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**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
2007-08 CAL GRANT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS**

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**Legislative Report Requirement**  
Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Section 8 of Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) requires that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) annually report to the Legislature and Governor on the number of Cal Grant applicants and new and continuing recipients each year. The data shall include at a minimum the following recipient information: educational level, grade point average, and segment of attendance.

The Commission is the state's principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission's primary programmatic responsibilities include administration of the Cal Grant Program, the Chafee Grant Program and several targeted state scholarship and loan assumption programs. The Commission administers financial aid awareness and outreach programs, such as Cal-SOAP and Cash for College, in collaboration with business, private industry, and community-based organizations. The Commission is also the designated State guaranty agency responsible for the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program which it administers through its auxiliary organization, EDFUND. The Commission maintains overall responsibility for the FFEL Program, financial aid program administration, policy leadership, program evaluation and information development and coordination.

The Commission consists of 15 appointed members. Eleven members are appointed by the Governor and represent segments of the State's higher education community, postsecondary education students, and the general public. In addition, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee each appoint two Commission members as representatives of the general public.

In its policy decision-making, the Commission receives advice and recommendations from its staff; its advisory committees, including the Grant Advisory Committee and the Loan Advisory Council; the EDFUND Board; and ad hoc committees comprised of individuals that represent colleges and universities, secondary schools, student groups, the business community, lending institutions, and various levels of government. The Commission's strong tradition of public participation stems from its commitment to continuous improvement and responsiveness in the development and delivery of its financial aid programs and services.

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2000, Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), also known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, was signed into law. This historic bill changed the Cal Grant Program, which previously consisted of Cal Grant A awards, Cal Grant B awards, Cal Grant C awards, and Cal Grant T awards. Since the 2001-02 award year, the Cal Grant Program consists of the following components: High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards, Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, and the existing Cal Grant C and T awards.

As with the original Cal Grant Program, Cal Grant A awards provide for full systemwide fees at the California State University and the University of California, as well as tuition support at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges to eligible low- and middle-income students. Cal Grant B awards provide funds to eligible low-income disadvantaged students. For first-year students, Cal Grant B awards provide up to

\$1,551 for books and living expenses. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, the Cal Grant B award also helps pay for tuition and fees at qualifying postsecondary institutions. For new and renewal recipients at the California State University and the University of California, the 2007-08 systemwide fees were \$2,772 and \$6,636, respectively. For new recipients at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges, both the Cal Grant A and B awards provided up to a maximum tuition and fee grant of \$9,708. Renewal recipients at qualifying independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges continued to receive the same tuition and fee grant amount as when they were initially awarded.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form by the statutory deadlines is the first step for students to be considered for a Cal Grant award. Of the approximately 650,000 students who were successful in completing this first step in the 2007-08 award year, over 423,200, or 65 percent, did not meet the financial and basic eligibility criteria. The basic eligibility criteria that students failed to meet include not being a California resident, not listing a qualifying Cal Grant college or university, and having already graduated with a bachelor's degree.

In addition to meeting financial and basic eligibility criteria, there are academic and other requirements specific to each component as indicated below.

### **High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2007-08 new High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to students who graduated from high school in 2005-06 or 2006-07. The High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards required a minimum 3.0 and 2.0 GPA, respectively.

### **California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2007-08 new California Community College Transfer Entitlement (Transfer Entitlement) Cal Grant A and B awards were guaranteed to every student who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000, was a California resident at the time of high school graduation, transferred to a qualifying baccalaureate-degree granting institution from a California Community College during the award year, was under the age of 28 at the time of the transfer, and had a minimum California Community College GPA of 2.4.

### **Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The 2007-08 new Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards were available to California students who did not meet the eligibility criteria for a new High School or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award. The Competitive Cal Grant A awards required a minimum 3.0 high school GPA or a minimum 2.4 college GPA. The Competitive Cal Grant B awards required a minimum 2.0 high school or California Community College GPA. Eligible applicants competed for the 22,500 Competitive Cal Grant awards. Half of these awards (11,250) were offered to those applicants who met the March 2 deadline. The remaining 11,250 awards were offered to students who enrolled at a California Community College and met the September 2 deadline.

### **Pre-SB 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The Commission continued to phase out the Cal Grant A and B awards offered prior to the 2001-02 award year. There were 311 renewal recipients in 2007-08.

### **Cal Grant C Awards**

The 2007-08 new Cal Grant C awards were available to low- and middle-income students receiving occupational or technical training in a course that was at least four months long. Eligible applicants who completed and returned a Cal Grant C Supplement competed for 7,761 Cal Grant C awards. For new and renewal recipients, the tuition and fee award was up to \$2,592 and the allowance for training-related costs (such as: books, tools and equipment) was \$576.

### **Cal Grant T Awards**

The Cal Grant T awards were designed to help post-baccalaureate students pursue their initial California teaching credential. Funding for new Cal Grant T awards has not been authorized since 2002-03. There were 2 renewal recipients in 2007-08.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS**

In the 2007-08 award year, of the approximately 650,000 students who applied for a new Cal Grant, 226,800, or 35 percent, qualified for a Cal Grant award. Of the 226,800 qualified applicants, 102,807 were offered a Cal Grant award. The following tables summarize the 2007-08 new and continuing Cal Grant recipients eligible to receive payment. These statistics do not reflect the actual number of recipients who ultimately used their Cal Grant (received payment) to attend college.

Note: This report as well as other reports produced by the Commission can be viewed on the Commission's Website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

## ACRONYMS

These acronyms are used in the following tables:

CCC	California Community Colleges
CSU	California State University
ICU	Independent Colleges and Universities
PCC	Private Career Colleges
UC	University of California

## NOTES

<b>TABLE 2</b>	Other consists of Pre-SB 1644 and Cal Grant T renewal awards.
<b>TABLE 4</b>	Cal Grant C applicants are not required to submit a GPA.
<b>TABLE 5</b>	The educational level is the self-reported grade level the student indicates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
<b>TABLE 11</b>	The Average GPA for Cal Grant C and All Components is an average of the reported GPAs.

**TABLE 1**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New and Renewal Recipients by Award Type**

Recipients	Cal Grant A		Cal Grant B		Cal Grant C		Cal Grant T		All Components	
New	22,293	22%	72,581	71%	7,933	8%	0	0%	102,807	100%
Renewal	48,730	25%	136,666	71%	8,313	4%	2	0%	193,711	100%
All	71,023	24%	209,247	71%	16,246	5%	2	0%	296,518	100%

**TABLE 2**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New and Renewal Recipients by Component**

Recipients	High School Entitlement		Transfer Entitlement		March Competitive		September Competitive		Cal Grant C		Other		All Components	
New	65,116	63%	4,136	4%	13,716	13%	11,906	12%	7,933	8%	0	0%	102,807	100%
Renewal	138,614	72%	4,952	3%	16,880	9%	24,345	13%	8,313	4%	607	0%	193,711	100%
All	203,730	69%	9,088	3%	30,596	10%	36,251	12%	16,246	5%	607	0%	296,518	100%

**TABLE 3**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New and Renewal Recipients by Component and Segment**

Segment	Status	Cal Grant A						Cal Grant B						Cal Grant C	Cal Grant T	All Components	
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Pre-SB 1644	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Pre-SB 1644	Total				
CCC	New	2,829	6	203	358		3,396	20,025	21	6,015	11,351		37,412	5,283		46,091	45%
	Renewal	5,049	24	252	602	25	5,952	39,369	9	8,231	18,851	167	66,627	6,261		78,840	41%
	Total	7,878	30	455	960	25	9,348	59,394	30	14,246	30,202	167	104,039	11,544	0	124,931	42%
UC	New	5,926	512	34			6,472	8,526	750	860	14		10,150	6		16,628	16%
	Renewal	13,388	654	57	51	24	14,174	19,711	673	965	919	14	22,282	6		36,462	19%
	Total	19,314	1,166	91	51	24	20,646	28,237	1,423	1,825	933	14	32,432	12	0	53,090	18%
CSU	New	5,311	784	92	4		6,191	14,128	1,601	2,175	112		18,016			24,207	24%
	Renewal	12,626	1,083	164	165	156	14,194	29,156	1,530	3,013	2,628	97	36,424			50,618	26%
	Total	17,937	1,867	256	169	156	20,385	43,284	3,131	5,188	2,740	97	54,440	0	0	74,825	25%
ICU	New	4,339	187	117	1		4,644	1,069	234	749	26		2,078	181		6,903	7%
	Renewal	11,093	474	248	75	72	11,962	2,604	360	1,205	765	25	4,959	144	2	17,067	9%
	Total	15,432	661	365	76	72	16,606	3,673	594	1,954	791	25	7,037	325	2	23,970	8%
PCC	New	829	23	726	12		1,590	2,134	18	2,745	28		4,925	2,463		8,978	9%
	Renewal	1,734	87	586	24	17	2,448	3,884	58	2,159	265	8	6,374	1,902		10,724	6%
	Total	2,563	110	1,312	36	17	4,038	6,018	76	4,904	293	8	11,299	4,365	0	19,702	7%
All Segments	New	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	0	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	0	72,581	7,933	0	102,807	100%
	Renewal	43,890	2,322	1,307	917	294	48,730	94,724	2,630	15,573	23,428	311	136,666	8,313	2	193,711	100%
	Total	63,124	3,834	2,479	1,292	294	71,023	140,606	5,254	28,117	34,959	311	209,247	16,246	2	296,518	100%

**TABLE 4**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients by Component and Grade Point Average (GPA)**

GPA	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
3.75 - 4.00	4,273	189	365	121	4,948	3,979	239	2,395	2,126	8,739	137	13,824	13.4%
3.50 - 3.74	4,500	216	277	87	5,080	4,769	349	2,296	1,858	9,272	184	14,536	14.1%
3.25 - 3.49	4,876	308	208	82	5,474	5,629	472	2,099	1,983	10,183	322	15,979	15.5%
3.00 - 3.24	5,585	346	180	70	6,181	6,975	491	2,121	2,141	11,728	488	18,397	17.9%
2.75 - 2.99		232	81	12	325	6,975	543	1,569	1,563	10,650	527	11,502	11.2%
2.50 - 2.74		170	47	3	220	6,805	408	1,150	1,119	9,482	548	10,250	10.0%
2.25 - 2.49		51	14		65	5,714	122	615	539	6,990	481	7,536	7.3%
2.00 - 2.24						5,036		299	202	5,537	421	5,958	5.8%
Less than 2.00											457	457	0.4%
Not reported											4,368	4,368	4.2%
All GPAs	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807	100.0%



**TABLE 5**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients by Component and Educational Level**

Educational Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Freshman	18,420	75	598	180	19,273	44,444	43	2,566	5,571	52,624	4,617	76,514	74.4%
Sophomore	810	174	272	194	1,450	1,422	301	5,830	5,939	13,492	3,010	17,952	17.5%
Junior	4	1,209	166	1	1,380	16	2,115	2,084	10	4,225	97	5,702	5.5%
Senior		54	136		190		165	2,064	11	2,240	209	2,639	2.6%
All Levels	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807	100.0%

**TABLE 6**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients by Component and Dependency Status**

Dependency Status	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Dependent	19,086	1,458	206	72	20,822	42,649	1,421	2,795	3,355	50,220	1,822	72,864	70.9%
Independent	148	54	966	303	1,471	3,233	1,203	9,749	8,176	22,361	6,111	29,943	29.1%
All Statuses	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807	100.0%

**TABLE 7**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Dependent Recipients**  
**by Component and Parental Income**

Parental Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$12,000	552	3	41	1	597	10,283	347	1,151	1,331	13,112	256	13,965	19%
\$12,000 - \$23,999	725	6	38	3	772	13,256	433	1,043	1,310	16,042	278	17,092	23%
\$24,000 - \$35,999	1,593	75	55	20	1,743	14,687	508	529	635	16,359	353	18,455	25%
\$36,000 - \$47,999	5,062	410	53	33	5,558	4,423	133	72	79	4,707	386	10,651	15%
\$48,000 - \$59,999	5,788	509	19	15	6,331					0	320	6,651	9%
\$60,000 - \$71,999	4,166	361			4,527					0	187	4,714	6%
\$72,000 - \$84,999	1,200	94			1,294					0	42	1,336	2%
All Levels	19,086	1,458	206	72	20,822	42,649	1,421	2,795	3,355	50,220	1,822	72,864	100.0%

**TABLE 8**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Independent Recipients**  
**by Component and Student Income**

Student Income Level	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Under \$6,000	104	5	105	5	219	2,574	428	3,210	2,084	8,296	1,521	10,036	34%
\$6,000 - \$11,999	25	5	90	5	125	409	294	2,057	1,860	4,620	1,192	5,937	20%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	11	2	56	3	72	129	240	1,419	1,380	3,168	905	4,145	14%
\$18,000 - \$23,999	1	2	56	3	62	60	158	1,346	1,282	2,846	782	3,690	12%
\$24,000 - \$29,999	2	1	49	1	53	41	69	1,037	959	2,106	603	2,762	9%
\$30,000 - \$35,999	1	7	189	82	279	15	11	513	467	1,006	370	1,655	6%
\$36,000 - \$41,999	2	12	205	105	324	5	3	138	128	274	237	835	3%
\$42,000 and over	2	20	216	99	337			29	16	45	501	883	3%
All Levels	148	54	966	303	1,471	3,233	1,203	9,749	8,176	22,361	6,111	29,943	100.0%

