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**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
2012-13 CAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS**

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**Legislative Report Requirement**  
Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) requires that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) annually report to the Legislature and Governor on the number of Cal Grant applicants and new and continuing recipients each year. The data shall include at a minimum the following recipient information: educational level, grade point average, and segment of attendance.

The Commission is the state's principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission's primary programmatic responsibilities include administration of the Cal Grant Program, the Chafee Grant Program and several targeted state scholarship and loan assumption programs. The Commission administers financial aid awareness and outreach programs, such as Cal-SOAP and Cash for College, in collaboration with business, private industry, and community-based organizations.

The Commission consists of 15 appointed members. Eleven members are appointed by the Governor and represent segments of the State's higher education community, postsecondary education students, and the general public. In addition, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee each appoint two Commission members as representatives of the general public.

In its policy decision-making, the Commission receives advice and recommendations from its staff and from ad hoc committees comprised of individuals that represent colleges and universities, secondary schools, student groups, the business community, lending institutions, and various levels of government. The Commission's strong tradition of public participation stems from its commitment to continuous improvement and responsiveness in the development and delivery of its financial aid programs and services.

With the transfer of the state's federal student loan program to Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), the Commission has benefited from a public-private partnership with ECMC. ECMC is providing services to the Commission and has provided over \$345 million to the Cal Grant Program and \$1 million to the Cash for College scholarship program.

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2000, Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), also known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, was signed into law. This historic bill changed the Cal Grant Program, which previously consisted of Cal Grant A awards, Cal Grant B awards, Cal Grant C awards, and Cal Grant T awards. The Cal Grant Program currently consists of the following components: High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, and the existing Cal Grant C award.

Schools or postsecondary institutions seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program must meet various statutory eligibility requirements. Since 2011-12, an additional requirement for institutional eligibility was implemented which required schools to meet a federal student loan three-year Cohort Default Rate threshold. Beginning in 2012-13, a second requirement for institutional eligibility was implemented which required schools to meet a graduation rate

threshold. Eligible Cal Grant schools received Cal Grant funds for new and renewal Cal Grant recipients. Ineligible Cal Grant schools received Cal Grant funds only for renewal Cal Grant recipients who attended the same school prior to the school becoming ineligible and who continued at the school in 2012-13. However, the maximum Cal Grant award was reduced by 20 percent.

Renewing Cal Grant recipients must meet various statutory eligibility requirements in order to continue in the Cal Grant Program. Since 2011-12, California law redefined the way that a renewing recipient's financial need would be determined. Renewing recipients had to meet Income and Asset Ceilings and minimum need criteria to satisfy the financial need requirement.

Cal Grant A awards provide for full systemwide fees at the California State University and the University of California, as well as tuition support at eligible independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges to qualified low- and middle-income students. Cal Grant B awards provide funds to qualified low-income disadvantaged students. For first-year students, Cal Grant B awards provide up to \$1,473 for books and living expenses. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, the Cal Grant B award also helps pay for tuition and fees at eligible Cal Grant schools. For new and renewal recipients at the California State University, the 2012-13 systemwide fee was \$5,472. At the University of California, the 2012-13 systemwide fee was \$12,192. For new and renewal recipients at eligible independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges, both the Cal Grant A and B awards provided up to a maximum tuition and fee grant of \$9,223. Renewal recipients at ineligible independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges received up to 80 percent of the maximum tuition and fee grant of \$9,223.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form by the statutory deadlines is the first step for students to be considered for a Cal Grant award. Over the 1,312,400 students who were successful in completing this first step in the 2012-13 award year, over 827,100, or 63 percent, did not meet the financial and basic eligibility criteria. The basic eligibility criteria that students failed to meet include not being a California resident, not listing a California college or university seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program on the FAFSA, and having already graduated with a bachelor's degree.

In addition to meeting financial and basic eligibility criteria, there are academic and other requirements specific to each component as indicated below.

