

# I'VE APPLIED FOR A CAL GRANT WHAT'S NEXT?

**CAL GRANT 101**

**Presented by Moorpark College  
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**CALIFORNIA  
STUDENT AID  
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# WHAT WE'LL COVER

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# WHAT IS WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS?

“WebGrants 4 Students” is a California Student Aid Commission website that:

- ▶ Provides secure, convenient and user-friendly 24-hour access to your Cal Grant
- ▶ Empowers you to stay on top of your grant application
- ▶ Provides valuable information about other types of financial aid
- ▶ Provides links to other related financial aid sites

[www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)

# CREATING A WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS ACCOUNT

Creating a WebGrants 4 Students Account offers YOU the tools to manage your own Cal Grant Award.

Enter your name as you did on the FAFSA Application.



The screenshot shows the 'WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In' page. On the left, a yellow information box contains the text: 'Enter your User ID and Password. Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive. Authorized Use Only'. Below this is an information icon 'i'. A green arrow points from the text 'Enter your name as you did on the FAFSA Application.' to the 'Sign-In' button. The sign-in form includes fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', followed by a 'Sign-in' button. Below the form are links for 'Create an Account' and 'Forgot your User ID and/or password? Having problems logging in?'.

Enter your User ID and Password.  
Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive.  
**Authorized Use Only**

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**WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In**

User ID

Password

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# Anything in the **RED** Requirements Section needs to be completed before a Cal Grant award can be offered.



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## Cal Grant Main

**What is the purpose of your visit today?**

- ◆ [Change My Address](#)
- ◆ [View My Application Status](#)
- ◆ [View My Award Detail](#)
- ◆ [View My CA Aid Report \(CAR\)](#)
- ◆ [View My Payment History](#)
- ◆ [Submit School Change or Leave of Absence](#)
- ◆ [Allow Third Party to Access My Account](#)
- ◆ [Cancel Third Party Access to My Account](#)

## Requirements Section

You are required to submit the necessary information below to complete the Cal Grant process. Your Cal Grant award has requirements that must be satisfied in order to receive your award.

- ◆ **Submit High School Graduation Confirmation** You can only certify after graduating. At that time, this link will become available.

# APPLICATION STATUS



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## Application Status

- Select either SSN or student ID Number on the drop-down then enter the corresponding number and then select the academic year in question on the drop down. Click on GO and your status for the Cal Grant Program will be displayed.
- Select the appropriate academic year, in the Search by Academic Year field, and select "Go".
- Click on the application status line for further explanation.

SSN  =  Academic Year = 2012-2013

College of Attendance: SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLL BKSFLD [School Change](#)

### Award Status Summary

Cal Grant A: Qualified - Not Awarded

Cal Grant B: Awarded

Cal Grant C: Not Awarded

### Award Cycle ID

Entitlement (E1)

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For more specific information, go to the Award Detail screen.

Application Status: Application has been processed.

### Required Applications


#### Apply for a Cal Grant:

FAFSA + Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification = a Cal Grant Application. You must apply by March 2 to maximize your opportunity to receive an award.

If you miss the March 2 Cal Grant deadline AND you plan to attend community college in the fall, you have until September 2 to apply.

#### Renew a Cal Grant:

If you've already received a Cal Grant, you don't need to submit a verified GPA to renew your award. You'll just need to submit a FAFSA to the federal processor. CSAC and your school will determine if you're still eligible to receive your Cal Grant, so be sure to include your school on your FAFSA.

A check mark  indicates the information has been received by the Commission.

✓ 2012-2013 FAFSA - Date App Rcvd: 03/01/2012 - Complete

✓ Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification

Submitted by:

GOLDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

GPA: 3.05

# STUDENT AWARD DETAIL



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## Student Award Detail

Search =  Academic Year =

CSAC ID:

### Award Status Summary

Cal Grant A: Qualified - Not Awarded

Cal Grant B: Awarded

Cal Grant C: Not Awarded

### Award Cycle ID

Entitlement (E1)

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### NEW Cal Grant A

Total Award Amount: \$12,944

School of Attendance: 02120703 00 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLL BKSFLD

Attendance Status:

Full Time

Housing Status:

WITH PARENTS

Remaining Eligibility (years):

3.00

Grade Point Average (GPA) :

3.05

Total Award Amount:

\$12,944

### NEW Cal Grant B

Total Award Amount: \$15,012

School of Attendance: 02120703 00 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLL BKSFLD

Attendance Status:

Full Time

Housing Status:

WITH PARENTS

Remaining Eligibility (years):

3.00

Grade Point Average (GPA) :

3.05

Total Award Amount:

\$15,012

Tuition/Fees:

\$12,944

Access/Books & Supplies:

\$2,068

Dependency Status: DEPENDEN

Parents' Total Income: \$19,499

Parents' Marital Status: MARRIED

Parents' Net Worth: \$0

Parents' Family Size: 3

Education Level (EL): 2

Family in College: 1


Registered Domestic Partner: No

# MAKING A SCHOOL CHANGE

- ▶ We will consider you for the top California schools listed on your FAFSA Application.
- ▶ Cal Grants may only be used at eligible California colleges and universities.
- ▶ Use your WebGrants Account to tell us where to send your Cal Grant.
- ▶ Your financial need will be reevaluated once you have made a school change.
- ▶ Look carefully for the school you want to select using the drop down menu.



# MAKING A SCHOOL CHANGE



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**School Change and Leave of Absence**

**This screen is designed for school change and/or leave of absence requests. Requests will be updated real time.**

- If you are changing your school of attendance, to avoid potential problems with your Cal Grant Award, please make sure that the school accepts your Cal Grant award type (A,B,C). On the "School Change To" drop-down menu below, you will see the Cal Grant Award type(s) accepted by each institution.
- If your current school of attendance (listed below) is incorrect, please update.
- To request a school change, select your new school and starting term.
- To request a leave of absence, select the term(s) you will not attend.
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen to see a history of your prior school changes and leave of absences. Place the cursor over the school code to view the school name.

Search = SSN  Academic Year = 2012-2013

**CSAC Users must use the WebGrants system to perform updates.**

Current School of Attendance:

02120703 - SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLL BKSFLD

Leave of Absence At Current School:

☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring

- AND/OR -

School Change To:

Term Change To Occur:

- AND/OR -

Leave of Absence At New School:

☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring

Drop Down  
List of eligible  
Cal Grant  
schools.



# A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

## **Using the School Change/LOA Link**

You can request a Cal Grant leave of absence if you are unable to attend at least half-time during part of the school year due to:

- ▶ Not getting into classes
- ▶ Campus enrollment caps
- ▶ Deciding to enroll the following term

# PRIVACY

- ▶ The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of your education records.
- ▶ If you are either 18 years or older or attending college, CSAC is unable to assist anyone, including your parent(s), with questions pertaining to your account without your permission.
- ▶ To give permission for a third party, like your Mom or Dad, to access your account information you can log into your webgrants4students account and click on, “Allow Third Party Access to My Account” or submit the Third Party Release Form located on [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov)

# CAL GRANT ENTITLEMENT

## YOU HAVE THREE CHANCES TO APPLY FOR A CAL GRANT

- ▶ As a high school senior
- ▶ Within one year after graduating from high school or receiving your GED
- ▶ As a California Community College transfer student, as long as you are under the age of 28 and meet the other program requirements

# HIGH SCHOOL CAL GRANT ENTITLEMENT AWARDS

- ▶ Awarded to recent high school graduates or equivalent (GED)
- ▶ High school GPA is required
- ▶ Must meet minimum GPA, income and asset ceilings, and general eligibility requirements
- ▶ Potentially unlimited number of awards

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

- ▶ Your Cal Grant Entitlement award is tentative and will remain on hold until you verify your High School Graduation Date
- ▶ AFTER YOU GRADUATE log back in to your Webgrants4Students account to certify you graduated from high school
- ▶ Using your account to certify your high school graduation will remove your hold within minutes

# TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT AWARDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO 4 YEAR

- ▶ This Cal Grant is for students attending a California Community College (CCC) and are transferring to a 4 year college or university
- ▶ California Community College GPA required
- ▶ Meet minimum GPA, income and asset ceilings, and eligibility requirements
- ▶ Potentially unlimited number of awards

# USE OF YOUR CAL GRANT AWARD AT A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- ▶ Cal Grant A automatically put in reserve for two years while attending a Community College
- ▶ Cal Grant B can be used at a Community College
- ▶ Cal Grant C payable at a CC



# CAL GRANT A HELD IN RESERVE

- ▶ Award Held in Reserve
- ▶ The awards are held in CCC Reserve status and are automatically renewed for up to two years if enrollment continued at the community college
- ▶ Your Cal Grant funds may become available to you when you transfer to an Cal Grant eligible, degree-granting, tuition/fee-charging school, if you meet all the renewal requirements at the time of transfer.
- ▶ You may request a third year of reserve in writing, if your reason is beyond your control, by submitting an appeal form.

# QUALIFIED FOR BOTH CAL GRANT A & B

- ▶ Some students meet the eligibility requirements for both Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B
- ▶ But, students can only have one Cal Grant award at a time
- ▶ Student must evaluate their long-term educational goal to determine the best Cal Grant award for them

# CAL GRANT A PAYS

- ▶ **University of California**
  - ▶ \$12192 (Tuition/Fees)
- ▶ **California State University**
  - ▶ \$ 5472 (Tuition/Fees)
- ▶ **Community College**
  - ▶ \$1473 or Award is held in Reserve
- ▶ **Private / Proprietary**
  - ▶ \$9084 (Tuition/Fees)

# CAL GRANT B PAYS

- ▶ **University of California**

- ▶ \$12192 (Tuition /Fees) \$1473 (Access)
- ▶ Only Pays Access the Freshman Year

- ▶ **California State University**

- ▶ \$ 5472 (Tuition/Fees) \$1473 (Access)
- ▶ Only Pays Access the Freshman Year

- ▶ **Community College**

- ▶ \$ 1473 (Access)

- ▶ **Private / Proprietary**

- ▶ Up to \$9084 (Tuition/Fees) \$1473 (Access)
- ▶ Only Pays Access the Freshman Year

# HOW LONG MIGHT I HAVE A CAL GRANT?

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> time freshman are potentially eligible for up to four years of Cal Grant payment
- ▶ What is your educational goal - an Associate Degree or a Bachelors Degree?
  - ▶ Use your eligibility wisely
  - ▶ Save eligibility for when you transfer
  - ▶ Can take breaks by using a Leave of Absence

# RENEWING YOUR CAL GRANT

- ▶ File a FAFSA Application every year you are in college
- ▶ Do not need to submit a GPA
- ▶ Meet income and asset ceilings. These requirements can be found at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- ▶ Meet minimum financial need criteria
- ▶ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- ▶ Attend a Cal Grant eligible school located in California

# MISSED THE MARCH 2 DEADLINE?

- ▶ You can file an appeal with the Commission if you were not able to submit your FAFSA or your GPA on-time due to circumstances beyond your control.
- ▶ CSAC must receive an appeal by May 16, 2014.
- ▶ You can find the Cal Grant Appeals Form at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Search for Participant Forms and Applications.

# AWARD CYCLES

- ▶ March 2 Entitlement (Began Awarding in Late February)
- ▶ March 2 Transfer Entitlement (May)
- ▶ September 2 New Competitive (October) based on funding levels



# CSAC CONTACT INFORMATION

- ▶ WebGrants for Students: [webgrants4students.org](http://webgrants4students.org)
- ▶ Internet Access: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) or [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
- ▶ E-mail: [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov)
- ▶ Telephone: Toll-free (888) 224-7268
- ▶ Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

# THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

*We work to make education beyond high school financially accessible for all Californians.*