at all UCs, CSUs, community colleges and many eligible private, career and technical schools in California. Check for eligible schools at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to apply. California Dream Act students should go to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) to complete a California Dream Act Application.
4. File a school verified GPA. The minimum GPA is 2.0.
5. Deadline to apply for a Cal Grant is March 2\*\*  
\*\*When a state deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, applications will be accepted through the next working day.
6. Meet financial need requirements to qualify.
7. Be a California resident or AB 540 student.
8. Must graduate from a California high school or be a California resident by the age of 18. A California law gives you more time to pass the Exit Exam to receive a Cal Grant. So make sure to apply by March 2.
9. A Cal Grant is guaranteed if you meet all requirements.
10. Get help at a Cash for College workshop (October thru March 2). For a workshop near you, check out [www.cash4college.org](http://www.cash4college.org).

# 10 cosas que los estudiantes necesitan saber sobre la beca Cal Grant

1. La beca Cal Grant es dinero gratis para el colegio, dinero que no tienes que devolver. La beca Cal Grant ofrece hasta \$12,630\* en dinero gratuito al año por hasta cuatro años de colegio.  
\*La cantidad varía dependiendo de la escuela elegible a la que asistas.
2. La beca Cal Grant es aceptada en todas las UCs, CSUs, colegios comunitarios, y muchas de las escuelas privadas, vocacionales, profesionales y técnicas de California que sean elegibles. Para una lista de escuelas elegibles, visitar [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).
3. Entregue su solicitud FAFSA o Dream Act de California. Visita [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) para la solicitud FAFSA. Los estudiantes elegibles bajo la Ley Dream Act de California deben visitar [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) para completar su solicitud Dream Act de California.
4. Entrega un GPA de al menos 2.0, verificado por su escuela.
5. La fecha límite para solicitar una beca Cal Grant es el 2 de marzo.\*\*  
\*\*Cuando la fecha límite cae de sábado, domingo o día feriado, se aceptarán las solicitudes hasta el próximo día laborable.
6. Cumplir con los requisitos de necesidad financiera para calificar.
7. Ser residente de California o ser un estudiante AB-540.
8. Debes graduarte de una escuela secundaria de California o haber obtenido un equivalente (GED, HiSET). Así que asegúrate de entregar tu solicitud antes del 2 de marzo.
9. La beca Cal Grant está garantizada si cumple con todos los requisitos.
10. Obtén ayuda en un taller Cash for College a partir del 1° de octubre al 2 de marzo. Para encontrar el taller más cercano, visita [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org).

# 10 things you need to know about California's Middle Class Scholarship

1. The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) is a program that began in the 2014-15 academic year . It provides undergraduate students with family incomes up to \$165,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.
2. Students must meet the following requirements: be a California resident attending a UC or CSU; be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or have AB 540\* student status; meet certain income and other financial aid standards; maintain satisfactory academic progress; not be in default on a student loan; and must not be incarcerated.
3. Apply starting October 1, 2017. Complete a 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or the California Dream Act Application at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). Use the California Dream Act Application if you do not have a Social Security number (SSN) or if you have a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number. Make sure your email address is listed on your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.
4. If your family earns up to \$100,000 per year, you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to 40 percent of the mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.
5. Students whose families earn between \$100,001 and \$165,000 per year may be eligible for a reduced scholarship of no less than 10 percent of the mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.
6. MCS scholarships are not set amounts and may vary by student and institution. The award is determined after you are awarded any federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant and institutional need-based grants for which you are eligible. The final award amount will be based on the number of students eligible for the MCS statewide and the funding allocated by the State Budget.
7. The MCS was phased in over four years. Each academic year, the maximum amount of the scholarship increased. The MCS is now fully phased in and awards up to 40 percent of the mandatory systemwide fees and tuition.
8. To get assistance completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application, attend a Cash for College workshop October 1 thru March 2. Students must reapply each year. Visit [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org) for locations.
9. If you are selected to receive a MCS, you will be notified by the California Student Aid Commission.
10. Need more information about this scholarship? Contact your UC or CSU campus Financial Aid Office or check the California Student Aid Commission's website for updates.

## **\*AB 540 qualifications:**

- Attend a California high school for a minimum of 3 years or attain the equivalent of at least 3 years of credits
- Graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) or get a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
- Enroll in an accredited and qualified California college or university; and,
- If applicable, fill out an affidavit stating your intent to legalize your immigration status as soon as possible.