### **High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2012-13 new High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to students who graduated from high school in 2010-11 or 2011-12. The High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards required a minimum 3.0 and 2.0 GPA, respectively.

Beginning with the 2008-09 award year, new High School Entitlement Cal Grant recipients were required to provide confirmation of high school graduation prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds.

## **California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2012-13 new California Community College Transfer Entitlement (Transfer Entitlement) Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to every student who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000, was a California resident at the time of high school graduation, transferred to a qualifying baccalaureate-degree granting institution from a California Community College during the award year, was under the age of 28 at the time of the transfer, and had a minimum California Community College GPA of 2.4.

Beginning with the 2006-07 award year, new Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant recipients were required to provide confirmation of meeting the above eligibility requirements prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds. Also, 10 percent of the new and renewal awards were randomly selected for campus-level verification that the recipients met the eligibility requirements prior to the Commission disbursing any Cal Grant funds.

## **Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2012-13 new Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards were available to California students who did not receive a new High School or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award. The Competitive Cal Grant A awards required a minimum 3.0 high school GPA or a minimum 2.4 college GPA. The Competitive Cal Grant B awards required a minimum 2.0 high school or college GPA. Qualifying applicants competed for the 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards. Fifty percent of these awards were available to all applicants who met the eligibility criteria and applied by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> application deadline. The remaining fifty percent were reserved for students who enrolled at a California Community College and applied by the September 2<sup>nd</sup> application deadline.

## **Cal Grant C Awards**

The 2012-13 new Cal Grant C awards were available to low- and middle-income students receiving occupational or technical training in a course that was at least four months long. Qualifying applicants who completed and returned a Cal Grant C Supplement competed for 7,761 Cal Grant C awards. For new and renewal recipients, the tuition and fee award was up to \$2,462 and the allowance for training-related costs (such as: books, tools and equipment) was \$547.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS**

In the 2012-13 award year, of the approximately 1,312,400 students who applied for a new Cal Grant, over 485,200, or 37 percent, qualified for a Cal Grant award. Of the over 485,200 qualified applicants, nearly 190,300 were offered a Cal Grant award.

The following tables summarize the 2012-13 new and continuing Cal Grant recipients. These recipients may have attended an eligible or ineligible Cal Grant school. These statistics do not reflect the actual number of recipients who ultimately used their Cal Grant (received payment) to attend college.

Note: This report as well as other reports produced by the Commission can be viewed on the Commission's Website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

## ACRONYMS

These acronyms are used in the following tables:

CCC	California Community Colleges
CSU	California State University
ICU	Independent Colleges and Universities
PCC	Private Career Colleges
UC	University of California

## NOTES

- TABLE 3** Although new September Competitive Cal Grant awards are offered to students enrolled at a California Community College meeting the September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, the data reflects recipients who subsequently transfer from the community colleges to tuition-charging institutions.
- TABLE 5** Cal Grant C applicants are not required to submit a GPA.
- TABLE 6** The educational level is the self-reported grade level the student indicates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- TABLE 12** The Average GPA for Cal Grant C and All Components is an average of the reported GPAs.

**TABLE 1**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New and Renewal Recipients by Award Type**

Recipients	Cal Grant A		Cal Grant B		Cal Grant C		All Components	
New	52,578	28%	128,426	67%	9,288	5%	190,292	100%
Renewal	71,835	35%	126,243	62%	5,879	3%	203,957	100%
All	124,413	32%	254,669	65%	15,167	4%	394,249	100%

**TABLE 2**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New and Renewal Recipients by Component**

Recipients	High School Entitlement		Transfer Entitlement		March Competitive		September Competitive		Cal Grant C		All Components	
New	119,547	63%	35,220	19%	12,964	7%	13,273	7%	9,288	5%	190,292	100%
Renewal	155,537	76%	11,304	6%	12,398	6%	18,839	9%	5,879	3%	203,957	100%
All	275,084	70%	46,524	12%	25,362	6%	32,112	8%	15,167	4%	394,249	100%

