

Overview of Cal Grant Reform

State Might Restructure Cal Grant Program in 2024-25

- In the 2022-23 budget package, the state adopted potential new rules for the Cal Grant program—known as Cal Grant reform.
- Cal Grant reform would be triggered on in 2024-25 if the state determines in spring 2024 that sufficient General Fund is available.

Comparison of Current Cal Grant Program and Cal Grant Reform

	Current Cal Grant Program	Cal Grant Reform
Program Structure	Three main award types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal Grant A. • Cal Grant B. • Cal Grant C. 	Two award types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal Grant 2. • Cal Grant 4.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Age. Entitlement awards limited to recent high school graduates, transfer students under age 28, and CCC students.</p> <p>GPA. Minimum GPA ranging from 2.0 to 3.0, depending on award type.</p> <p>Income. Program-specific income and asset ceilings that vary by award type.</p>	<p>Age. No restrictions related to age or time out of high school.</p> <p>GPA. No GPA requirement for CCC students. Minimum GPA of 2.0 for university students.</p> <p>Income. Income ceilings aligned with federal Pell Grant program (generally lower than current ceilings).</p>
Award Amounts	<p>Tuition. Generally full tuition coverage at public universities and fixed amount of tuition coverage at private universities.^a</p> <p>Nontuition. Awards of \$1,648 for Cal Grant B recipients at all segments.^b</p>	<p>Tuition. Full tuition coverage at public universities and fixed amount of tuition coverage at private universities.^a</p> <p>Nontuition. Awards of \$1,648 at community colleges, with the amount adjusted annually for inflation. Generally no nontuition awards for university students.^b</p>
New Award Offers^c	340,287	491,809
Spending^c	\$2.41 billion	\$2.78 billion
<p>^a First-year Cal Grant B recipients generally do not receive tuition coverage. The state provides full tuition coverage for CCC students with financial need through a separate program, the California College Promise Grant.</p> <p>^b Students with dependent children and foster youth are eligible for up to \$6,000 in nontuition coverage at CCC, CSU, UC, or private nonprofit institutions.</p> <p>^c Reflects California Student Aid Commission estimates for 2024-25, as of 2022-23 budget enactment.</p> <p>GPA = grade point average.</p>		