# Las 10 cosas que debes saber sobre la Beca Escolar para la Clase Media de California

1. La Beca Escolar para la Clase Media (Middle Class Scholarship; MCS) es un programa que comenzó en el año académico 2014-15. Esta beca ofrece a los estudiantes con ingresos familiares de hasta \$165,000, dinero gratuito para estudiar en cualquiera de las Universidades de California (UC) o las Universidades Estatales de California (CSU).
2. Los estudiantes deben cumplir los siguientes requisitos: ser residente de California y asistir una universidad dentro de la UC o la CSU; ser ciudadano de los EE. UU., residente permanente o cumplir con la los requisitos de la ley AB 540\*; cumplir con ciertas condiciones de ingreso y ayuda financiera; mantener un progreso académico satisfactorio; no estar atrasado con el pago de un préstamo estudiantil; y no estar encarcelado.
3. Solicítala a partir del 1 de octubre de 2017. Completa la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes 2017-18 (FAFSA) por Internet ingresando a [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) o la Solicitud Dream Act de California en [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). Si no usted tiene un número de Seguro Social (SSN) o si tiene un número de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA en inglés). Entonces, usted completará la solicitud Dream Act de California. Asegúrese de indicar su correo electrónico de email en la solicitud FAFSA o Dream Act de California.
4. Si su familia gana hasta \$100,000 al año, podría recibir una beca de hasta el 40 por ciento del costo de la matrícula y cuotas universitarias.
5. Los estudiantes cuyas familias ganan entre \$100,001 y \$165,000 al año podrían recibir una beca que cubrirá por lo menos el 10 por ciento de la matrícula y cuotas universitarias.
6. Las becas MCS se basan en escala y pueden variar para cada estudiante y según la institución. El monto otorgado se determina después de que se te otorguen otros tipos de ayuda financiera como las becas Pell, Cal Grant y becas institucionales. El monto final otorgado dependerá de la cantidad de estudiantes que reúnan los requisitos para la beca MCS en todo el estado y los fondos asignados del Presupuesto Estatal.
7. La MCS se otorgará en etapas. Irá aumentando cada año académico hasta el año 2017-18, cuando el monto máximo de la beca llegará al 40 por ciento de las matrícula y las cuotas universitarias.
8. Si necesitas ayuda para completar la solicitud FAFSA o Dream Act de California, asiste a un taller Cash for College entre el 1 de enero y el 2 marzo. Los estudiantes deben presentar una nueva solicitud cada año. Visita [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org) para encontrar el taller más cercano.
9. Si te seleccionan para recibir una MCS, recibirás un aviso de la Comisión.
10. ¿Necesitas más información sobre esta beca? Comunícate con la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera de tu universidad o entra al sitio web de la Comisión de Ayuda Estudiantil de California para obtener más información.

## \*Requisitos AB 540:

- Asistir a una escuela secundaria de California durante un mínimo de tres años; O
- Obtener el equivalente de 3+ años de créditos en una escuela secundaria de California y asistencia en una escuela primaria, preparatoria y/o secundaria en California por un total acumulado de 3+ años.
- Graduarse de una escuela secundaria de California o obtener el equivalente mediante el Certificado de Educación General (GED), o pasar el Examen de Equivalencia (HiSET), o Examen de Validación de Estudios Secundarios (TASC), Y
- Inscribirse en una universidad o colegio que indique su intención de legalizar su estado de inmigración en cuanto sea posible, Y
- Si corresponde, completar una declaración que indique su intención de legalizar su estado de inmigración en cuanto sea posible, Y
- No tener una de las siguientes visas de no inmigrante (A, B, C, D, E, F, H, J, etc.)\*

\*Si se le ha concedido el Estatus de Protección Temporal o tiene la visa U, puede ser elegible.



## TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAL GRANT C

### 1. Cal Grant C (CGC):

- Is a state grant given to students pursuing an Associate Degree or Certificate in a vocational, occupational, or technical program at a Cal Grant Eligible Institution. For a list of eligible Cal Grant institutions, visit [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).
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### 2. Students must meet the following requirements:

- Be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or have AB 540\* student status; attend a vocational, occupational, or technical program; meet certain income, asset, and other financial aid standards; maintain satisfactory academic progress; not be in default on a student loan; and, must not be incarcerated.
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### 3. Apply:

- By completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or the California Dream Act Application at [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org). Students without a Social Security number (SSN) or have been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) must complete the CA Dream Act Application. Make sure your student email address is listed on the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.
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### 4. Deadline to apply:

- March 2.
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### 5. Cal Grant C are not set amounts and may vary by student and institution:

- The award provides up to \$1,094 for books, tools, and equipment – and up to \$2,462 more for tuition and fees if you'll be attending a school other than a California Community College. The award can be used for any school expenses including tuition and fees and is available for up to two years.
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### 6. To get assistance completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application:

- Attend a Cash for College workshop between October 1 and March 2. Students must reapply each year. Visit [Cash4College.org](http://Cash4College.org) for locations.
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**7. If you are selected to receive a Cal Grant C:**

- You will be notified by the California Student Aid Commission. You will then be asked to complete the Cal Grant C Supplement Form.
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**8. Need more information about this grant?:**

- Contact your campus Financial Aid Office or check the California Student Aid Commission's website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/> for updates.
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**9. How do I find out if the field that I'm interested in is on the priority list of occupational and technical training?**

- To find out more about occupations on the priority list (based on at least two of the following criteria: high need, high salary or wage projections, and high growth), please check out the [2016-17 Cal Grant C Priority Occupational List](#) as well as the [2016-17 Cal Grant C Occupational List](#).
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**10. Are there any additional resources that can help me figure out what occupations to pursue?**

- Once you have earned your Associates or Certificate Degree, you can turn to the Employment Development Department and local workforce investment boards. These organizations offer valuable tools to assist you in launching your career. Job seekers can take advantage of a variety of comprehensive services and programs at no cost, such as job search and placement services. To find your Local Workforce Development Board, please review the [list](#) of locations on their website. There are also many job centers across California that offer comprehensive employment related services. To find your nearest job center, please visit [www.americasjobcenter.ca.gov](http://www.americasjobcenter.ca.gov) website. For additional information regarding job seeker information, please visit [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov) information page.
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**\*Students need to meet the following Assembly Bill (AB) 540 qualifications:**

- *Attend a California high school for a minimum of 3 years; or attain credits equivalent to 3 **or** more years of high school coursework and have a combination of 3 or more years of attendance at a California elementary or secondary school (AB 2000);*
- *Graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) or get a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);*
- *Enroll in an accredited and qualified California college or university; and,*
- *If applicable, fill out an affidavit stating your intent to legalize your immigration status as soon as possible*



**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**

**FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS**

**and**

**RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

2018-19 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
<b>Dependent students and</b>		
<b>Independent students with dependents other than a spouse</b>		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$114,300	\$62,800
Five	\$106,000	\$58,200
Four	\$98,900	\$52,000
Three	\$91,000	\$46,700
Two	\$88,900	\$41,500
<b>Independent students</b>		
Single, no dependents	\$36,300	\$36,300
Married, no other dependents	\$41,500	\$41,500

2018-19 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students <sup>1</sup>	\$76,500
Independent students	\$36,400

<sup>1</sup> This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

NOTE: Per California Education Code section 69432.7(k), the Cal Grant program income and asset ceilings for new applicants and renewing recipients are to be adjusted annually using the change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution:

SEC. 8. (e) (1) "Change in the cost of living" for the State, a school district, or a community college district means the percentage change in California per capita personal income from the preceding year.