**TABLE 3**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New and Renewal Recipients by Component and Segment**

Segment	Status	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
CCC	New	4,611	32	254	483	5,380	41,558	169	6,841	12,739	61,307	6,030	72,717	38%
	Renewal	5,484	26	240	427	6,177	41,416	25	6,663	15,276	63,380	4,218	73,775	36%
	Total	10,095	58	494	910	11,557	82,974	194	13,504	28,015	124,687	10,248	146,492	37%
UC	New	19,705	1,842	24	3	21,574	1,670	4,731	279	4	6,684	3	28,261	15%
	Renewal	31,619	1,156	47	46	32,868	7,016	1,879	555	631	10,081	3	42,952	21%
	Total	51,324	2,998	71	49	54,442	8,686	6,610	834	635	16,765	6	71,213	18%
CSU	New	8,420	5,131	55		13,606	28,491	18,382	1,125	16	48,014		61,620	32%
	Renewal	14,752	1,832	170	152	16,906	34,752	4,609	1,481	1,583	42,425		59,331	29%
	Total	23,172	6,963	225	152	30,512	63,243	22,991	2,606	1,599	90,439	0	120,951	31%
ICU	New	8,421	1,158	124	8	9,711	2,199	2,565	545	16	5,325	100	15,136	8%
	Renewal	12,559	618	206	97	13,480	2,692	896	624	471	4,683	79	18,242	9%
	Total	20,980	1,776	330	105	23,191	4,891	3,461	1,169	487	10,008	179	33,378	8%
PCC	New	1,007	294	1,006		2,307	3,465	916	2,711	4	7,096	3,155	12,558	7%
	Renewal	1,661	134	591	18	2,404	3,586	129	1,821	138	5,674	1,579	9,657	5%
	Total	2,668	428	1,597	18	4,711	7,051	1,045	4,532	142	12,770	4,734	22,215	6%
All Segments	New	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100%
	Renewal	66,075	3,766	1,254	740	71,835	89,462	7,538	11,144	18,099	126,243	5,879	203,957	100%
	Total	108,239	12,223	2,717	1,234	124,413	166,845	34,301	22,645	30,878	254,669	15,167	394,249	100%

**TABLE 4**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients**  
**Highest School Completed by Father and/or Mother by Component and Educational Level**

Highest School Completed by Recipient's Father and/or Mother	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
High School or less	47%	42%	61%	64%	47%	58%	46%	61%	60%	56%	49%	53%	
College or beyond	45%	53%	18%	10%	45%	26%	46%	16%	16%	28%	39%	33%	
Unknown	8%	5%	21%	26%	8%	16%	8%	23%	24%	16%	12%	14%	
Recipients	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	

**TABLE 5**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients by Component and Grade Point Average (GPA)**

GPA	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
3.75 - 4.00	10,933	780	443	170	12,326	2,588	1,676	2,897	3,057	10,218	454	22,998	12.1%
3.50 - 3.74	10,520	1,096	331	124	12,071	4,960	2,714	2,333	2,606	12,613	458	25,142	13.2%
3.25 - 3.49	10,242	1,530	287	85	12,144	7,615	4,216	2,357	2,451	16,639	618	29,401	15.5%
3.00 - 3.24	10,469	1,827	238	74	12,608	11,275	5,648	2,085	2,413	21,421	746	34,775	18.3%
2.75 - 2.99		1,637	127	34	1,798	13,642	5,786	1,119	1,335	21,882	757	24,437	12.8%
2.50 - 2.74		1,219	30	7	1,256	14,320	5,123	564	721	20,728	686	22,670	11.9%
2.25 - 2.49		368	7		375	12,136	1,600	145	183	14,064	655	15,094	7.9%
2.00 - 2.24						10,847		1	13	10,861	485	11,346	6.0%
Less than 2.00											439	439	0.2%
Not reported											3,990	3,990	2.1%
All GPAs	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100.0%



