

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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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:	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA</i>	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA</i>	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings</i>
Application forms:	<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA</i>		<i>FAFSA or CADAA and Cal Grant C Supplement Form</i>
Minimum length of program:	<i>Two academic years, leading to a degree</i>	<i>One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate</i>	<i>Four months, in a recognized occupational or technical program</i>
Eligibility time limit:	<i>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)</i>		<i>Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less</i>
Minimum need for new recipients:	<i>Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500</i>
Type of assistance:	<i>Tuition and fee assistance only</i>	<i>Access award (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition and fee plus access award thereafter</i>	<i>Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs and books and supplies</i>
New recipient annual award amounts:	<i>CSU - \$5,742 UC - \$12,570 For-Profit (Non WASC) - \$4,000 For Profit (WASC) - \$8,056 Private Non-Profit - \$9,084</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Community College - \$1,094 Non-Community College - tuition, fees and training related costs up to \$2,462 and \$547 for books & supplies</i>
Special award category:	<i>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</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>None</i>
Renewal process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a FAFSA or CADAA - Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria - Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance - Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status 		

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:	<i>March 2, 2020</i>	<i>March 2, 2020</i>
Population served:	<i>2019-20 or 2020-21 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school</i>	<i>2019-20 or 2020-21 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA</i>
Number of new awards:	<i>All eligible students</i>	
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	<i>March 2, 2020</i>	<i>March 2, 2020</i>
Additional requirements:	<i>Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form, if identified as potentially eligible</i>	
Population served:	<i>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 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</i>	
Number of new awards:	<i>All eligible students</i>	
COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadlines:	<i>First deadline: March 2, 2020 Second deadline: September 2, 2020 for California Community College students</i>	
Population served:	<i>Students from low and middle-income families</i>	
Selection criteria:	<i>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.</i>	
Number of new awards:	<i>41,000 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2020 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2020 deadline</i>	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadline:	<i>March 2, 2020</i>	
Population served:	<i>Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a occupational or technical training</i>	
Number of new awards:	<i>7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill</i>	
Additional requirements:	<i>Completion of the C Supplement Form, if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible</i>	

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 or www.calgrants.org. For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.