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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Cal Grant C Awards

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2023-24 Cal Grant C awards (C3 cycle).

Cal Grant C Eligibility

As announced in [GOM 2022-13](#), students not previously awarded in Cal Grant A or B cycles may be eligible for a Cal Grant C. Cal Grant C eligible students are awarded separately and have the cycle ID of 'C3' on the display roster.

Students are considered eligible for Cal Grant C if they meet the following criteria:

- Submit a FAFSA or CADAA by the September 2nd* deadline (this Cal Grant C deadline also applies to students not in attendance at California Community Colleges).
- List a Cal Grant C eligible school, in any position on the FAFSA or CADAA
 - School can be a private proprietary, non-profit, or California Community College
- Are not awarded Cal Grant A or B in any of the entitlement or competitive cycles.
- Indicated they will be pursuing an occupational, technical, vocational, or other degree/certificate on the FAFSA or CADAA.

2023-24 Cal Grant C Awards

- 2023-24 Cal Grant C awards were processed on September 29 and a total of 5,681 students received a preliminary award offer.
- Students must complete the Cal Grant C Supplement via [WebGrants 4 Students](#) to confirm program eligibility.
- Institutions can download the *Cal C Supplement Recipient Report* in WebGrants to confirm submission of students' Cal Grant C Supplement forms.
- California Community Colleges (CCC) maximum award is \$1,094 for books and supplies.

- Maximum award amount for other qualifying colleges and universities is \$2,462 for tuition and fees, plus an additional \$547 for books and supplies.
- Students with dependent children and foster youth students attending a CCC or private nonprofit institution may be eligible for an access award up to \$4,000.
- Institutions may use the Cal Grant Award Status Extract (ASE) process to identify their Cal Grant eligible students. The ASE process runs on a weekly basis. The ASE procedures and file specifications can be found under the “Help” Menu in WebGrants.
- The Commission may pay a total of 7,761 Cal Grant C awards in the 2023-24 academic year.

Institutions can create a customized roster to identify these newly awarded students.

- Institutions should watch the [Customizing Roster Training Video](#)
- Cal Grant C students processed under the ‘C3’ cycle can be identified by selecting the “C” under the program code option.

Program Code	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C
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**Due to September 2, 2023, falling on a Saturday, followed by the Labor Day holiday on September 4, 2023, financial aid applications (FAFSA and CADAA) and GPAs submitted/postmarked through September 5, 2023, will be considered on-time.*

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