

Cal Grants



Cal Grants are state funded monetary grants administered by the California Student Aid Commission. The grant is an award that does not require repayment, however, it must be used at a qualifying California college, university or career or technical school. Awarding of a Cal Grant is based on need.

To apply for a Cal Grant:
FAFSA + Your GPA Verification = Cal Grant Application

Deadline is March 2.

For more information, go to: www.calgrants.org or www.csac.ca.gov

HOW TO APPLY - Information & form (from www.calgrants.org)

1 GETTING READY

Taking care of the details now will make it easier to apply for a Cal Grant by the deadline.

- Get an e-mail address if you don't have one. Make sure your e-mail address is current and entered correctly on your FAFSA and the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR), and don't let your inbox get full. Remember to check your bulk or junk mail folder before logging off.
- Find out how your school will submit your verified Cal Grant GPA. Start the process early to get your GPA submitted by March 2nd.
- If your school does not submit your GPA for you, you must fill out a paper [GPA Verification form](#) that the school can sign. Don't forget to mail the form after both you and your school sign it.
- Get a [PIN](#), a personal identification number that lets you e-sign the FAFSA. If you're a dependent student, ask one of your parents to get a PIN so they can sign your FAFSA.
- Use this [checklist](#) to gather all your documents in preparation for filling out your FAFSA. Then complete the [FAFSA on the Web worksheet](#) to make it easier to complete the online FAFSA.

2 APPLY

Determine how you will apply – online or on paper. Provide an e-mail address for a fast response.

Submit the two forms (FAFSA + GPA) for a Cal Grant by the March 2 deadline.

- Starting January 1, file your [FAFSA](#) online. You can also download a PDF version of the FAFSA or call toll free 800-4FED-AID (800-433-3243) to have a paper FAFSA sent to you.
- Submit [your verified GPA](#) form.

For help, go to:

- Your High School Counselor
- Your Financial Aid Office at College or Career Technical School
- A [California Cash for College Workshop](#) where you could cash in on a \$1,000 scholarship

3 TRACK IT

Now that you've applied, check the status of your applications.

- To check out the status of your Cal Grant, set up your [WebGrants for Students](#) account to access your information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- If you submit your FAFSA online and provide an e-mail address, you may receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within 72 hours. The FAFSA paper process takes a few weeks. Be sure to review your SAR right away for accuracy and follow the instructions to make corrections. You can check your SAR or make corrections [online](#) using your PIN.

If you have any questions, e-mail them to studentsupport@csac.ca.gov or call 888-CA-GRANT (888-224-7268)