### For 2018-19 Academic Year

**DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2018** (POSTMARKED)

## DO NOT SEND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

(SEE BACK OF FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS)



**Please print clearly using blue or black ink only**

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT**

1. Your high school graduation date: 















  
(If currently a HS senior, anticipated date)      Month                      Year

2. Your name — last, first, middle initial, as it is listed on your Social Security card or Birth Certificate and Financial Aid Application (FAFSA or CADAA):

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3. Your date of birth:       4. Your Gender:  M = Male F = Female

5. Your permanent mailing address:

6. Your phone number:

[illegible][illegible]

7. Your e-mail address:

[illegible]

8. Fill in bubble if you are submitting a SAT, ACT, GED, TASC or HiSET test score instead of a GPA. ☐

*Attach your applicable test score to this form, transcripts will not be accepted. You do not have to have your school fill out the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section*

9. **STUDENT CERTIFICATION:** I have read the instructions and information accompanying this form. I understand that this Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is used to determine Cal Grant eligibility and the GPA must be calculated as described on the GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The information I have completed is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I understand that without a valid Social Security or Dream Act ID number and signature, this form will not be considered. *I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.*

**CSAC USE ONLY**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**High schools MUST be fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges [WASC] or an equivalent regional accreditation agency to certify a Cal Grant high school GPA.**

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Is GPA based on High School Coursework? ☐

If so, from?: **Public High School**      **Public Charter High School**      **Private High School**

GPA Verifier's School Code:

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Is GPA a CA Community College Reestablished GPA? (based on 16 - 23 units)

Is GPA a Regular College GPA? (based on 24+ units) ☐

•  GPA CANNOT BE ABOVE 4.00

The signature of the high school or college official certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the GPA is calculated as described in the Cal Grant GPA Calculation Instructions. The signature of a high school official also certifies that his or her high school is fully accredited by the WASC or other regional accrediting agency, or has a UC-approved course list as required by California regulations. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Signature of School Official

Name of School

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Name of School Official (Print)

Street Address of School

Title of School Official

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Phone Number

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077**

**G-4 (05/17)**

# Instructions for filling out the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

## STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION.

Please print clearly using blue or black ink only.

1. *Month/year of high school graduation:* Enter the month and year you graduated, or plan to graduate from high school. Enter the month in a two-digit format (for example: January should appear as "01"; November should appear as "11"). Enter the year in a four-digit format (for example: 2018 should appear as "2018").
2. *Your name:* Print your full name as it appears on your Social Security card, if you do not have a Social Security card, print your name as it appears on your Birth Certificate. Enter last name, first name, middle initial
3. *Your date of birth:* Enter your birth date. For example, June 25, 2000 would be entered as 06-25-2000.
4. *Your Gender:* Enter "M" if you are male or enter "F" if you are female.
5. *Your permanent mailing address:* Enter your permanent mailing address, city, state and five-digit zip code.
6. *Your phone number:* Enter your three-digit area code and seven-digit telephone number.
7. *Your E-mail address:* Enter a "safe" e-mail address where you can be contacted for questions. This is optional.
8. *Submitting a test score instead of a GPA:* Complete questions 1 through 9, sign the form and attach a copy of the testing score report and mail by the deadline to Commission. **DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

The results from the ACT, SAT, GED, TASC or HiSET exams must be submitted in lieu of a GPA if:

- You participated in a home schooling program or attended a high school that is not regionally accredited.
- You attended a high school or college outside of the United States and are unable to have those grades converted to a 4.00 scale or your school did not grade in a manner that can be readily converted to a 4.00 scale (pass/fail only).

\*Students who have been out of school for five years or longer can choose to submit either test scores or their GPA.

- **Scores from the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) cannot be accepted in lieu of a high school GPA, but passing the CHSPE does meet the high school graduation requirement of the Entitlement Cal Grant program. Also, grade reports, transcripts, and other proficiency certificates WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Only scores from the SAT reasoning test WILL BE ACCEPTED. Subject test scores will NOT BE PROCESSED.**

9. *Student signature:* By signing this form, you certify that you have read these instructions and that the information you have provided is correct. It is illegal to report false or misleading information on this form and doing so may result in any Cal Grant award being revoked.

Once you have filled out the student information, take the form to your school and request that they verify your GPA. Be aware that if your school will be electronically submitting your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission, you do not need to submit this form. It is your responsibility to verify that the school will be submitting your GPA for you.

## FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY SECTION

Statewide Student Identification Number: **(Optional)** Please enter the 10-Digit Statewide Student Identification Number (SSID) of the student who's GPA is listed on this form. If the student does NOT have a SSID, please leave blank.

Is GPA based in High School Coursework?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA is based on high school coursework; Indicate if the high school verifying the GPA is a Public High School, Public Charter High School or Private High School by circling the appropriate option.

