



WHAT IS CAL GRANT?

The Cal Grant is financial aid awarded to qualifying California college students to help you pay for your college education. This is financial aid that you DO NOT have to pay back.

You can apply by filling out a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Cal Grants are for students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational or career training. These students must also meet the following requirements:

- Submit your [FAFSA](#) or [CA Dream Act Application](#) and your verified [Cal Grant GPA*](#) before the March 2nd deadline.
- You are a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or meet [AB 540 eligibility criteria](#).
- You are a California resident of at least one year.
- You are attending a California community college (CCC), a University of California (UC), a California State University (CSU), or a qualifying public college or university.
- You have family income and assets below the minimum levels.
- You are enrolled or plan to enroll at least half time.
- Maintain the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as established by your college (check with your local California community college for more information).

For eligibility requirements and more information visit [ICanGoToCollege.com](https://www.icango.college.com)

WHAT KIND OF CAL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Cal Grants are broken into a handful of categories, but there's no need to pick or choose which grant applies to you – you will automatically be awarded the most beneficial Cal Grant depending on your unique situation.

Once you've met the general requirements listed above, you can qualify for a Cal Grant with these additional requirements:

Community College Entitlement Award

- Guaranteed for eligible students who meet the September 2nd application and GPA deadline.
- You must be enrolled at a California community college in the award year.

High School Entitlement

- Guaranteed for eligible students who meet the March 2nd application and GPA deadline.
- You must be a current high school senior or prior-year graduate.

Cal Grant B High School Entitlement for Foster Youth**

- Guaranteed for eligible students who were in foster care for at least one day after age 13 and are under age 26 on July 1st of the award year.

Note: You may renew the Cal Grant B Foster Youth Award up to the equivalent of eight full-time years.

Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Award

- Guaranteed for eligible students who transfer directly from a California community college to a 4-year university, who are also under age 28 by December 31st of the award year, and who meet the March 2nd application and GPA deadline.

Cal Grant Competitive Awards

- Eligible students not awarded through an entitlement Cal Grant who meet the March 2nd deadline will be considered for these limited awards.

HOW MUCH DOES A CAL GRANT AWARD?

[Cal Grant awards](#) students differently per category and school of attendance. Categories are based on income and other financial aid standards, plus your GPA. Check with a counselor at your local California community college for more details.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Apply by **March 2nd** to maximize your opportunity to receive a Cal Grant.

If you've missed the March 2nd deadline, you will have a second opportunity to apply for Cal Grant consideration at a California community college by applying by the **September 2nd** deadline.

**Public high schools, some private high schools, and California Community Colleges may and often do submit a GPA on behalf of students. Students should confirm a GPA has been submitted by logging into their WebGrants 4 Students account.*

*** Cal Grant B High School Entitlement for Foster Youth students attending a California community college has until the September 2nd deadline. Students considering a 4-year school must apply by March 2nd.*