

High School Cal Grant Update

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Cal Grant Contact Numbers

Student Help Line

888.CA.Grant

custsvcs@csac.ca.gov

Technology Help Desk

888.294.0148

csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov

How Much Does College Cost/Yr?

(estimated)

- Community Colleges
 - Approx \$4,000 – \$15, 000
- CSU
 - Approx. \$13,000 - \$17,000
- UC
 - Approx \$17,000 - \$21,000
- Private Schools
 - Range \$18,000 and \$48,000

Types of Financial Aid

- Gift Aid
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
- Self-Help Aid
 - Work Study
 - Loans

Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal Government
- State Government
- Private individuals and companies, etc.
- Campus
 - Community Colleges
 - State Universities
 - Private Colleges and Universities
- Earnings/Savings

Entitlement/Competitive Cal Grants

Cal Grant Entitlement

- Recent high school graduate
 - Or GED, or CA HS Proficiency Exam
 - College freshmen in 2006-07 must have graduated on or after 7/1/04
- All who qualify will be offered an award
 - No limit to the number of awards

3 Entitlement Chances

- Apply by 3/2 of HS Senior year
- Apply by 3/2 of first year after HS graduation or equivalent
- Apply by 3/2 of the last year student will be attending a CA Community College before attending a 4-year degree granting school (*Transfer Entitlement*)

Transfer Entitlement

- Only for students who have graduated after 6/30/00, and
- Completed at least 24 units at a CCC, **and**
- Earned a minimum 2.4 CCC GPA, **and**
- Meet transfer requirements for 4-year school, **and**
- Will not be 24 by the end of the calendar year

Competitive Cal Grant

- Anyone not meeting Entitlement criteria
- 22,500 awards per year
 - 11,250 in the 3/2 cycle (all segments)
 - 11,250 in the 9/2 cycle (CCC only)
- Very competitive
 - Approx. 8 to 1 eligible application to award ratio
- We want HS students to be entitlement

Cal Grant Specifics

Cal Grant Requirements

- General eligibility
 - State and Federal
- Financial eligibility
 - Income and asset ceilings
 - Financial need
- GPA
 - Or equivalent

General Eligibility Requirements

- Be a California resident
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meet Selective Service requirements
- Attend an eligible California College/University
- Have a HS diploma or it's equivalent
 - GED
 - CHSPE

General Eligibility Requirements

(cont.)

- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Have not earned a bachelors degree
- Not be in default of a federal student loan
- Not owe a repayment of a federal grant

Financial Eligibility

Income and Asset Ceilings

- Used only to determine NEW Cal Grant awards
- Ceilings change annually
 - Based on per capita income growth
 - Only current listing: www.csac.ca.gov and click on “Income and Asset Ceilings”

Financial Eligibility (cont.)

- Must also show financial need
- Amount of need is calculated for each college/university
- Amount of need varies with type of Cal Grant

Minimum GPA Requirements

- Cal Grant A = 3.0
- Cal Grant B = 2.0
- Cal Grant C = No minimum required
 - Submission is encouraged
- Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement = 2.4
at California Community College

Cal Grant A

- Low to middle-income families
- Minimum GPA = 3.0
- Eligibility for up to 4 years full-time study
 - Minimum 2 year program
 - Undergrad programs only
 - Extend to 5 years for:
 - Mandatory 5th year programs
 - Teaching credential programs

Cal Grant A (cont.)

2005-06 Award Amounts (*tuition and/or fees only*):

- CCC – BOG/FW and held in reserve
- CSU -- \$2,xxx
 - Mandatory system-wide fees
- UC -- \$6,xxx
 - Mandatory systems-wide fees
- Independent -- \$8,322

Cal Grant B

- Students from lower-income families
- Minimum GPA = 2.0
- Eligibility up to 4 years full-time study
 - Minimum 1 year program
 - Undergrad programs only
 - Extend to 5 years for:
 - Mandatory 5th year programs
 - Teaching credential programs

Cal Grant B (cont.)

2005-06 Award Amounts

- First year = \$1,551 (access costs)
- Subsequent years = \$1,551 + tuition and/or fees
- BOG/FW for CCC students

Cal Grant C

- Low to middle-income families
- No minimum GPA
- Vocational/technical programs
- Course of study must be at least 4 mos.
 - Up to 2 years of full time study
- Required supplemental application sent after FAFSA

Cal Grant C (cont.)

2005-06 Award Amounts

- Tuition & fees = \$2,592/yr.
 - BOG/FW at CCC
- Books and supplies = \$576
- Competitive award
 - Number limited to 7,761 per year
 - Last year 66% who qualified, awarded

What's so Great About Cal Grants?

