

TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAL GRANT C

1. **Cal Grant C (CGC):**

- Is a state grant given to students pursuing an Associate Degree or Certificate in a vocational, occupational, or technical program at a Cal Grant Eligible Institution.
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2. **Students must meet the following requirements:**

- Be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or have AB 540* student status; attend a vocational, occupational, or technical program; meet certain income, asset, and other financial aid standards; maintain satisfactory academic progress; not be in default on a student loan; and, must not be incarcerated.
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3. **Apply:**

- By completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov or the California Dream Act Application at caldreamact.org. Students without a Social Security number (SSN) or have been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) must complete the CA Dream Act Application. Make sure your student email address is listed on the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.
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4. **Deadline to apply:**

- March 2.
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5. **Cal Grant C are not set amounts and may vary by student and institution:**

- The award provides up to \$547 for books, tools, and equipment – and up to \$2,462 more for tuition and fees if you'll be attending a school other than a California Community College. The award can be used for any school expenses including tuition and fees and is available for up to two years.
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6. **To get assistance completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application:**

- Attend a Cash for College workshop between October 1 and March 2. Students must reapply each year. Visit [Cash for College](#) for locations.
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7. If you are selected to receive a Cal Grant C:

- You will be notified by the California Student Aid Commission. You will then be asked to complete the Cal Grant C Supplement Form.
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8. Need more information about this grant?:

- Contact your campus Financial Aid Office or check the California Student Aid Commission's website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/> for updates.
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9. How do I find out if the field that I'm interested in is on the priority list of occupational and technical training?

- To find out more about occupations on the priority list (based on at least two of the following criteria: high need, high salary or wage projections, and high growth), please check out the [2016-17 Cal Grant C Priority Occupational List](#) as well as the [2016-17 Cal Grant C Occupational List](#).
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10. Are there any additional resources that can help me figure out what occupations to pursue?

- Once you have earned your Associates or Certificate Degree, you can turn to the Employment Development Department and local workforce investment boards. These organizations offer valuable tools to assist you in launching your career. Job seekers can take advantage of a variety of comprehensive services and programs at no cost, such as job search and placement services. To find your Local Workforce Development Board, please review the [list](#) of locations on their website. There are also many job centers across California that offer comprehensive employment related services. To find your nearest job center, please visit [America's Job Center](#) website. For additional information regarding job seeker information, please visit the [Employment Development Department's](#) information page.
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***Students need to meet the following Assembly Bill (AB) 540 qualifications:**

- *Attend a California high school for a minimum of 3 years; or attain credits equivalent to 3 or more years of high school coursework and have a combination of 3 or more years of attendance at a California elementary or secondary school (AB 2000);*
- *Graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) or get a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);*
- *Enroll in an accredited and qualified California college or university; and,*
- *If applicable, fill out an affidavit stating your intent to legalize your immigration status as soon as possible*