



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Competitive Cal Grant Awards**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the results of award processing for the 2021-22 Competitive award cycle.

- As communicated in [GOM 2021-23](#), the Commission has updated its Grant Delivery system to reflect the new parameters for the Cal Grant Competitive program and considered **80,653** financially eligible applicants for 2021-22 Competitive awards.
- A 1000-point scoring system was applied for the Competitive award cycle.
- Following the scoring of all eligible FAFSA/CADAA applicants, the Commission set a cut-off score of **587** for applicants receiving an award offer. The scoring matrix for the 2021-22 award year had a maximum possible applicant score of 1000 points. The 2021-22 scoring matrix is available on the [Commission's website](#).
- Awarded students were notified of their 2021-22 Cal Grant award offer by email and advised to use [WebGrants for Students](#) for further information about their Cal Grant.

Cal Grant Awardee Details

The Commission is allowed to make 16,000 initial competitive Cal Grant award offers for the 2021-22 award year. The maximum number of new paid awards is 13,000. For Competitive Cal Grant inquiries, please perform the following actions:

- Utilize the *Award Status Extract* process to identify Cal Grant eligible students who are attending your campus.
- Claim Cal Grant eligible students by submitting a School Change upload file.
- View a breakdown of your students' Cal Grant scores by selecting the "CAL A SCORES" or "CAL B SCORES" button on the Student Award Detail screen on WebGrants.
- Identify students who are not attending your campus or are not eligible for the Cal Grant award on the WebGrants payment roster. Refer to the Cal Grant Pay Codes User Guide in the WebGrants Help Center for appropriate code usage.

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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