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California

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WebGrants Reports

APPLICATION PROCESS
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**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS**
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Undocumented students
- Students with DACA
- Refugee or Asylee
- TPS Status
- TVISA holders
- U Visa holders

[fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
[dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov)

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**March 2**
- FAFSA/CADAA filers
- Entitlement and Competitive
- Cal A, B and C

**Sept. 2**
- FAFSA filers have priority
- Only CA Community Colleges
- Competitive
- Cal A and B

GPAs

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GPA TYPES - HIGH SCHOOL

High School GPA
- Calculated using Sophomore - Senior year grades

Did You Know?
Students can be submit test score in lieu of a high school GPA if:
- Attended a non-accredited high school
- Homeschooled
- Pass/Fail system
- SAT, ACT, GED, TASC, HiSET

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GPA TYPES - COLLEGES

Reestablished GPA
- CA Community Colleges only
- 16 - 23 semester units
- 24-35 quarter units
- Competitive Cal Grant B only
  - FAFSA filers have priority

Regular College GPA
- All colleges
- 24+ semester units
- 36+ quarter units
- Transfer Entitlement and Competitive Cal Grant

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- **Basic Cal Grant Eligibility**
  - U.S. Citizen, Eligible Non-Citizen
  - Social Security Number
  - Bachelor’s Degree
  - California Resident
  - Meets Selective Service
  - Maintains SAP
  - Not Incarcerated
  - Attend Cal Grant Eligible School
  - Not in default on Title IV Student Loan
  - Enrolled at least Half-Time

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**CA RESIDENCY**

- Based initially on FAFSA/CADAA answers
- Institutions make final residency determination
- Student’s *age* and *marital status* determines whose residency we use (student vs. parent)

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**SELECTIVE SERVICE**

- Males between 18-25 must register (regardless of immigration status)
- Do not need a SSN to register
- FAFSA filers - can self register via FAFSA
- CADAA filers - “paper” registration form
- CSAC will send reminder emails throughout the year to male CADAA applicants

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INCOME AND ASSET CEILINGS

In addition to meeting basic eligibility requirements, students:

- Must not exceed income and asset thresholds
- Must have minimum financial need

INCOME AND ASSET CEILINGS

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<td>5 or more</td>
<td>$410,100</td>
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| Independent students: |
| Single, no dependents | $37,600 | $37,600 |
| Married, no other dependents | $46,000 | $46,000 |

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INCOME AND ASSETS: EXPLAINED

**Whose Income/Assets?**

- For dependent students – Only Parent(s)
- For independent students – Student (and spouse)

**How is it calculated?**

- **Income:** taken directly from a sub-calculation on the ISIR called the “Total Income.”
- **Assets:** taken from a sub-calculation on the ISIR called the “Net Worth.”
FINANCIAL NEED

Financial Need Calculation:

Cost of Attendance (COA) - Expected Family Contribution = Unmet Financial Need

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<td>At least $700</td>
<td>At least Maximum Cal Grant C award amount PLUS $1,500</td>
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CA DREAM ACT

When To Apply:
- October 1 - March 2

Who Can Apply?
- Undocumented Students
- DACA/No DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders

Additional Requirements
- Meet non-resident tuition exemption requirements
- Males 18-25 yrs. must register for Selective Service
CA DREAM ACT - WHAT IS IT?

- Often referred to as AB 540
- Comprised of 5 bills and made into law
- Allows qualifying students to pay in-state tuition at California public colleges
- AB 540 verification is required prior to disbursement of Cal Grant funds
- Determination for AB 540 eligibility is a campus responsibility

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<th>School Segment</th>
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<th>Nonresidents</th>
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<td>Community Colleges</td>
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<td>CSU</td>
<td>$5,742</td>
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<td>UC</td>
<td>$12,570</td>
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NON-RESIDENT EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Time and Coursework
   **Option A:**
   - 3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in CA
     - High School
     - Adult School
       - 420 hours per yr.
     - Community College
       - 24 semester units per yr.
       - 30 quarter units per yr.
       - Max. 2 years of credit courses may be used
   **Option B:**
   - 3 years HS credits **and** 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in CA
     - Elementary School
     - Middle School
     - High School

2. Degree or Transfer Eligibility
   - Graduation from a CA HS (or the equivalent, GED, HSET, TASC, CHSPE) **or**
   - Earned an associate's degree from a CA Community College **or**
   - Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

3. Non-resident Tuition Exemption Form
   - File with the college or university (AB 540 affidavit)
Billable hours for CAL GRANT A & B Entitlement:

- Unlimited
- FAFSA & CADAA filers

Billable hours for CAL GRANT A & B Competitive:

- Limited (25,750 awards)
- FAFSA filer priority
- Scoring criteria

Any student who does not meet Entitlement requirements:
High School Entitlement (E1)
- Current High school seniors and last year’s graduates
- Meet general Cal Grant eligibility requirements
- Apply by March 2nd

Minimum High School GPA:
- CG A: 3.00
- CG B: 2.00

Claiming the Cal Grant Award
Who?
- High School Entitlement awardees

What is required?
- Confirm school of attendance

When?
- 2019-20 Award Year: Beginning February 2019

How?
- Students: WebGrants for Students
- Colleges: Award Status Extract (Refer to: Help link in WebGrants) or report “SC” Payment Code on roster