Is GPA a CA Community College Reestablished GPA?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA being certified is based on at least 16 but less than 24 semester units completed at a California Community College.

Is GPA a Regular College GPA?: Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA is based on at least 24 completed college semester units, and is not a reestablished GPA as described above.

GPA Verifier's School Code: High schools list their 6-digit College Board school code; colleges list their 6-digit USED OPE ID code.

Verified Student GPA: Fill in ALL three GPA spaces. Cal Grant GPAs are calculated on a 4.00 scale. High Schools certifying GPAs MUST be accredited or have a UC approved course list in order to verify GPAs.

Students attending non-accredited high schools should provide either a ACT, SAT, GED, TASC or HiSET score.

**After the school completes the "FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY" section, we recommend that you make a copy for your records, purchase a \$1.30 Certificate of Mailing from the post office and mail completed form to:**

California Student Aid Commission  
Cal Grant Operations  
P.O. Box 419077  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077

# Cal Grant GPA Calculation Instructions

There are four categories of GPAs used for Cal Grant award selection - High School, College, Regular Community College and Reestablished Community College.

## High School GPA

A high school GPA is calculated on a 4.00 scale to two decimal places (between 0.00 and 4.00). Do not use a weighted scale. Convert any grades with extra weighting for honors and advanced placement classes to a 4.00 scale before calculating the GPA. GPAs calculated beyond a 4.00 scale will not be accepted.

For students who have not yet graduated high school, calculate the GPA using all academic course work for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year. The high school GPA excludes physical education (PE), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. Remedial work is defined as any course that is not counted toward high school graduation. Failing grades must be included in the GPA calculation unless the course has been retaken. Only include the most recent grade for any course repeated by the student.

GPAs for "accelerated" high school juniors graduating in spring should be calculated using academic course work earned during the student's sophomore year and the summer following the sophomore year, as well as all course work completed in the junior year by the time of certification.

For students who are out of high school but have not earned sufficient college level units to allow calculation of either a college GPA or reestablished GPA or as explained below, the GPA must be calculated from high school course work earned from the student's sophomore year onward, regardless of whether the student graduated. Competitive Cal Grant awards can be made to students who have not graduated high school.

## Regular California Community College GPA

For purposes of computing a community college GPA for a Cal Grant award, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" mean all courses except "Associate Degree Credit Courses" as defined by Title 5, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 55002(a) of the California Code of Regulations.

## Reestablished Community College GPA

A reestablished community college GPA is calculated on at least 16 but less than 24 semester units or the equivalent. For any Cal Grant deadline, a school may submit either a reestablished GPA or a "regular" community college GPA calculated on at least 24 semester units, or the equivalent. A reestablished GPA is good only for Competitive Cal Grant B consideration.

**Only a California Community College may submit a reestablished GPA.**

## College GPA

A college GPA is calculated on all college work completed, except for nontransferable units and courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree. The definition of the phrases "all college work completed" and "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are described below. A college GPA or a community college GPA must be computed for a minimum of 24 semester units or its equivalent regardless of the grades received. The phrase "all college work completed" includes all coursework for which grades are known to the official reporting the GPA and that are accepted for credit at the school reporting the GPA. Failing grades must be included.

### ***College GPA - Baccalaureate Degree Granting Institution***

For purposes of computing a college GPA by an institution that grants a baccalaureate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for a baccalaureate degree from the reporting institution.

### ***College GPA - Associate Degree Granting Institution***

For purposes of computing a college grade point average by a postsecondary institution that grants an associate degree, "nontransferable units" and "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are those courses which do not earn credit for an associate degree at the reporting institution.

### ***College GPA - Non-degree Granting Institution***

For purposes of computing a college GPA by a postsecondary institution that does not grant a baccalaureate or an associate degree:

(A) "nontransferable units" are those units which are not used in satisfying requirements for earning a baccalaureate degree from a California public institution of higher education that grants such a degree;

(B) "courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree" are any courses for which the earned grade is not used in the computation of a GPA in determining admission eligibility, whether or not units earned for the course are transferable to such an institution.

If the GPA is based on college units, and is not a reestablished GPA as described above, do not fill in any bubble.

# Cal Grant Appeals Form

If you received a letter stating you were **disqualified** for a Cal Grant and you feel this was in error, you may be able to submit an appeal, depending on the reason. Using this appeals form, please mark the appropriate boxes below identifying both the action you are requesting and the reason for your appeal. Also, provide a detailed, written explanation along with any supporting documentation you may have. Be sure to submit photocopies (please do not send originals) of all supporting documentation. Mail your completed Cal Grant Appeals Form to the **California Student Aid Commission, P.O. Box 419027, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027.**

- **Incorrect Information:** If you believe you were denied due to an error or incorrect information, please use the **Application Correction Form (G-23)** to correct the error and return it to CSAC. This form is available on-line at: <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=80>
- **Financial Information or Dependency Status:** CSAC will not take action **on changes to financial information or decisions regarding your dependency status.** If you feel the financial information reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Dream Act Application, or your dependency status should be re-evaluated, contact your school's financial aid office. CSAC will only accept financial corrections or changes to dependency status directly from your school.
- **Federal or School-Based Financial Aid:** CSAC does not review or revise any federal or school-based financial aid. Contact your school's financial aid office for questions regarding other financial aid. Questions regarding your student loan(s) should be directed to your school or lender, whichever is applicable.
- **Competitive Cal Grant Awards:** If you received a Competitive Cal Grant disqualification notice and you are not a current high school senior or recent graduate, you will need to reapply next year. Due to the limited amount of awards, CSAC does not accept appeals from new Competitive applicants who were denied an award **unless CSAC has made an administrative error and you have supporting documentation.**

