



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2022-23 WebGrants College Cost Estimate Screen**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the 2022-23 College Cost Estimate screen in WebGrants. The Cost Estimate information provided by each institution will be used by the Commission to determine the financial need and award amounts for 2022-23 Cal Grant applicants.

College Cost Estimate Screen

The Commission anticipates processing preliminary 2022-23 Cal Grant awards for the High School Entitlement program in November 2021. Therefore, the WebGrants College Cost Estimate screen must be updated and completed by **October 29, 2021**.

- Please update the 2022-23 estimated cost information by overwriting the pre-populated fields. If 2022-23 cost estimates are not available, please update this information with the final 2021-22 figures.
- If updated information for the 2022-23 academic year is not provided by October 30, 2021, the Commission will use data from the 2021-22 year.
- Access to the Cost Estimate screen is granted by each institution's WebGrants System Administrator.

Clarification of Budget Information

- Institutions must provide cost information for three budgets:
 - On-Campus
 - Off-Campus
 - With Parents
- Enter the budget information for **all estimated attendance expenses excluding tuition and fees**. Enter tuition and fees separately.
- The tuition, fees, and three budgets should match the amounts the institution will use when determining financial need for the 2022-23 financial aid award year. This will ensure that accurate Cal Grant awards can be made for each campus.

- Institutions with an **optional summer term** should submit two College Cost Estimates: one for the regular terms (program code 00), and one with the summer tuition and fees included (program code 01).
- Institutions with a **mandatory summer term** should submit one College Cost Estimate with the summer tuition and fees included.

High School Graduation Verification Opt Out

If an institution opts out of the high school graduation date verification process on the College Cost Estimate screen, students attending the campus will not be required to verify their high school graduation date. This option might be used by institutions that require high school graduation as part of their admission requirements.

- Campuses assume the liability for any new Entitlement Cal Grant funds disbursed to students who have not graduated high school, or achieved the equivalent, as required by law.
- A student who transfers to another school that does not “opt out” will be required to have their graduation status verified prior to disbursement at the new campus.

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