Transfer Entitlement (E2)

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<th>Graduated</th>
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<td>CA resident at time of HS graduation</td>
<td>CA resident on 18th birthday</td>
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++ PLUS ++

AGE: Under age 28 on December 31st of the award year
TRANSFER: Transfer from CCC to bachelor degree-granting institution
FINANCIAL: Income/assets within ceilings & sufficient financial need
MERIT: CCC GPA of 2.4
TIMING: Must transfer in the academic year following enrollment at CCC

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G-6 FORM

1. Preliminary award notice is sent to student
2. Student completes the G-6 electronically at webgrants4students.org
3. The G-6 is processed:
   a. Eligible Students: Receive a California Aid Report (CAR)/Cal Grant Award Letter
   b. Ineligible Students: Processed later for a March Competitive Award

TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT BROCHURE

MERIT:
- 2.40 College GPA – Cal Grant A
- 2.00 College GPA – Cal Grant B

AWARDS:
- Cal Grant A and B
- 25,750 awards
  - 12,875 – March 2
  - 12,875 – September 2
- FAFSA filers have priority
- Scoring matrix used to rank & award students

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<td>Parent Education Level</td>
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<td>Family/Environmental Indicators</td>
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Competitive applicants are all students who do not meet Entitlement criteria
### Competitive Recycle

**What is it?**
- Awards for **unpaid** students are withdrawn
- Offered to the next cohort of eligible students
- **Goal = Maximize** utilization and **increase** paid rate

**Tips**
- Report timely payments in WebGrants
- Customize roster to identify unpaid students
- "Roster Compare Tool" to identify newly awarded students

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**CAL GRANT PROGRAMS**

- Minimum 3.0 HS GPA / 2.4 College GPA
- Program length: At least 2 years in length, leading to an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree

### 2018-19 AY award amounts

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<th>CSU</th>
<th>UC</th>
<th>Private Non-Profit</th>
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<td>$5,742/yr</td>
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* WASC accredited Private for-profit institutions
^ Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESERVE

For Cal Grant A recipients attending a CCC

- Cannot be used at CCC (unless enrolled in a CCC bachelors program)
- Students will renew for two years
- Appeal for third year (G-18)

CAL GRANT B

Minimum 2.0 HS GPA / 2.4 College GPA

Program length: at least 1 year in length, leading to an Associate’s, Bachelor’s or Certificate degree

Award amounts

- **Year 1**: $1,672 Access Award (exception: Top 2%)
- **Years 2-4**: $1,672 Access Award + tuition and fees

CAL GRANT B - TOP 2%

- Allows limited high school entitlement students to receive T/F in their 1st year
- Students are scored using a competitive scoring criteria
- Adjusted award amounts will reflect on the roster
- Customize your Roster to view Top 2% students
- Top 2% scores visible on “Award Detail” screen
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**CAL GRANT B - TOP 2%**

- GPA
- Parent Education
- Student Parent Household
- Family Income-Year
- Loans/Loan Payment
- Direct Student Loan
- Total Income
- Number of years out of HS
- Current PapeID
- Current Top 2 PapeID

**CA Education Code 78042**
- $84 per unit for Upper Division coursework ($46 Lower Div.)

**Accessing Your Roster**
- CSAC has built separate rosters, ending in “01”
- Perform School Changes to move students to “01” Roster

**E2 Consideration**
- Colleges must notify CSAC of any CCC BA students
  - Excel doc with the following info:
    - SSN/Dream Act ID
    - First Name
    - Last Name
    - DOB

  **Note:** students must add a 4-year school on financial aid app

Upload via “Secure File Transfer” and email SchoolSupport to notify us
**CAL GRANT C**

**Program Requirements**
- At least 4 months in length
- Vocational/technical/occupational programs
- Eligible programs listed on USDE E-CAR report
- No GPA requirement

**Cal Grant C Supplement Form**
- Utilized for scoring purposes only
- Question #6 - SOC Code
- “List of Cal Grant Approved Occupations”

**CCC Awards**
- 7,761 annual awards
- $1,094 (books and supplies)

**CAL C SUPPLEMENT FORM**

- Generated if financially eligible
- Completed via WG 4S
- **Cal C Supplement Recipient Report** to view status (Y/N)
- Info is used to rank applicants:
  - Occupational goal
  - Educational plan
  - Work history
  - Education history
  - Unemployed for 6 months+

**LIST OF PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS**

**Two of the following must be met:**
- High employer need or demand
- High employment growth or industry cluster
- High employment salary and wage projections
- Economic security

**Special consideration for long-term unemployed (6+ months)**

List of priority occupations, listed on Cal C Supplement form (in **BOLD**) or on CSAC webpage.
CAL GRANT RENEWAL

Award is renewed if...
• Remaining eligibility is at least 10%
• All terms satisfied with a payment transaction
• FAFSA/CADAA on file (before year-end recon)
• Meet financial requirements

Renewal Exception
• Eligibility reduced by 100% for any years where:
   Income/asset ceilings are exceeded
   Minimum need not met

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