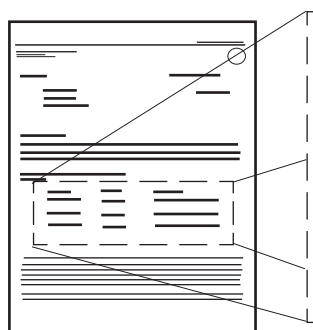


This information sheet explains the reason you were not awarded a Cal Grant. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, the Commission is not able to award every student who applies for a Cal Grant. Remember, just because you are not receiving a Cal Grant does not mean you are not eligible to receive other financial aid! Please check with your financial aid office at your school if you have questions or concerns regarding financial aid. They may be able to assist you in identifying other sources of financial aid that are available to you, including federal and college grants, scholarships, loans and work-study.

## Why didn't I get an award?

Each Cal Grant program has requirements which must be met in order to be awarded a Cal Grant. Please refer to WebGrants for Students for the specific reason you were not awarded. A disqualification reason will be given in WebGrants for Students or in a letter, if you are sent one. A description of what these reasons mean is listed below. Access WebGrants for Students at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org).

Your Cal Grant status information **may** read like this:



Your Cal Grant award status is listed below:

STATUS	REASON
CAL GRANT A NOT AWARDED	GPA BELOW MINIMUM
CAL GRANT B NOT AWARDED	MINIMUM NEED NOT MET
CAL GRANT C NOT AWARDED	INELIGIBLE COURSE LENGTH

### Reason:

- School Not Eligible for Cal Grant A, B, or C
- EL Greater than 4 (EL means year in college)
- Ineligible Course of Study or Degree Certificate
- Indication of Prior Bachelor's Degree
- No California School Listed
- State of Legal Residence Not California
- Not a California Resident at Time of Graduation
- Not Pursuing an Undergraduate Degree
- No GPA/Test Scores Provided
- GPA Below Minimum
- Score Below Cutoff
- Minimum Need Not Met
- Reported Income over the Ceiling
- Reported Assets over the Ceiling

### What It Means:

- Not all California schools participate in all Cal Grant programs.
- New Cal Grants are not offered to students beyond the college senior level.
- Cal Grant C awards are not for students studying for a bachelor's degree.
- Awards are not offered to students who already have a bachelor's degree.
- Student must attend a Cal Grant eligible California college or university.
- Student must be a California resident.
- For some programs, students must be considered a California resident at the time of high school graduation.
- Graduate level students are not eligible to receive Cal Grant benefits.
- School certified GPA or test score was not submitted by the March 2, 2015 deadline.
- A minimum 3.00 high school GPA, or minimum 2.40 college GPA is required for Cal Grant A; a minimum 2.00 GPA is required for Cal Grant B.
- Competitive Cal Grant applicants are ranked based on disadvantaged student indicators from the FAFSA that include your family income and household size, parent's education level, student or parent household status and disadvantaged high school experience or re-entry student status, along with your GPA. Your combined score using this information was below the minimum cut-off necessary for an award. Only 12,875 awards are available and all students cannot be offered assistance.
- You did not have enough financial need at the first California college you listed on your FAFSA. Financial need is determined by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the cost of attendance at the school.
- Applicants whose family incomes were above the maximum Cal Grant income levels were not selected for a Cal Grant award.
- Applicants whose family assets were above the maximum Cal Grant asset levels were not selected for a Cal Grant award.

### **Can I make corrections?**

Only Entitlement Cal Grant applicants may submit corrections after the award selection. High School Entitlement applicants are those who graduated high school July 1, 2015 or later and who applied using their high school GPA. All others are Competitive Cal Grant applicants and no FAFSA /Dream Act corrections can be accepted.

Entitlement applicants should review their 2018-19 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application information for Cal Grant consideration and file any corrections, including the colleges under consideration. If you feel your GPA was not correctly calculated, you must have a correction filed by the school that submitted the GPA.

### **What does “Score Below Cutoff” mean?**

Based on the information you provided on your application, you did not score high enough for a Cal Grant award. Scoring is based on GPA, Total Income/Family size, number of years out of High School, College Education level, etc. Your overall score was lower than required to be awarded. CSAC cannot accept any corrections to your application because all available awards have been distributed.

### **What are the Cal Grant minimum qualifications?**

To be eligible for a Cal Grant, a student must: be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen; be a California resident; attend a qualifying California college; demonstrate financial need at the college; be in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate; not have a Bachelor’s or professional degree before receiving a Cal Grant; not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant; not be in default on a student loan; meet the GPA requirements; and fall below the income and asset ceilings listed below.

### **What are the 2018-19 Income Ceilings for the Cal Grant program?**

Applicant’s family income includes the total taxable and non-taxable income, as reported on the FAFSA/Dream Act. Basic award amounts and eligibility criteria are subject to final authorization and changes in the state budget act.

## ***Cal Grant Income Ceilings***

### ***Dependent students and independent students with dependents other than a spouse:***

#### **Cal Grant A & C**

\$88,900 for a family of two  
\$91,000 for a family of three  
\$98,900 for a family of four  
\$106,000 for a family of five  
\$114,300 for a family of six or more

#### **Cal Grant B**

\$41,500 for a family of two  
\$46,700 for a family of three  
\$52,000 for a family of four  
\$58,200 for a family of five  
\$62,800 for a family of six or more

### **Independent applicants with no dependents other than a spouse:**

#### **Cal Grant A, B & C**

\$36,300 for single students  
\$41,500 for married students (with no dependents)  
Income compared against the ceilings includes taxable and nontaxable income

## **What are the 2018-19 Asset Ceilings for the Cal Grant program?**

For dependent students or independent students with dependents other than a spouse - \$76,500  
For single independent students and married students with no dependents - \$36,400

## **What can I do now?**

Be sure to contact your college financial aid office for more financial aid opportunities.

If you plan to attend a California Community College this fall, you have another opportunity to compete for a community college award during the September 2<sup>nd</sup> award competition. Another 12,875 Cal Grant awards will be available at that time to qualified applicants. Talk to your California Community College about applying for this next opportunity for a Cal Grant!

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