

# CAL GRANTS

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## What is a Cal Grant?

Cal Grant awards are state funded monetary grants given to students to help pay for college expenses. The awards do not have to be paid back.

## How to apply for a Cal Grant

### Step One:

- Complete and submit the [online Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) the FAFSA form is a federal form that must be filed by any student who wants to be considered for college financial aid. For a Cal Grant, the FAFSA must be completed and filed with the federal processor by March 2\* of each year. Get a federal personal identification number, or [PIN](#), to electronically sign the FAFSA on the Web. If you're a dependent student, your parents can also get a PIN to e-sign your FAFSA.
- You can also download a [PDF version of the FAFSA](#) which you will need to mail for processing. Or call toll free 800.433.3243 to have a paper FAFSA sent to you. If you'll be mailing the FAFSA or the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, be sure to make a copy for your records and obtain a Certificate of Mailing (\$1.05 in addition to postage) from the Post Office so that you can verify the date you mailed your forms.

**\*Missed the March 2 deadline?** There is a secondary deadline, specifically for California Community College students, September 2. Submit the required forms before the September 2 deadline to be considered for this specific Cal Grant. There is a limited number available.

### Step Two:

- File a verified grade point average (GPA) with the California Student Aid Commission by no later than March 2\*. **TRUCKEE HIGH SCHOOL SUBMITS STUDENTS' GPAs ELECTRONICALLY; PLEASE CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR.**

**For more information:** <http://www.calgrant.org/>

## Cal Grant GPA Requirement

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In addition to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), to apply for a Cal Grant a school certified GPA must be submitted to the Commission by the March 2, 2012 filing deadline.

### Filing for the March 2 Award Cycle

To be considered for this award, you must complete both of these requirements: First, a 2010-11 FAFSA must be completed with the Federal processor by the March 2 deadline. Second, you must ensure that a certified GPA is submitted to the Commission by March 2, 2012.

Cal Grant GPAs will be accepted only if certified by a school electronically **or** on the paper GPA Verification form. **No transcripts** are accepted. The fastest and most secure way for a student to submit his or her Cal Grant GPA is to have their school electronically upload the GPA directly to the Commission's system. Please ask your school to submit your GPA electronically to the Commission by the March 2, 2012 filing deadline.

**Please note: The Commission will not process any GPAs that may have been submitted in prior years. In order for a student to be considered for a 2011-12 Cal Grant award, a new GPA form must be received by the Commission by the stated deadline.**

### WebGrants for Students

Are you wondering if your Cal Grant GPA has been received by the Commission? After you have filed a FAFSA, you can go online and check the status of your Cal Grant application by logging on to [WebGrants for Students](#) and creating a WebGrants for Students account. This secure site will let you view the status of your Cal Grant or Chafee Grant application, update your address, view payment history, or report your college of attendance to the Commission.