



Golden State Education and Training Grant Program

OVERVIEW

This program is designed to encourage and support individuals who suffered COVID-related job loss to enter, continue and complete college and job training programs. The program was established and funded in the 2021 California Budget Act, mainly with one-time federal COVID recovery dollars, to offer this one-time financial incentive. Half of the funds must go to individuals supporting dependent children (a student parent).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program, a student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have lost their job due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have not been able to find an equivalent paying job since
- Not have been enrolled in an education or training program at the time of their job loss
- Meet the income and asset requirements associated with Cal Grant A eligibility
- Phase 1 is limited to public colleges and universities. In future phases, regional K12 Adult Education and Community College Non-Credit programs, and a subset of the workforce Eligible Training Providers (ETP List) will be eligible to receive funds. Individuals enrolled in only these institutions are eligible to receive a grant. Grant funding should be used to access an educational program or qualified training program at an institution of higher education or to obtain training from a provider that is included on the state's Eligible Training Provider List.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

CSAC intends for awards to be \$2,500. In total, approximately \$500 million is available (statewide) on a one-time basis, of which \$472.5 million is available from federal State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

HOW TO APPLY

- The application is brief and simple. Students will be asked to login to their existing CSAC account, or be asked to create one.
- Students with a FAFSA or California Dream Act application on file will not need to provide financial information.
- Those without those financial aid applications on file will be required to complete a short, supplemental application form to verify financial eligibility for this program.
- The application form will ask up front if a student and/or their child(ren) are receiving support from their local county CalWORKs program. If they certify "yes" the application will bypass the need to input income and asset data.

NEXT STEPS

Once a student has submitted their application, Commission staff will coordinate with the respective campuses to ensure that an applicant is on the GSETGP roster. After the student's enrollment in a credit or non-credit program is confirmed, Commission staff will send the grant funding to financial aid offices and inform the student of the award. Students will be directed to their campus financial aid office for next steps. Another Special Alert will be released with more details on the GSEGTP online roster, the disbursement process and reporting requirements.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

- Telephone: (714) 888-7588
- Website: <https://financialaid.fullcoll.edu/>



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