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GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

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WHAT IS THE GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM?

The Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program awards up to \$20,000 to students currently enrolled in a professional preparation program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and working towards earning their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential.

Students must complete their program and obtain their credential within 6 years from the first distribution of GSTG funds and commit to work at a CSPP or eligible priority school for 4 years within 8 years of completing their program.



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**UP TO \$20,000
IN FREE GRANTS**

to help eligible students pursue a career as a:

Teacher | School Social Worker
School Counselor | School Psychologist
Child Welfare & Attendance Official

WHAT IS THE **SERVICE OBLIGATION?**

Students commit to work at a priority school or California State Preschool Program (CSPP) for 4 years within 8 years of completing their program. Students must:

- ▶ Work as a teacher, school social worker, school counselor, school psychologist, or school child welfare and attendance official
- ▶ Work in an eligible priority school
- ▶ Submit an annual Employment Verification Form

WHAT IS A **PRIORITY SCHOOL?**

Priority schools have more than 55% of pupils classified as English Learners, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, or current foster youth.

The priority school list is compiled by April 15 annually using data submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) by each public California school. Nonpublic schools are not eligible as priority schools as they do not report data to CDE.

View an updated list of priority schools at:

[CSAC.CA.GOV/GSTG](https://csac.ca.gov/gstg)

AM I **ELIGIBLE?**

You must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply for the GSTG:

- ▶ Be currently enrolled in a Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)-approved professional preparation program as defined in California Education Code §69617 or §69617.5
 - ▶ Maintain good academic standing
 - ▶ View an updated list of eligible schools:
[BIT.LY/CTC_APPROVED PROGRAMS](https://bit.ly/ctc_approved_programs)
- ▶ Be working toward your preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential
 - ▶ Applicants pursuing a teaching credential who are already in process of clearing a teaching credential, already hold a clear teaching credential, or are in an induction program are ineligible
- ▶ Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)

HOW DO I **APPLY?**

STEP 1

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)

STEP 2

Submit a GSTG Application at [GSTG.CSAC.CA.GOV](https://gstg.csac.ca.gov)

WHAT ARE MY **NEXT STEPS?**

Once you submit your GSTG application, you will receive a confirmation email. Your institution will verify your eligibility and determine your award amount.

After your school verifies your eligibility, you will be asked to sign your Service Agreement (SA). The SA explains your obligations under the provisions of the grant.

Once the SA is signed, your institution may request payment(s). Unless otherwise requested, your grant will be evenly disbursed among all terms you are enrolled during the academic year and mailed to your institution for disbursement.