- Renewable
- Portable
- Adjustable with school attended
- Adjustable with attendance status
- Recent HS grads are “entitled”
 - No competition for awards

How to Apply?

File a **FAFSA** and
GPA Verification
by March 2

Encourage all students to apply

- Don't pre-guess who is eligible
- Don't let students disqualify themselves
- Let the computers calculate eligibility

Submitting GPAs

High School GPA Calculation

- High School seniors
 - Grades from sophomore & junior years
 - Include summers after these two years
- High School graduates
 - Grades from sophomore through senior years
- Exclude PE, ROTC & remedial courses
- Include ONLY LAST grade for repeated courses

Which High Schools can Verify?

- Those accredited by (WASC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges
 - Or other regional equivalent
- Those who have a UC approved course list (“A through G” requirements)

Test Scores

- May be submitted in lieu of GPA if student:
 - Does not have a GPA, or
 - GPA is more than 5 years old, or
 - Attended a school not meeting the CSAC requirements for HS GPA submission
- Only acceptable test scores are:
 - GED, ACT, SAT

GPA Electronic Submission

- Completed and submitted by school
- Batch or individual submission
- Real time response to records
 - Determine valid/invalid
 - May correct errors before submission
- Ability to change submitted records
- Printable submitted GPA report

GPA Electronic Submission (cont.)

- GPAs being accepted (now? Insert date)
- Required security and confidentiality agreement
- CSAC Tech. Help Desk: 888.294.0153
- On-line User Guide

GPA Paper Verification Form

- Student completes section B
- School completes section A
- School address and signature stamps are acceptable
- 2006-07 forms available 11/2005
- Order from www.csac.ca.gov
 - Click on “Publications” and follow prompts

GPA Paper Verification Form

- 2006-07 GPAs accepted mid November (or now???)
- School or student can mail to CSAC
- Ask for Certificate of Mailing
 - Low cost (\$.90)
 - More expensive delivery will slow process

CSAC GPA Verification Process

- Suggest to students:
 - Check to see if their SSN is on the list of electronically reported GPAs
 - Submit as early as possible
 - Some financial aid is first come, first awarded
- Submitted multiple GPAs
 - CSAC always uses the highest GPA
- We are accepting GPAs for 2006-07 now

Notifications

Award Notification

- California Aid Report (CAR)
 - Mailed as soon as student eligibility is determined
 - As early as late January 2006
- Mailed with the CAR are:
 - New Recipient Manual
 - New Recipient Change Form for students
 - Directions for making changes on Web Grants for Students?????

Notice to Non-Recipients

- Letter will state first 3 reasons
- Include a Non-Recipient Fact Sheet
- Non-Recipient Change Form
 - Entitlement students may make changes
 - Students must submit changes/corrections by September 25, 2006

How to Make Corrections

- Make corrections to SAR:
 - On paper and mail
 - On the web, even if originally submitted on paper
- Corrections will be processed by CPS
- CSAC downloads new data and re-calculates Cal Grant eligibility

No Cal Grant Notification If:

- Student missed deadline
- Home address on FAFSA is not valid
- No match between FAFSA and GPA
 - One of the two not submitted
 - SSN not the same on both
 - One of them submitted late

California Chafee Grant

- Only for Foster Youth who:
 - At least 16 by 7/1/06
 - Not over 22 by 7/1/06
- Were/are eligible for California Independent Living Program (ILP) services anytime between their 16th & 18 birthdays
- Are currently attending a post graduate institution

What is the Chafee Grant?

- An additional grant from the Feds
- Only for Foster Youth
- Pays up to \$5,000/academic year
- CSAC writes the check to the student and sends it to the school

Chafee Application Process

- Student files a FAFSA
- Student completes Chafee application
 - www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
 - Printed from same website
- CA Dept. of Social Services certifies student ILP eligible
- Information sent to post secondary school

More Chafee Stuff

- Students are not required to:
 - Have a SSN
 - Meet Selective Service requirements
 - Go to school in California
 - Be residents of California
- Students in any of these situations call:
 - CSAC's Specialized Programs Unit
888.224.7268, then select option #3

CSAC List Serve Registration

- www.csac.ca.gov
- Click on “Links”
- Click on “CSAC List Services”
- Click on either “Professional” or “Public”
- You will begin to receive updates on policy and procedures
- You will notified of training and workshops (such as this series)

Cash Box

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Web Grants for Students

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Ordering Materials

- To order from EDFUND:
 - Mail – EDFUND Shipping Center
P.O. Box 419045
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9045
 - FAX – 916.526.8838
- To order from CSAC:
 - Mail - P.O. Box 419027
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027
 - FAX – 916.526.8004

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