

[315] Maximum Cal Grant Tuition Awards for Students Attending Private Institutions.

SECTION 1. Section 69432 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69432. (a) Cal Grant Program awards shall be known as “Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards,” “Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards,” “California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards,” “Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards,” “Cal Grant C Awards,” and “Cal Grant T Awards.”

(b) Maximum award amounts for students at independent institutions and for Cal Grant C and T awards shall be identified in the annual Budget Act. Maximum award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending public institutions shall be referenced in the annual Budget Act.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), and subdivision (c) of Section 66021.2, commencing with the 2013–14 award year, the maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending private for-profit and nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions shall be as follows:

(A) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions.

(B) For the 2015–16, ~~and~~ 2016–17, and 2017-18 award years, nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions. For the ~~2017–18~~ 2018-19 award year and each award year thereafter, eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions.

(2) The renewal award amount for a student whose initial award is subject to a maximum award amount specified in this subdivision shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 69433.

(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as of July 1, 2012, shall have the same maximum tuition award amounts as are set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1).

(d) (1) For purposes of this subdivision, “eligible private sector” means all private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions and all private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges that participate in the Cal Grant program.

(2) Notwithstanding the maximum tuition award amount specified in subdivision (c), beginning in the 2018-19 award year, a new recipient attending an institution included in the eligible private sector instead may be eligible for a maximum tuition award amount of nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) if the Student Aid Commission has certified, no later than March 2 of the previous award year, all of the following:

(A) At least one of the following:

(i) That the total number of students enrolled at all institutions in the eligible private sector who receive Cal Grants in the current award year exceeds, by 1 percent, the total number of students enrolled at all institutions in the eligible private sector who received Cal Grants in the prior award year.

(ii) That the total number of students enrolled at all institutions in the eligible private sector who receive Cal Grants in the current award year is at least 10 percent of the total number of students enrolled at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the current award year.

(ii) That the total number of students enrolled at all institutions in the eligible private sector who receive Cal Grants in the current year exceeds 100,000.

(B) At least one of the following:

(i) That the total number of resident undergraduate students enrolled in at least one online course at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the current award year exceeds, by 2.5 percent, the total number of students enrolled in at least one online course at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the prior award year.

(ii) That the total number of resident undergraduate students enrolled in at least one online course at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the current award year is at least 25 percent of the total number of resident undergraduate students enrolled in at least one online course at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the current award year.

(iii) That the total number of resident undergraduate students enrolled in at least one online course at all institutions in the eligible private sector in the current award year exceeds 250,000.

(C) That the institution the student attends does not require any student who has earned an associate degree for transfer pursuant to Section 66746 to take any more than 60 additional semester units or 90 quarter units to complete a baccalaureate program for majors requiring 120 semester units or 180 quarter units.

(3) The renewal award amount for a student whose initial award is subject to a maximum award amount specified in this subdivision shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 69433.