2020-21 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
Students must:	- Be a California resident - Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or be exempt from nonresident tuition - Attend an eligible California college or university - Be enrolled at least half time - Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund	- Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements - Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school - Not have completed a prior baccalaureate degree	
Eligibility based on:	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
Application forms:	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
Minimum length of program:	Two academic years resulting in an associate or baccalaureate degree of 48 semester units or the equivalent	One academic year resulting in an associate, baccalaureate degree or certificate of at least 24 semester units or the equivalent	Four months, in a recognized occupational or technical training
Eligibility time limit:	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or four years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential, mandatory five-year programs, and Cal Grant B foster youth)		Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less
Minimum need for new recipients:	Maximum Cal Grant fee portion of the award by institution plus $1500	$700	Maximum Cal Grant fee portion of the award by institution plus $1500
Type of assistance:	Tuition and fee assistance only; exception: see Students With Dependent Children (SWD)	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 and books and supplies
New recipient annual award amounts:	CSU - $5,742 UC - $12,570 For-Profit (Non WASC) - $4,000 For Profit (WASC) - $8,056 Private Non-Profit - $9,084	In the first year, only the access award of $1,656; in subsequent years, the access award plus a tuition and fee award equal to Cal Grant A; exception: see Students With Dependent Children (SWD)	California Community College (CCC) - $1,094 Non-CCC - $2,462 for tuition/fees and $547 for books & supplies exception: see (SWD)
Special award category:	CCC Reserve: students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two academic years until they attend a tuition and fee charging school; exception: see (SWD)	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
Renewal process:	- Submit a FAFSA or CADAA - Meet the required minimum need, income and asset ceilings criteria - Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance - Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status		

California Dream Act allows undocumented and documented students who meet the nonresident tuition exemption 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 Grant, CCC 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, 2020**	**March 2, 2020**	**September 2, 2020 (for foster youth at the CCC)**
Population served:	**Class of 2019 and 2020 high school graduates**		
Number of new awards:	**All eligible students**		

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	**March 2, 2020**	**March 2, 2020**
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 high school (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 CCC GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded 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, 2020** **Second deadline:** **September 2, 2020 for California Community College students only**
Population served:	**Non high school graduates or transfer students**
Selection criteria:	**Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include the expected family contribution, family income and household size, GPA, years since high school graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education**
Number of new awards:	**41,000 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2020 deadline; 50 percent for CCC students who meet the September 2, 2020 deadline**

CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)	
Population served:	**Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking an occupational or technical training**
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**

STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (SWD)	
Population served:	**Students attending a UC, CSU, or California Community College (CCC) who have dependent children under the age of 18 by July 1, 2020 for whom they provide more than half of their support during the academic year.**
Award Amount:	**Access award up to $6,000 for qualifying Cal Grant A and B recipients and up to $4,000 for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.**

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. For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.

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