California High School Graduation Certification Form For the Cal Grant Entitlement Program

Earlier this year the California Student Aid Commission offered you an Cal Grant Entitlement to help pay for your college expenses. Prior to receiving your Cal Grant Entitlement, you must submit proof of your high school graduation to the Financial Aid Office at your college. This form can be used to verify that you have graduated from high school and

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Information

Additional information regarding this form may be obtained at the college's financial aid office you will be attending. Or you may contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) by calling toll-free 1-888-224-7268, or by email at *studentsupport*@csac.ca.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I submit my high school graduation certification?

You must submit this form to your college's financial aid office. Please contact your college financial aid office.

What does completing all graduation requirements mean, exactly?

Completing all high school graduation requirements means you have passed all required coursework and passed any required examinations, including the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), if required.

What if I don't have a diploma but I do have a graduation equivalent?

Instead of graduating, you may have taken and passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or the General Education Development Test (GED). A passing score on either one of these tests is considered "the equivalent of high school graduation" and satisfies the high school graduation requirement necessary for a student to participate in the Entitlement Cal Grant program.

What if I have not graduated from high school or do not have a graduation equivalent? What can I do?

You are not eligible to receive Cal Grant Entitlement benefits if you have not graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent. However, state law gives potential Cal Grant Entitlement participants until December 31 of the award year to complete the high school graduation requirements. If you have not yet graduated, but expect to graduate prior to December 31 of this award year, keep this certification form and submit it after you have completed all your graduation requirements.

If you have not graduated from high school, or achieved the equivalent by December 31, 2007, your Cal Grant offer is void. You may re-apply next year by March 2, 2008, for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Have questions or need information?

If you have questions or need additional information about your Entitlement Cal Grant award, please contact CSAC: