

Applying for a Cal Grant

The Cal Grant is money for college funded by the State of California and administered by the California Student Aid Commission. To apply, you must complete two forms: FAFSA (or the California Dream Act) and GPA Verification Form.



1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at WWW.FAFSA.GOV .

*You must apply by **March 2nd** to maximize your opportunity to receive a Cal Grant award. If you miss the March 2nd Cal Grant deadline **AND** you plan to attend a community college in the fall, you have until September 2nd to apply. However, the number of Cal Grant awards is limited— the earlier you apply, the higher your chances are of receiving the grant.*

Undocumented student are eligible to apply for the Cal Grant by completing the California Dream Act Application at WWW.CALDREAMACT.ORG by March 2nd every year. Undocumented students are not likely to receive the Cal Grant if the application is submitted after March 2nd.

2. Complete GPA Verification form.

Because GPA is one of the factors used to determine Cal Grant eligibility, applicants are also required to provide a verified GPA form to the California Student Aid Commission by **March 2nd**. You may print a copy of the GPA form online at www.calgrants.org or stop by the Financial Aid Office to request a copy. GPA Verification forms must be verified by (1) your high school's Admissions Office if you have *less* units or *than* 24 college (2) your college's Admission Office if you have *at least* 24 college semester units or equivalent. If you are not sure, visit the Financial Aid Office during drop in hours to speak to a coordinator.

3. Check the status of your application on WebGrants for Students.

Once you've completed both applications, your eligibility will be determined by the California Student Aid Commission. You may check the status of your application, visit www.webgrants4students.org. The California Student Aid Commission will also send notification letters via email.

To learn more about the Cal Grant Program, visit

www.calgrants.org