

INTERESTED IN CAL GRANT FUNDS?

(FREE money for College!!!)

WHO ISN'T?

Now is the time to begin applying for cal Grants for the 2010-2011 school year (next school year starting August of 2010).

Remember! It Takes 2! What "2?" you should ask? Do you know?

The answer could be worth thousands of Dollars

The 2 you need to apply for a Cal Grant Are:

1. Your 2010-2011 FAFSA- What's a FAFSA?

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The 2009-2010 FAFSA is not available on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov until January 1, 2010. It is imperative that you complete your 2009 tax returns as soon as possible (you may estimate if not completed). The FAFSA must be completed by March 2, 2010. March 2, 2010 is the deadline for the Cal Grant Application. (Only Cal Grants have a deadline of March 2nd. This deadline does NOT apply to Federal grants and loans). *TLBC School Code is 034033*

2. Your 2010-2011 GPA Verification Form (Sent to the California Student Aid Commission- CSAC)

Your GPA Verification can be sent from October 2009 to March 2nd. Again it must be submitted and/or postmarked by March 2, 2010. Please contact the Financial Aid office for more details.

PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://MYGRANTINFO.CSAC.CA.GOV/LOGON.ASP](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp) TO VIEW YOUR APPLICATION AND AWARD STATUS

Options for your GPA

- A. High School GPA- If you have not attended college yet you must use the GPA at your High School.
- B. College GPA- If you have 24 Semester units or 36 quarter units our TLBC may do your GPA verification form.
- C. High School Equivalent score – GED- You may go to a local college and find out when they offer GED exams. Do this soon so it is reported by March 2nd.
- D. SAT or ACT test score- Do this soon because it MUST be submitted to CSAC by March 2nd. If you choose or need to use SAT or ACT test scores, you must register ASAP to set up for the SAT or ACT test. Test dates fill up fast. You can study for the SAT or ACT using books from Borders or other book stores. If you have been out of high school for more than 5 years and think you can get a better GPA you may take the SAT, GED, or ACT.
You can register and get information for the SAT or ACT test online at www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org . There is a fee for the test.
For more information contact the Financial Aid office and/or go onto google and search "register for the sat or act test"

Those of the Entitlement Group (Student who graduated after July 1st of 2008 or completed their GED, SAT, or ACT) who had a GPA of at least 2.0 and fall under the income/asset ceilings will receive a Cal Grant. I urge each student who is applying for a Cal Grant to set up an appointment with me to review their 2009-10 FAFSA elements because each item can either make or break the chances to receive a Cal Grant. Such as, Degree goal.

Transfer Entitlement students are those who go to a California Community College, complete at least 24 units with a 2.4 GPA, under the age of 28, and graduated from a California High School. Students must complete the 2010-11 FAFSA and GPA Verification form by March 2nd to be considered. You must have attended a California Community college during 2010-11 and graduated high school after 2001.

Competitive Students compete against other applicants for the Cal Grants each year. 11,250 awards are available for competitive students each year. Many elements found on your FAFSA are considered. Your GPA is only one element of many. (FYI – Only students who desire a BA or AA are eligible for Cal A and B grants so it is imperative that you select this on your FAFSA if this is your goal)

Cal Grant Information

Cal Grants A, B, or C never has to be repaid. Cal Grants A and B are for students who are pursuing a degree, and Cal Grants C's are for students pursuing certificates.

Cal Grant A- Students who are eligible for a Cal Grant A are eligible to receive \$9708.00 for the year which comes to \$3236.00 per quarter. To be eligible you must obtain the scoring requirements above and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Cal Grant B- Students who are eligible for a Cal B will receive access money in the amount of \$1551.00 for the school year. Students who have entered their second year of college (50+ units) will receive tuition and fees of \$9708.00 in addition. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Cal Grant C- Those students who are pursuing the Advance Counseling degree alone are eligible for a Cal Grant C. The total award amount is \$2592.00 for tuition and fees and an additional \$576.00 for books and supplies.

How to Establish a GPA

Students who *do not have 24 Semester or 36 Quarter* units must use their high school GPA. You will need to submit a GED, SAT or ACT test score with the GPA Verification form if...

- high school GPA is more than 5 years old
- the student was home schooled
- the student attended a charter school
- student high school does not provide grades
- high school is not accredited
- the high school course list is not approved by California

This should be done ASAP for scores to be turned in by March 2nd. To submit a GED go to a local college or Adult center. To complete an SAT or ACT please go to www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org.