**TABLE 6**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients by Component and Educational Level**

Educational Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Freshman	41,118	448	1,012	228	42,806	75,651	388	3,087	6,405	85,531	4,203	132,540	69.7%
Sophomore	1,044	999	284	265	2,592	1,723	3,169	6,137	6,370	17,399	4,608	24,599	12.9%
Junior	2	5,544	98		5,644	9	16,387	1,212	2	17,610	161	23,415	12.3%
Senior		1,466	69	1	1,536		6,819	1,065	2	7,886	316	9,738	5.1%
All Levels	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100.0%

**TABLE 7**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients by Component and Dependency Status**

Dependency Status	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Dependent	41,154	7,964	125	36	49,279	68,932	10,501	1,955	3,507	84,895	1,417	135,591	71.3%
Independent	1,010	493	1,338	458	3,299	8,451	16,262	9,546	9,272	43,531	7,871	54,701	28.7%
All Statuses	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100.0%

**TABLE 8**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Dependent Recipients**  
**by Component and Parental Income**

Parental Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$12,000	3,910	27	52	7	3,996	19,216	2,994	946	1,626	24,782	367	29,145	21%
\$12,000 - \$23,999	5,470	34	44	3	5,551	21,678	3,180	669	1,281	26,808	255	32,614	24%
\$24,000 - \$35,999	5,188	130	15	5	5,338	18,138	2,863	292	513	21,806	252	27,396	20%
\$36,000 - \$47,999	6,843	1,448	7	14	8,312	9,221	1,372	47	84	10,724	210	19,246	14%
\$48,000 - \$59,999	8,086	2,565	6	7	10,664	679	92	1	3	775	148	11,587	9%
\$60,000 - \$71,999	6,931	2,292	1		9,224					0	106	9,330	7%
\$72,000 - \$83,999	4,001	1,219			5,220					0	63	5,283	4%
\$84,000 - \$92,999	725	249			974					0	16	990	1%
All Levels	41,154	7,964	125	36	49,279	68,932	10,501	1,955	3,507	84,895	1,417	135,591	100%

**TABLE 9**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Independent Recipients**  
**by Component and Student Income**

Student Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$6,000	874	72	288	1	1,235	7,617	6,664	3,426	3,381	21,088	2,741	25,064	46%
\$6,000 - \$11,999	47	39	120	3	209	396	3,651	1,637	1,497	7,181	1,160	8,550	16%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	22	29	107	3	161	150	2,800	1,381	1,373	5,704	1,147	7,012	13%
\$18,000 - \$23,999	17	28	102	1	148	104	1,829	1,248	1,184	4,365	935	5,448	10%
\$24,000 - \$29,999	3	10	77		90	93	1,042	846	922	2,903	599	3,592	7%
\$30,000 - \$35,999	4	18	104	46	172	45	213	665	587	1,510	306	1,988	4%
\$36,000 - \$41,999	3	58	186	129	376	32	54	280	260	626	212	1,214	2%
\$42,000 - \$47,999	8	77	172	141	398	11	9	54	55	129	196	723	1%
\$48,000 and over	32	162	182	134	510	3		9	13	25	575	1,110	2%
All Levels	1,010	493	1,338	458	3,299	8,451	16,262	9,546	9,272	43,531	7,871	54,701	100%

**TABLE 10**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients by Component and Age**

Age	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
18 or under	33,639	64	8	15	33,726	56,691	50	35	718	57,494	100	91,320	48%
19	8,109	155	6	10	8,280	18,859	151	114	782	19,906	204	28,390	15%
20 -23	393	7,803	215	16	8,427	1,684	12,106	2,635	3,064	19,489	1,828	29,744	16%
24		94	54	9	157	12	5,125	424	433	5,994	576	6,727	4%
25 - 29	10	341	306	82	739	46	9,331	2,316	2,353	14,046	2,318	17,103	9%
30 or over	13		874	362	1,249	91		5,977	5,429	11,497	4,262	17,008	9%
All Ages	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100%

