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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: 2024-25 Cal Grant High School Entitlement Award Offers

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the initial 2024-25 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (EI) award cycle and communicates an update to the 2024-25 Grant Roster Data File.

2024-25 Preliminary EI Award Offers

- Following the late opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA), the Commission ran its initial EI award cycle on May 3, 2024.
- **116,354** preliminary awards were offered to current high school seniors and 2024 high school graduates. **2,866** of the preliminary awards were offered to California Dream Act applicants.
- The Commission will continue to process applications weekly throughout the academic year.

College Claiming Process

- Students who have a tentative award will be able to confirm their school of attendance via WebGrants for Students (WG4S). As communicated by Federal Student Aid, initial batches of 2024-25 ISIRs were sent with school codes not listed in the order the student entered them on the FAFSA and this may result in a higher percentage of students needing to do school changes. Therefore, the Commission has opened the school confirmation and school change functions with this initial award run. School changes **will not** be on hold as previously communicated in [GOM 2024-16](#).
 - EI preliminary awardees have received the enclosed communication.
 - Students should not confirm their school of attendance unless they have been accepted by the college and submitted their intent to enroll.
 - As students complete this step, the 2024-25 award amounts at Cal Grant eligible institutions will be reflected on the students' California Aid Report and WG4S account.

- Colleges will be able to claim Cal Grant eligible students by submitting School Change Upload files beginning today. The WebGrants Display Roster will populate with Cal Grant eligible students who have confirmed their college of attendance via WG4S, and as institutions submit School Change Upload files. The Award Status Extract (ASE) process is also available to identify Cal Grant awardees. The ASE file specifications will remain the same as in prior years.

Cal Grant Eligible Institutions

- A list of 2024-25 Cal Grant Eligible Institutions is available on the Commission's [website](#).
- The Commission's system will default to the first Cal Grant eligible institution for EI award consideration.
- Students who only list ineligible institutions on their FAFSA will receive an "Application on Hold" notification requesting they select an eligible institution on the Application Correction screen in WG4S. The student will be reprocessed once they select an eligible institution.
- The CADAA does not let students choose an ineligible institution.

2024-25 Grant Roster Data File – Update

- An updated version of the 2024-25 Grant Roster Data File Specifications has been posted on the Commission's [website](#). The following fields were updated since the last version announced in [GOM 2024-15](#).
 - Grant Roster Input Detail Record Filler: length updated **from 67 to 9** for a total record length of **480**.
 - Field 101 ABC Program Status Flag: field length updated **from 4 to 3** and total record length updated to **543**.

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Enclosure: Cal Grant High School Entitlement Preliminary Award Notification and Checklist

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