



were ultimately paid. As such, nearly half (43 percent) of the Cal Grants C awarded were left on the table. Since then, several changes have been implemented in an effort to increase take-up rates; however, an application deadline has yet to be established in statute.

- 3) **Cal Grant C background.** Students meeting the general eligibility for the Cal Grant award may be considered for the Cal Grant C. There is no high school graduation requirement, minimum grade point average or maximum age for recipients. However, students must be California residents, have United States or eligible noncitizen status, complete US selective service requirements, enroll at least half-time at an eligible California institution, maintain satisfactory academic progress (defined by the institution) once enrolled, meet family income and asset ceilings, and not be in default on any student loan or owe any federal or state grant refund.

In 2018-19, the maximum annual award was \$547 for books, tools and equipment costs and up to \$2,462 more for tuition and fees for attendance at a private for-profit or private nonprofit institution other than a California Community College (CCC). A student may use up to \$1,094 at any CCC. Funding is available for up to two years, depending on the length of the program. To qualify, a student must enroll in an occupational, technical, or vocational program that is at least four months long at a CCC, an independent college, or a vocational/career school.

- 4) **Who receives a Cal Grant C?** According to a recent Legislative Analyst's Office report, the CCC system is the primary destination of Cal Grant C recipients, typically serving between 60 percent and 70 percent of all grantees. Students attending private colleges and other public schools represent the remaining grantees. On average awardees are older at 29 years of age than those in the traditional Cal Grant programs.
- 5) **Cal Grant C application deadline.** Unlike the Cal Grant A and B entitlement awards, the Cal Grant C application deadline is not specified under current law. Existing law establishes March 2 as the deadline for submission of Cal Grant A and B entitlement awards and additionally prescribes September 2 a secondary cutoff date solely for the competitive award program. The California Student Aid Commission has established March 2 as the application deadline for the Cal Grant C program.
- 6) **Prior legislation.** SB 15 (Leyva, 2017) an urgency measure would have modified the Cal Grant C program by statutorily establishing the maximum award at \$2,462 and made other changes to streamline the application process, including establishing September 2 application deadline. SB 15 was held in Assembly Appropriations.

## SUPPORT

## OPPOSITION

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