**TABLE 9**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients by Component and Age**

Age	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
18 or under	15,362	23	5	22	15,412	35,826	13	58	957	36,854	578	52,844	51%
19	3,647	39	22	18	3,726	9,116	53	217	751	10,137	434	14,297	14%
20 -23	221	1,415	260	32	1,928	835	1,667	3,581	2,790	8,873	1,349	12,150	12%
24		28	36	8	72	10	668	591	430	1,699	431	2,202	2%
25 - 29	3	7	240	69	319	46	223	2,855	2,122	5,246	1,665	7,230	7%
30 or over	1		609	226	836	49		5,242	4,481	9,772	3,476	14,084	14%
All Ages	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807	100%

**TABLE 10**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients by Component and Gender**

Gender	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components	
	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total			
Female	12,369	806	883	284	14,342	27,673	1,433	9,096	8,440	46,642	5,203	66,187	64%
Male	6,865	706	289	91	7,951	18,209	1,191	3,448	3,091	25,939	2,730	36,620	36%
All Genders	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807	100%

**TABLE 11**  
**Cal Grant Program**  
**2007-08 New Recipients**  
**Average GPA, Income, and Age by Component and Segment**

Segment	Category	Cal Grant A					Cal Grant B					Cal Grant C	All Components
		High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total	High School Entitlement	Transfer Entitlement	March Competitive	September Competitive	Total		
CCC	Average GPA	3.35	3.01	3.45	3.55	3.38	2.72	3.11	3.20	3.25	2.96	2.70	2.98
	Average Income	\$53,350	\$64,094	\$40,211	\$39,712	\$51,146	\$19,069	\$15,973	\$12,791	\$14,414	\$16,646	\$19,949	\$19,566
	Average Age	18	20	36	33	21	18	22	31	29	24	33	25
	Recipients	2,829	6	203	358	3,396	20,025	21	6,015	11,351	37,412	5,283	46,091
UC	Average GPA	3.58	3.39	3.66		3.57	3.49	3.35	3.55	3.51	3.48	3.20	3.51
	Average Income	\$53,561	\$53,721	\$39,005		\$53,497	\$21,415	\$16,530	\$11,363	\$10,845	\$20,187	\$32,180	\$33,157
	Average Age	18	21	26		18	18	22	25	24	19	29	19
	Recipients	5,926	512	34	0	6,472	8,526	750	860	14	10,150	6	16,628
CSU	Average GPA	3.38	3.10	3.58	3.54	3.34	3.02	3.03	3.28	3.29	3.05		3.13
	Average Income	\$53,991	\$53,729	\$39,435	\$40,275	\$53,733	\$20,432	\$15,896	\$12,814	\$14,275	\$19,071		\$27,936
	Average Age	18	21	34	27	19	18	23	30	29	20		20
	Recipients	5,311	784	92	4	6,191	14,128	1,601	2,175	112	18,016	0	24,207
ICU	Average GPA	3.52	3.26	3.47	2.90	3.50	2.72	3.20	3.35	3.33	3.01	2.78	3.34
	Average Income	\$40,047	\$49,961	\$25,505	\$32,591	\$40,078	\$19,700	\$16,583	\$14,052	\$17,155	\$17,282	\$25,266	\$32,827
	Average Age	18	21	32	54	19	18	22	31	33	24	29	20
	Recipients	4,339	187	117	1	4,644	1,069	234	749	26	2,078	181	6,903
PCC	Average GPA	3.32	3.07	3.47	3.18	3.39	2.53	2.97	3.26	3.22	2.94	2.62	2.97
	Average Income	\$33,709	\$38,123	\$25,775	\$13,942	\$30,001	\$19,918	\$17,966	\$14,909	\$15,101	\$17,092	\$25,680	\$21,734
	Average Age	18	22	31	30	24	19	23	30	30	25	27	25
	Recipients	829	23	726	12	1,590	2,134	18	2,745	28	4,925	2,463	8,978
All Segments	Average GPA	3.46	3.22	3.48	3.53	3.45	2.95	3.13	3.26	3.25	3.06	2.67	3.13
	Average Income	\$49,745	\$53,064	\$29,704	\$38,874	\$48,733	\$19,979	\$16,154	\$13,236	\$14,416	\$17,791	\$21,859	\$24,815
	Average Age	18	21	32	33	19	18	22	30	29	22	31	22
	Recipients	19,234	1,512	1,172	375	22,293	45,882	2,624	12,544	11,531	72,581	7,933	102,807