Your Name		CSAC ID
Address		Date of Birth
City		Telephone Number
State	Zip Code	E-mail Address

## REQUESTED ACTION AND REASON FOR YOUR APPEAL

### Please check the requested action to be taken:

- ☐ Additional Leave of Absence  
☐ Award Reconsideration  
☐ Reinstatement Request  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check the reason for your appeal:

- ☐ Medical  
☐ Natural disaster  
☐ Death in the family  
☐ Reinstatement  
☐ Dream Act Application  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a detailed explanation addressing your appeal reason (attach additional sheets if necessary):**

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**With my signature, I certify under penalty of perjury, that the information I have provided for this appeal is true and accurate.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Processed Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Notes from Analyst to Processor

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# Grant Record Change Form For Students Cal Grant Program

Enter Award Year

Complete this form to notify the California Student Aid Commission of changes in your name, address, Social Security number, your school of attendance, or to request a leave of absence, program change or program withdrawal. You can make school changes, address changes and leave of absence requests on-line at WebGrants for Students. Go to [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and look for the WebGrants link at the top of the page. Read the instructions on the reverse side before completing. Print or type all information.

/ (e.g) 2016/ 2017)



## SECTION 1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Address changes can be done on-line at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)

1. Student's name (Current last, first, middle initial)

Send this form back only if corrections are necessary.

*Last Name* *First Name* *MI*  
If this is a name change, please print **PREVIOUS name in shaded box** and attach a copy of the new driver's license, SSN card or marriage certificate.

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>
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2. Social Security number or Dream Act ID Number - If submitting a Social Security number correction, print the **INCORRECT NUMBER in the shaded box** and attach a copy of the correct SSN card.

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3. Date of birth

4. Telephone number - daytime phone number

5. Address: Is this an address change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Street address	City	State	Zip code
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6. Email address

## SECTION 2. SCHOOL CHANGE

School changes can be done on-line at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)

7. School change: I wish to change my school of attendance. Indicate the date for which you are requesting a school change (e.g. August 2016)

School name	City	Date
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8. School change effective: (check one) ☐ Fall term ☐ Winter term ☐ Spring term ☐ Summer term

## SECTION 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Leaves of absence can be done on-line at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)

9. School of attendance or most recent school of attendance

Date and term last attended

I request a Leave of Absence for the following term(s): Check box(es) ☐ Fall term ☐ Winter term ☐ Spring term

Indicate exact dates for which you are requesting a Leave of Absence: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Briefly state your reason(s) for a leave of absence: (please print or type — attach additional pages or documentation if necessary)

## SECTION 4. PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

(Please read instructions on reverse)

11. A signature from a financial aid officer at your college is required when requesting a change in grant program. Changing your Cal Grant program will change the amount of your Cal Grant award. Request any program changes as early as possible because program changes cannot be made after program funds have been disbursed. Change my Cal Grant program from Cal Grant \_\_\_\_ to Cal Grant \_\_\_\_.

Signature of Financial Aid Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 5. PLEASE WITHDRAW MY CAL GRANT

(Please read instructions on reverse)

12. By checking this box ☐ I am asking that my Cal Grant award offer be withdrawn. I have read the instructions on the reverse of this sheet.

List reason for withdrawal request: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 6. STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

(YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM) Send this form back only if corrections are necessary.

• \_\_\_\_\_ Date

13. Signature (I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information I have filled in above is true and correct.



# Instructions for Completing the Grant Record Change Form for Students

Schools changes, address changes and leave of absence requests can all be made on-line at WebGrants for students. Go to [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and look for the WebGrants for Students link on the right side of the page. Name and Social Security number changes, and program withdrawals and changes must be made using this form. Complete and send this form back only if corrections are necessary.

## Section 1 — Student Information (This section must be completed)

1. Enter your name (current last, first, middle initial). If you indicated a name change in question #1, please provide your **previous** name (last, first, middle initial) in the shaded box. Remember to print or type clear!
2. Enter your Social Security number or Dream Act ID number. If your Social Security number is a change from Commission records, enter your correct number and *attach a copy of your Social Security card*.
3. Enter your date of birth (month, day, year).
4. Enter your telephone number, including area code.
5. Check "Yes" if your address is different from the Commission's records. Check "No" if your address is the same as the Commission's records. Enter your street address, city, state and five- or nine-digit zip code
6. Enter your email address.

## Section 2 — School Change

7. If you wish to change your school of attendance, enter the school's name, city and date effective. **A change in school choice may effect your eligibility for an award.**
8. Enter the term the school change is effective.

## Section 3 — Leave of Absence Request

9. Enter the school you attend or have attended most recently and the date and term you last attended (e.g. 09/16, Fall 2016). Also enter the terms for which you are requesting a leave of absence (e.g. Spring semester), and the exact date for which you are requesting a leave of absence (e.g. 01/15/17 to 05/30/17).
10. Print or type the reason(s) for your leave of absence request.

## Section 4 — Program Change

11. Program changes, such as requesting a change from Cal Grant B to Cal Grant A, may only be requested by new Cal Grant recipients before any payments have been made. The student's California Aid Report (CAR) will show Auto-Accept for one program and "Qualified" for another. Transferring between these programs is possible only if no Cal Grant payments have yet been made. A program change will not be processed without the signature of a school financial aid office. Students who have a Cal Grant C and wish to decline that Cal Grant to be considered for another Cal Grant program, must check the box in Section 5.

## Section 5 — Please Withdraw my Cal Grant

12. Check this box only if you wish your current Cal Grant offer to be withdrawn. If you request this, your Cal Grant award offer will be withdrawn and reinstatement will not be possible. Please give the reason you are requesting withdrawal from the Cal Grant program.

