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## *Cal Grant Update*

*"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow  
belongs*

*to the people who prepare for it today."*

*--Malcolm X*

Dear Californian:

Don't miss out on free money! Although the first Cal Grant deadline for high school seniors already passed in March, in just ten days, the Cal Grant A and B Competitive Awards deadline will be here. To be eligible, students must be enrolled at least part-time at a community college, with good grades, and have financial need. To apply, students must complete a GPA verification form and the 2006-2007 FAFSA.

## **September 2 is the deadline to apply for Community College Cal Grants!**

Every year 22,500 grants are awarded to students all over California, providing education opportunities to low- and middle-income families. Just think about how much thousands of dollars annually over four years could help with college expenses such as tuition, fees, books, living expenses and transportation. Cal Grant awards can help relieve burdens associated with college expenses, allowing for more time to be devoted to school. The financial need and cost of tuition for each student determines his or her award amount.

Millions of dollars allocated for Cal Grants each year are unclaimed simply because students are unaware of the opportunity and do not apply for the funding. Also, students sometimes neglect to renew their award, thereby missing the chance to continue receiving funding from our great state. I created the College Opportunity and Outreach Program (COOP) five years ago to help inform Californians about the programs available for college and financial aid. For more information about COOP and other programs, please visit my Web site at [www.ltg.ca.gov/programs/coop/calgrant.asp](http://www.ltg.ca.gov/programs/coop/calgrant.asp).

Community college students have a great opportunity to receive funding that doesn't have to be paid back. If you received a competitive Cal Grant award last year, you must renew your award to continue receiving the funding. Also, if you were a Cal Grant recipient last year while attending a community college, you may transfer the funding to a University if you wish. It is also possible to transfer the

Competitive Cal Grant award to a vocational school, in some cases. Contact the Student Aid Commission at 1-888-224-7268 or [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) to request more information about the Competitive Cal Grants.

I encourage you to be proactive. Those who spread the word about Cal Grants may help get another student one step closer to their dream occupation. To find more information about different types of Cal Grants, or to download an application go to [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org).

*From the desk of:*

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P.S. Don't forget, the State of California recognizes September 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service, to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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