California State Grants

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) administers the following programs for Community College:

- Cal Grant B, and C:
- California Chafee Grant
  - Offers to current or former foster youth student between age of 16 to 18
- Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant
  - Dependent or spouse of a California peace officer, investigator, highway patrol, marshals, sheriffs, police officers, firelighters, or certain other law enforcement employees who died or became 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.
- California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG)
  - Offers to students who attend the California Community College system (CCC)

Cal Grants

Students must meet the following general eligibility requirements for the Cal Grant Programs:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen or be classified as an AB 540 student by our Admissions & Records Office
- Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) (not require for AB540 student)
- Be a California resident
- Be attending at least half-time enrollment status
- Have financial need
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Have not already earned a BA/BS degree
- Attend an eligible California School
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan
- Not be incarcerated
- Meet income and asset ceilings as established by CSAC

Deadline dates:

Cal Grant Programs	Cal Grant GPA Verification Form	FAFSA Applicant	Dream Act Applicant
Cal Grant Entitlement Award	March 2, 2022	March 2, 2022	N/A
Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Award	September 2, 2022	September 2, 2022	N/A
Cal Grant Competitive Award	March 2, 2022	March 2, 2022	March 2, 2022

Students <u>must</u> submit a GPA Verification and FAFSA (or California Dream Act Application for AB 540 students) by the applicable deadlines to the California Student Aid Commission.

Note: GPA verification for students enrolled within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) will be electronically sent to the Commission by the deadline date <u>for those who meet the following criteria</u>:
- Completed 16 to 24 units within LACCD
- Had active enrollment status within the last 365 days prior to the application deadline

Contact Financial Aid & Scholarship Office if you have questions regarding your eligibility to have your GPA electronically sent and for other possible options.

Types of available Cal Grants:
Entitlement Grants
- **Cal Grant A**- (four year private or public university) provides grant funds to help pay for tuition/fees at qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs. If you receive a Cal Grant A but choose to attend a CA community college first, your award will be held in reserve for up to three years until you transfer to a four-year college.

- **Cal Grant B**- provides subsistence payments for recipients in the amount of $1,648 maximum for the academic year. Disbursement is based on enrollment status:
    - Full time - $1,648/year
    - Three Quarter time – $1,236/year
    - Half Time- $824/ year
    - Less than half time = not eligible
    *Cal Grant B recipients who transfer to a tuition/fee-charging school after completing one or two years at a community college may have their grant increased to include tuition and fees as well as subsistence.

- **Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Award –** This award is for eligible CA Community College students who are transferring to a four-year college and are under the age of 28 as of December 31st of the award year. Must apply by March 2 in the year you plan to transfer.
- Student who meets the qualification for the Dependent Children Award may receive up to $6000 per year.
- Student must meet the dependent children award criteria:
    - Dependent children must be 18 years of age and receive more than 50% of their support from the student.
    - The student must complete a self-certification on the California Student Aid Commission website, mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov
    - Institutions are required to resolve any conflicting information regarding student eligibility prior to disbursement

- Foster youth student who meets the eligibility requirements may receive up to $6000 per year. Certification will be provided by CSAC.

Competitive Grants
- **Cal Grant A and B Competitive Awards** - are used for the same purpose as the entitlement awards, except that they are not guaranteed and the number of awards is limited.

- **Cal Grant C**- recipients are selected based on financial need and vocational aptitude. Students must be enrolled in a vocational program at a California Community College, private college, or career technical school in a course of study lasting from four months to two years. Maximum annual award amount for community college recipient is $1,094. Student who meets the qualification for the Dependent Children Award may receive up to $4000 per academic year. Student must meet the dependent award criteria listed above to be eligible for the award.

California Chafee Grant:
Up to $5,000 a year for job training or college in addition to any other state or federal aid you receive.
- You are or were in foster care between 16 to 18
- Stay in school and maintain good grades
- Be enrolled at least half-time enrollment status
- Complete a Chafee Grant application, contact the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office for additional information

Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD) Grant
LEPD Grant program awards math the amount of a Cal Grant for up to four years.
- Dependent or spouse of a California peace officer, investigator, highway patrol, marshals, sheriffs, police officers, firelighters, or certain other law enforcement employees who died or became 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.
- Requires a Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant Application
- Visit wwww.csac.ca.gov and choose "Financial Aid Programs" for additional information