## Section 6 — Student Signature (To avoid delays, sign, date, and mail or fax this form as soon as possible.)

13. Your signature certifies to the best of your knowledge that this information is true and correct  
**Providing false information may result in the withdrawal of your award.**

If you have any questions concerning this form, you may contact the Commission's Student Support Services Branch by calling (888) 224-7268 or via e-mail at [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov).

Mail this form to the address below.

**California Student Aid Commission  
Program Administration and Services Division  
PO Box 419028  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9028**





## 2018-19 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

***All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.***

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
<b>Students must:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a California resident</li> <li>- Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or AB540</li> <li>- Attend an eligible California college or university</li> <li>- Be enrolled at least half time</li> <li>- Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund</li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements</li> <li>- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school</li> <li>- Not have completed a prior baccalaureate degree</li> </ul> </div> </div>		
<b>Eligibility based on:</b>	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and Cal Grant C Supplement Form
<b>Application forms:</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA		FAFSA or CADAA and Cal Grant C Supplement Form
<b>Minimum length of program:</b>	Two academic years, leading to a degree	One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate	Four months, in a recognized career or technical program
<b>Eligibility time limit:</b>	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year programs)		Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less
<b>Minimum need for new recipients:</b>	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500	\$700	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500
<b>Type of assistance:</b>	Tuition and fee assistance only	Access award (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition and fee plus access award thereafter	Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)
<b>New recipient annual award amounts:</b>	CSU - \$5,742 UC - \$12,630 For-Profit (Non WASC) - \$4,000 For Profit (WASC) - \$9,084 Private Non-Profit - \$9,084	In the first year, only the access award of \$1,672; in subsequent years, the access award plus a tuition and fee award equal to Cal Grant A	Community College - \$1,094 Non-Community College - tuition, fees and training related costs up to \$2,462 and \$547 for books & supplies
<b>Special award category:</b>	California Community College (CCC) Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two years until they attend a four-year school	Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both the access award and tuition and fees in the first year	None
<b>Renewal process:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit a FAFSA or CADAA</li> <li>- Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria</li> <li>- Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance</li> <li>- Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status</li> </ul>		

**California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131)** allows undocumented and documented students who meet AB 540 eligibility requirements to:

- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee, community college fee waiver and institutional grants

*For each program listed below, students must meet all of the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:*

HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	March 2, 2018
Population served:	2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA	2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	March 2, 2018
Additional requirements:	Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form, if identified as potentially eligible	
Population served:	Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR commencing with 2017-18, non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year	
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	
COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadlines:	First deadline: March 2, 2018 Second deadline: September 2, 2018 for California Community College students only	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families	
Selection criteria:	Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include financial, GPA, parental education and marital status, family income and size, years since HS graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student’s access to higher education.	
Number of new awards:	25,750 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2018 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2018 deadline	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a vocational career or technical education	
Number of new awards:	7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill	
Additional requirements:	Completion of the C Supplement Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible	

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission. For more information, visit [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) or [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org). For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.



Award	Award Year	CC	CSU	UC	Independent	For Profit
<b>A</b>	1	CC Reserve	\$5,742	\$12,630	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	2	CC Reserve	\$5,742	\$12,630	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	3	Appeal	\$5,742	\$12,630	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	4	-	\$5,742	\$12,630	\$9,084	\$4,000^
<b>B</b>	1	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672
	2	\$1,672	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$12,630	\$1,672 + \$9,084	\$1,672 + \$4,000^
	3	\$1,672	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$12,630	\$1,672 + \$9,084	\$1,672 + \$4,000^
	4	\$1,672	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$12,630	\$1,672 + \$9,084	\$1,672 + \$4,000^
<b>C</b>	1-2	\$1, 094	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	\$547 to \$2,462	\$547 to \$2,462
^Award Amount is \$9,084 if WASC accredited before July 1, 2012						

# California Chafee Grant

## *Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Technical and Career Training*

### What is a California Chafee Grant?

The California Chafee Grant is free money for current or former California foster youth to help pay for college or career and technical training. Chafee Grants don't have to be paid back. You may also use your grant to pay for child care, rent and transportation while you're in school. A Chafee Grant is a federal and state funded grant subject to yearly availability of funds.

### How do I qualify?

To qualify, you must:

- Be a current or former foster youth\*
- Not have reached your 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday as of July 1 of the award year

*\*To qualify, foster youth dependency of the court must have been established between the ages of 16 and 18. KinGap youth who are or were eligible to receive Independent Living Program services, guardian placements and voluntary placements may not be eligible for the California Chafee Grant unless court dependency was established between the ages of 16 and 18.*

### How do I apply?

You must submit the California Chafee Grant Application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADA).

- Submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov), or complete the paper form and mail it.
- Submit the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or CADA at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org).

**Note:** Forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.

### Where can I use my Chafee Grant?

You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college as well as colleges in other states. In California, you can attend:

- Career and technical schools
- California Community Colleges
- California State University campuses
- University of California campuses
- Independent
- Private colleges

### What happens after I apply?

- The Commission will review your FAFSA or CADA and Chafee Grant Application.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may verify your foster status. If CDSS is not able to verify your foster status, please complete the Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form and mail it.
- Your school's financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter if you are selected for an award.
- The school will verify payment eligibility and disburse the check to you.

### What is required to receive your Chafee funds?

You must:

- Enroll in an eligible public or private college or university or technical school.
- Be enrolled at least half time.
- Enroll in a program at least one academic year long.
- Attend class regularly and maintain satisfactory academic progress or you may lose your Chafee Grant funds.

