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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 Cal Grant Award Processing Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the processing of the 2018-19 Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement and March 2 Competitive awards.

2018-19 Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Awards

- The Commission has identified and sent notifications to **29,710** applicants with potential eligibility for the CCC Transfer Entitlement Award.

  o Potentially eligible applicants for the 2018-19 Transfer Entitlement Award will continue to be processed on a weekly basis throughout the academic year.

- Notified applicants must complete the Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement (G-6) self-certification form by logging into their WebGrants for Students account at www.webgrants4students.org

  o The Commission will continue to process the G-6 self-certification forms on a weekly basis.

2018-19 Cal Grant March 2 Competitive Awards

- Over **174,805** financially eligible applicants were considered for the 12,875 March 2 Competitive awards.

- Applicants with a score of **653** or above were offered a Competitive Cal Grant.

- The scoring matrix for the 2018-19 award year had a maximum possible applicant score of 1000 points. The current scoring matrix is available on the Commission's website.

  o The 2018-19 scoring matrix was revised to address omission of socioeconomic points due to the skip logic in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid that affected some of the competitive applicants.

- o The revised scoring eliminated the disadvantaged indicators category and redistributed 20 points to each of the following categories: household status, parent education level, education access equalizer, and family/environmental indicators.

- Competitive Cal Grant offered awardees have been notified by e-mail and are advised to use WebGrants4Students.org for further information regarding their Cal Grant status.

Cal Grant Awardee Details

- Utilize the *Award Status Extract* process to identify Cal Grant eligible students who are attending your campus.

- Schools may claim their Cal Grant eligible students by submitting a *School Change* upload file.

- View a breakdown of your students' Cal Grant scores by selecting the "Score Detail" button on the *Student Award Detail* screen on WebGrants.

- Additional communications will be sent to eligible students to remind them of their Cal Grant award and steps to take to receive a payment.

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