



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2020-21 CalFresh Benefits**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the start of the 2020-21 CalFresh notification process for eligible Cal Grant students.

2020-21 CalFresh Benefits

- Pursuant to the passage of Assembly Bill 214 on Postsecondary Education Student Hunger, the Commission is tasked with notifying Cal Grant recipients who meet eligibility requirements under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program about their potential eligibility for the CalFresh program.
- The Commission sends notifications to eligible Cal Grant recipients to inform them of their potential Cal Fresh eligibility and encourage them to apply to receive this benefit that could help offset some of their college expenses.
- Students with inquiries regarding the CalFresh notification should contact CalFresh at 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD). For additional questions regarding CalFresh eligibility and application process, please direct your students to your campus CalFresh office or the county office.

TANF Flag

- The TANF eligible flag field on the Display Roster screen in WebGrants allows campuses to create their own customized roster and generate reports as needed.
- TANF eligible students will show a "Y", if not eligible the field is null (blank).
- The customized roster allows campuses to include the TANF flag field to determine whether TANF eligible students have been paid or not.
- The field only exists on the Display Roster screen and has not been added to the Grant Roster file layout.

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Enclosure: 2020-21 CalFresh Notification

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