

CAL GRANT

STEPS TO CLAIM YOUR AWARD

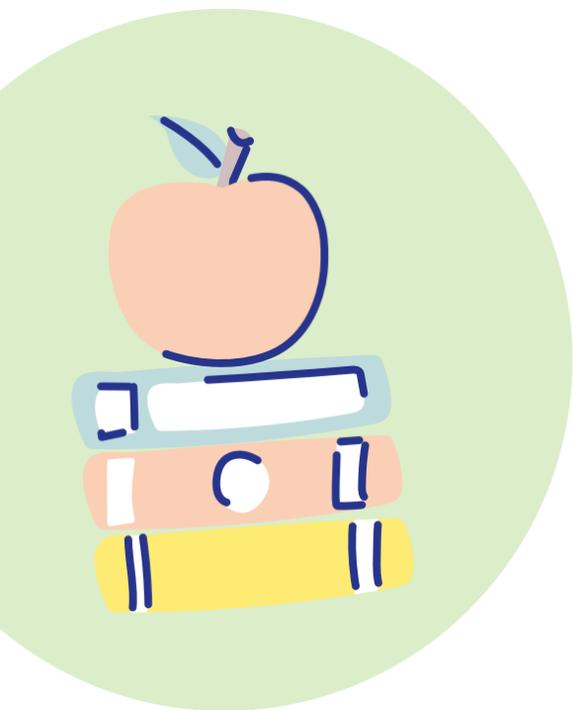


WEBGRANTS4STUDENTS ACCOUNT

- Track your Cal Grant status online
- Create an account or sign in with your username and password at the following website: <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>
- **WG4S is a different account from your FAFSA or Dream Act account**

CONFIRM GRADUATION DATE

- Once you log in, you will select the tab for the appropriate Academic Year
- Select the "To Do" button
- Confirm your graduation date
- Submit the information to California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)



VERIFY SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE

- Confirm the college you are attending in the summer or fall
- If the college that WG4S has listed is incorrect, please change the school of attendance
- Once you have made your final decision regarding which school you will attend for the academic year, you may request a school change

SUBMIT SCHOOL CHANGE

- Scroll down to "Cal Grant section" and select the school of attendance card
- Click the "School Change" button
- Once you have selected your California Cal Grant eligible school, submit it to receive a confirmation message
- **Your school must be listed on your FAFSA or Dream Act application**



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FOLLOW-UP

- If you receive notification of any additional forms to complete, please log-in to your WG4S account and do so by the required deadline
- Students should follow-up with their campus Financial Aid Department to ensure that they have met all of the requirements to receive their Cal Grant payment
- After schools have confirmed student's enrollment and Cal Grant eligibility, payment can be issued

UNIVERSITY AWARD LETTER

- Make sure your school financial aid award letter reflects your Cal Grant award
- If it does not, contact the financial aid office at your school and notify them of your Cal Grant award status.



A CHANGE IN FINANCIAL AID CIRCUMSTANCES?



- "If your circumstances change & are not reflected on the FAFSA, then you can file a special-circumstances appeal to request to your college's financial-aid office consider other information & exercise professional judgment to change your financial-aid offer
- A new online tool called SwiftStudent is a free service, available to any student receiving federal aid, navigates requesting aid adjustments
- The vast majority of students have no idea that they can appeal their financial-aid offer." Eric Hoover, Chronicle of Higher Education

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CAL GRANT FUNDS?

- Your award begins the Fall semester/quarter of the school year that you are awarded.
- Your payments will be divided by the number of quarters or semesters that your school has.
- Your Cal Grant funds will first go to your school, so contact your school's financial aid office for information on its disbursement policies.
- Schools disburse the funds to their students based on their disbursement schedules. Since the school is responsible for payments, you will need to work with your financial office to resolve issues with payments..

