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](https://www.fafsa.gov) or [CA Dream Act Application](https://www.californiastudentaid.org) 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](https://www.cauchiv.org/ab540/).

• 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.icangotocollege.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.