### Don't Have a Social Security Number?

No problem. You can apply for the Chafee Grant without one. If you are an undocumented foster youth, submit the California Dream Act Application and the Chafee Grant Application.

## How do I renew my Chafee Grant?

If you receive a Chafee Grant, it may be renewed through your 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. You do not need to reapply for your Chafee Grant each year; however, you must submit a FAFSA or CADA and your school must determine if you are still eligible.

The Commission may contact you for updated information. Be sure to respond to e-mails, letters or forms that you may receive.

## Where can I find out more about the Chafee Grant and other services for foster youth?

### **For more information, contact your:**

- High school counselor
- College academic advisor
- College financial aid office
- Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) liaison
- County Independent Living Coordinator
- One-Stop Career Center
- Social worker or probation officer

### **You can also visit the following websites:**

- [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)
- [www.communitycollege.org](http://www.communitycollege.org)
- [www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov](http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov)
- [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com)
- [www.childsworld.ca.gov](http://www.childsworld.ca.gov)
- [www.cacollege.pathways.org](http://www.cacollege.pathways.org)
- [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu)
- [www.cal youthconn.org](http://www.cal youthconn.org)

## How can I contact the California Student Aid Commission?



**Visit** the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)



**E-mail** your questions to [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov)



**Call** toll free 1-888-224-7268  
Monday through Friday from  
10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (PST)



**Write or mail:**  
California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs Operations Branch  
California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-902

## Keep Up to Date With WebGrants4Students

Log on to [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org) to set up your account.

Access information and manage your account  
24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can also update your e-mail address,  
mailing address, telephone number,  
or school of attendance.

## Free Money for Career and Technical Training or College for Current or Former Foster Youth APPLICATION

**New Chafee Grant student?** Fill out and mail or fax this application to the California Student Aid Commission.  
**Renewal Chafee Grant student?** Don't fill out this application. *The Commission will contact you if you are eligible for renewal.*

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CAREFULLY

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	*SSN / Dream ID									
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)		CITY		STATE ZIP CODE									
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOME		WORK/CELL											
BIRTHDATE ____/____/____		EMAILADDRESS											
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHERE YOU WERE IN FOSTER CARE (BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18)			YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR										
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ARE/WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE, COURT DEPENDENT, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16-18? **				YES      NO									
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### The fine print-

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California and of the United States, that this form has been examined by me and to my knowledge, all information provided is true, correct and complete.

I authorize the Commission and the California Department of Social Services to receive and to release my records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Undocumented students are eligible for a Chafee Grant. If you are undocumented, please complete a CADAA instead of the FAFSA and enter your Dream Act ID number instead of a SSN.**

**\*\*KinGap and/or guardianship placement youth who are/were eligible to receive ILP services are ineligible to receive the Chafee ETV unless court dependency was established (at any time) between the ages of 16-18.**



## ***Here are some questions and answers on the Chafee Grant Program- for current and former foster youth***

### **What is a California Chafee Grant?**

The California Chafee Grant Program is free money for current or former foster youth to help pay for college or career and technical training.

### **How do I qualify?**

To qualify, you must:

- ◆ be eligible, or have been eligible, for foster care between your 16th and 18th birthday,
- ◆ not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year

### **How do I apply?**

File two forms:

- ◆ *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).* File online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or complete the paper form. (Undocumented students can complete a CADAA at [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org) in place of the FAFSA)
- ◆ *California Chafee Grant Program Application.* Submit online at [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov) or complete the paper form and mail to the Commission.

*Note: These forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.*

### **What is required to apply?**

You must be enrolled in:

- ◆ an eligible career or technical school or college
- ◆ a course of study at least half time
- ◆ a course of study that is at least one year long
- ◆ and you must maintain satisfactory academic progress

### **What criteria are used?**

The following selection criteria are used to make awards.

- ◆ Students who are renewal students.
- ◆ Students who are aging out of the system.
- ◆ Students who have dependents.
- ◆ Students who have unmet need of \$5,000 or more.
- ◆ Submission date of completed application.

### **Can I apply online?**

Yes, log on to the Commission's Chafee Grant Program website at [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov). There you can complete and submit online applications electronically.

**We encourage you to apply online.**

### **What happens after I apply?**

- ◆ The Commission will review your FAFSA/CADAA and Chafee Grant Application.
- ◆ The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may verify your foster youth status. If CDSS is not able to verify your status, please complete and mail the Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form.
- ◆ Your school financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- ◆ Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter telling you of your award status.

### **How will I get the grant?**

Your grant will be sent to the career or technical school or college where you are enrolled. Check with your school's financial aid office about how the school will distribute the grant.

### **Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?**

Yes. For more information, contact your:

- ◆ high school counselor
- ◆ college counselor
- ◆ college financial aid office
- ◆ county/college ILP Coordinator
- ◆ One-Stop Career Centers
- ◆ social worker/probation officer

### **How can I contact the Commission?**

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:



**Visit** the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at: [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov)



**Email** your questions to the Commission at: [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov).  
(In the email subject line enter: Attn: Chafee)



**Call** the Commission at:  
1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (PST)



**Write** the Commission, or mail your application to:

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs Operations Branch  
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029





