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**CAL GRANT WORKSHOP**  
Christina Contreras. January 17, 2022

# TODAY'S GOAL

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For students to feel empowered to make college decisions based on financial aid knowledge; and to create an account with the California Student Aid Commission.

# TODAY'S TOPICS

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- Cal Grant
- SDF's Common Scholarship Application
- Wrap Up

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# CAL GRANT

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)

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# TYPES OF AWARDS

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Eligibility: GPA + FAFSA

## Cal Grant A

GPA Minimum:  
3.0

Award Coverage:  
- Up to 4 years of  
tuition & fees

## Cal Grant B

GPA Minimum:  
2.0

Award Coverage:  
- Tuition & fees  
for years 2-4  
- Access Award  
for up to 4 years  
(~\$1, 672)

## Cal Grant C

No GPA  
Requirement

Vocational/  
technical/  
occupational  
programs

# FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

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- Must apply during your senior year (or 1 year out of high school) to be eligible for guaranteed funding (“entitled award”) .
  - If apply outside of this timeframe, funding is possible but not guaranteed (“competitive award”).
- Commission produces a “California Aid Report” or “CAR” that summarizes tentative award. To access this information, simply create an account with WebGrants 4 Students at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>
  - Will use language like “preliminary” or “not yet awarded”
  - Submit CAR to Isabel
- Can be eligible for multiple awards

# EXAMPLE “CAR”

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Dear Student:

Congratulations! Based on your hard work and record of academic achievement, you have been preliminarily selected to receive a Cal Grant for the 2021-22 academic year. This scholarship will help you pay for the costs of college, and it does not need to be repaid.

You have shown that you are the kind of person who belongs in college.

As you research different college options, remember that the Cal Grant is designed so that tuition cost does not determine which college you choose to attend. The maximum amounts you could receive are listed below:

College Segment	Maximum Cal Grant Award
California Community College (CCC)	\$1,656
California State University (CSU)	\$5,742
University of California (UC)	\$12,570
Private Nonprofit College or University	\$9,084
Private For-Profit College or University	\$4,000 - \$8,056

# EXAMPLE “SAR”

**Federal Student Aid**  
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

**FAFSA.gov**

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1845-0001  
App. Exp. 12/31/2022

**2021-2022**

**Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)**

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	12/24/2020	XXX-XX-4551 NG 01
Processed Date:	12/28/2020	EFC: 10563
		DRN: 9579

## Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 10563. You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

**WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW** (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.



# TAKE ACTION!

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- Create your Cal Grant account.\*\*
- Identify your CAR and send to Isabel.
- Find your SAR and send to Isabel

# HOW TO ACCEPT YOUR AWARD

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- Once you've made your college decision, must inform commission which college you chose.
- Must declare college in order for the Commission to decide which grant to award.
  - Will ultimately receive the grant that the Commission calculates will give the most *total* aid. (ie: State University Grant, or "SUG")
  - Award sent directly to selected institution

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# CAL GRANT A & B

## CAL GRANT & SUG

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR	
<b>A</b>	\$5,742	\$5,742	\$5,742	\$5,742	= \$22,968
<b>B</b>	\$1,672 + SUG (\$5,742)	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$5,742	= \$29,656

# CAL GRANT B & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
4 Years Remain	3 Years Remain	2 Years Remain	1 Year Remains
Community College (Access Only)		Four Year University (Access + Tuition/Fees)	

# ADDITIONAL CSAC SOURCES OF AID

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- **Middle Class Scholarship** – MCS provides undergraduate students with family income up to \$184,000 and assets up to \$184,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.
- **California Chafee Grant** – available to any applicant who is or was in foster care between the ages of 16-18.
- **Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant** – provides need-based educational grants to dependents and spouses of employees who lost their lives in the line of duty or were totally disabled
- **Golden State Teacher Grant** – for students who are currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program to earn a credential in the high need field of special education

# QUESTIONS?

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# SDF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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# TIPS TO FILL OUT THE “CSA”

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- Tentative open date is Tuesday, February 1st and the deadline will be Thursday, March 10th @ 2PM.
- Several of these scholarships go unclaimed every year due to low applicant numbers. So APPLY!
- Scholarship checks are designated for the student and are mailed directly to your school’s financial aid or scholarships office, which will deposit the check and post it to your student account.
- Community Scholars Initiative – exclusive partnership between San Diego Foundation and Ocean Discovery.
  - Special access to the CSI scholarship which guarantees you an award simply due to you being an active Ocean Leader and participant of CAMP!
  - Must apply for this scholarship through the CSA and indicate that you are an Ocean Discovery student.

## Scholarship tips in general:

- \$10,000/year in scholarships is a comfortable place to be in!
- Stay local, and small - specific scholarships- increase likelihood of you qualifying for scholarships (ex: gender, race, sports, band, etc.)

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# WRAP UP

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# NEXT STEPS

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## CAMP Checklist

- Send Student Aid Report (SAR from FAFSA) to Isabel.
- Send California Aid Report (CAR from CalGrant) to Isabel.
- Confirm your FAFSA includes all the schools you are applying to.
- Create college portals for each school you applied to.
- Investigate and apply to summer bridge programs at the colleges you applied to.
- Learn what YEAR-ROUND student support programs for first-gen, historically under-represented students exist on campus.

## Personal aid consultations with Christina upon request

- Financial aid award packages come in around April, need to select a college by May 1<sup>st</sup>

## RSVP to the next workshop: Scholarship Marathon, **TBD**



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**THANK YOU.**

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