**TABLE 11**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients by Component and Gender**

Gender	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Female	26,154	4,746	1,124	371	32,395	45,856	14,426	8,477	8,803	77,562	6,005	115,962	61%
Male	16,010	3,711	339	123	20,183	31,527	12,337	3,024	3,976	50,864	3,283	74,330	39%
All Genders	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292	100%

**TABLE 12**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2012-13 New Recipients**  
**Average GPA, Income, and Age by Component and Segment**

Segment	Category	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total		
CCC	Average GPA	3.34	3.13	3.52	3.54	3.37	2.68	3.03	3.40	3.39	2.91	2.87	2.94
	Average Income	\$59,425	\$58,308	\$44,925	\$44,086	\$57,356	\$17,562	\$17,370	\$11,929	\$13,031	\$15,991	\$17,725	\$19,195
	Average Age	18	21	38	36	21	18	23	33	30	22	32	23
	Recipients	4,611	32	254	483	5,380	41,558	169	6,841	12,739	61,307	6,030	72,717
UC	Average GPA	3.59	3.36	3.56	3.56	3.57	2.86	3.31	3.66	3.69	3.21	3.42	3.49
	Average Income	\$34,847	\$57,872	\$20,833	\$5,613	\$36,793	\$20,548	\$14,493	\$11,766	\$13,839	\$15,892	\$27,617	\$31,849
	Average Age	18	21	26	19	18	18	23	27	30	22	33	19
	Recipients	19,705	1,842	24	3	21,574	1,670	4,731	279	4	6,684	3	28,261
CSU	Average GPA	3.38	3.07	3.51		3.26	3.02	3.00	3.43	3.43	3.02		3.08
	Average Income	\$59,620	\$59,059	\$45,068		\$59,350	\$19,751	\$13,867	\$13,693	\$16,587	\$17,355		\$26,628
	Average Age	18	22	37		20	18	24	32	32	21		20
	Recipients	8,420	5,131	55	0	13,606	28,491	18,382	1,125	16	48,014	0	61,620
ICU	Average GPA	3.51	3.20	3.42	3.49	3.47	2.67	3.11	3.43	3.50	2.96	2.78	3.29
	Average Income	\$39,385	\$56,681	\$28,572	\$27,861	\$41,300	\$19,455	\$14,093	\$16,203	\$13,883	\$16,523	\$21,950	\$32,455
	Average Age	18	22	36	35	19	18	23	34	33	22	30	20
	Recipients	8,421	1,158	124	8	9,711	2,199	2,565	545	16	5,325	100	15,136
PCC	Average GPA	3.31	2.94	3.48		3.34	2.51	2.92	3.41	3.06	2.91	2.82	2.98
	Average Income	\$31,352	\$41,913	\$19,525		\$27,541	\$17,870	\$12,313	\$14,520	\$10,507	\$15,869	\$19,755	\$18,989
	Average Age	19	23	32		25	19	24	32	29	25	30	26
	Recipients	1,007	294	1,006	0	2,307	3,465	916	2,711	4	7,096	3,155	12,558
All Segments	Average GPA	3.50	3.15	3.49	3.54	3.44	2.80	3.06	3.41	3.39	2.97	2.85	3.10
	Average Income	\$43,305	\$57,876	\$25,683	\$43,589	\$45,161	\$18,500	\$13,968	\$12,911	\$13,036	\$16,511	\$18,463	\$24,522
	Average Age	18	22	33	36	19	18	24	32	30	22	32	22
	Recipients	42,164	8,457	1,463	494	52,578	77,383	26,763	11,501	12,779	128,426	9,288	190,292