List of Cal Grant C Approved Occupations					
SOC Code	Occupation	SOC Code	Occupation	SOC Code	Occupation
17-3021	Aerospace Engineering & Operations Technicians	47-4021	Elevator Installers & Repairers	31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants
19-4011	Agricultural & Food Science Technicians	29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Const. Equip. Operators
53-2021	Air Traffic Controllers	17-3029	Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	29-2057	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians
49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	17-3025	Environmental Engineering Technicians	29-2081	Opticians, Dispensing
51-2011	Aircraft Struct. Surfaces, Rigging, & Systems Assem.	19-4091	Environmental Science & Protection Tech, Including Health	49-3053	Outdoor Power Equip. & Other Small Engine Mechanics
17-3011	Architectural & Civil Drafters	51-6092	Fabric & Apparel Patternmakers	23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants
27-4011	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	49-3041	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	47-2071	Paving, Surfacing, & Tamping Equip. Operators
49-3021	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	27-1013	Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, & Illustrators	29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	33-2011	Firefighters	31-9097	Phlebotomists
49-2091	Avionics Technicians	39-9031	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	27-4021	Photographers
39-5011	Barbers	19-4092	Forensic Science Technicians	31-2021	Physical Therapy Assistants
47-2021	Brickmasons & Blockmasons	19-4093	Forest & Conservation Technicians	47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters
27-4012	Broadcast Technicians	19-4041	Geological & Petroleum Technicians	33-3051	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers
49-3031	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	51-5111	Prepress Technicians & Workers
51-7011	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	29-2099	Health Technologists & Technicians, All Other	25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
29-2031	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	49-9021	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	29-2053	Psychiatric Technicians
47-2031	Carpenters	53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13-1023	Purchasing Agts. Excp. Wholesale, Retail & Farm Prod.
35-1011	Chefs & Head Cooks	49-9031	Home Appliance Repairers	29-1124	Radiation Therapists
19-4031	Chemical Technicians	17-3026	Industrial Engineering Technicians	49-2021	Radio, Cellular, & Tower Equip. Installers & Repairs
17-3022	Civil Engineering Technicians	49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	29-2034	Radiologic Technologists
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	13-1032	Insurance Appraisers, Auto Damage	41-9022	Real Estate Sales Agents
53-2012	Commercial Pilots	41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	49-3092	Recreational Vehicle Service Technicians
15-1152	Computer Network Support Specialists	51-9071	Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers	29-1141	Registered Nurses
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	43-6012	Legal Secretaries	29-1126	Respiratory Therapists
49-2011	Computer, Automated Teller, & Office Mach. Repairers	25-4031	Library Technicians	51-9141	Semiconductor Processors
23-2091	Court Reporters	29-2061	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	47-2211	Sheet Metal Workers
31-9091	Dental Assistants	19-4099	Life, Physical, & Social Science Technicians, All Other	39-5094	Skin Care Specialists
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	51-4041	Machinists	19-4061	Social Science Research Assistants
51-9081	Dental Laboratory Technicians	29-2035	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	27-4014	Sound Engineering Technicians
43-9031	Desktop Publishers	39-5092	Manicurists & Pedicurists	47-2221	Structural Iron and Steel Workers
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	31-9011	Massage Therapists	29-2055	Surgical Technologists
29-2051	Dietetic Technicians	17-3013	Mechanical Drafters	25-9041	Teacher Assistants
17-3019	Drafters, All Other	17-3027	Mechanical Engineering Technicians	49-2022	Telec. Equip. Installers & Repairers, Except Line Installers
49-2092	Electric Motor, Power Tool, & Related Repairers	29-2012	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	49-9052	Telec. Line Installers & Repairers
17-3012	Elect. & Electronic Drafters	31-9092	Medical Assistants	51-6063	Textile Knitting & Weaving Mach. Setters, Operators, Tenders
17-3023	Elect. & Electronics Engineering Technicians	49-9062	Medical Equipment Repairers	47-2044	Tile and Marble Setters
49-2093	Elect. & Electronics Installers & Repairers, Trans Equip.	29-2071	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	41-3041	Travel Agents
49-2094	Elect. & Electronics Repairers, Comm. & Indust. Equip.	43-6013	Medical Secretaries	27-2023	Umpires, Referees, & Other Sports Officials
49-2095	Elect. & Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, Relay	31-9094	Medical Transcriptionists	29-2056	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians
49-9051	Elect. Power-Line Installers & Repairers	49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	51-8031	Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Oper.
47-2111	Electricians	39-4031	Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors	15-1134	Web Developers
17-3024	Electro-Mechanical Technicians	49-3052	Motorcycle Mechanics	51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers
49-2096	Electronic Equipment Installers & Repairers, Motor Vehicles	29-2033	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	13-1022	Wholesale & Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products
49-2097	Electronic Home Entertainment Equip. Installers & Repairers	31-1014	Nursing Assistants		

\* Highlighted occupations are deemed priority. Students pursuing one of these, will receive priority points in the selection criteria for Cal Grant C awards

# Common GPA Upload Issues

1. Something other than “NS1” in the **Record ID** field
2. Missing zeros at the end of College Board school code in **School Code** field
3. Decimal in the **GPA** field
4. Slashes in **Graduation Date** field
5. Slashes in the **Student’s Date-of-Birth** field
6. Data in protected fields (**Column E and V**) of the Non-SSN GPA Template
7. Last Names longer than 19 characters in **Student’s, Mother’s and Father’s Last Name** fields
8. Student first name longer than 12 characters in **Student’s First Name** field
9. Student’s full middle name in **Student’s Middle Initial** field
10. Listing phone numbers with parenthesis and hyphens in the **Student’s and Parent’s Phone Number** fields

# Web Resources: State Financial Aid

1. Cal Grant GPA Verification Form  
<http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1177>
2. High School Financial Aid Basics and Resources  
<http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=983>
3. WebGrants 4 Students  
[www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)
4. Cal Grant Resources:  
<http://www.calgrants.org/>
5. California Chafee Grant  
<https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/>
6. CA Dream Act Application  
<http://www.caldreamact.org/>