

## 6980 California Student Aid Commission

The mission of the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is to promote educational equity by making postsecondary education affordable for all Californians by administering financial aid and outreach programs.

The Commission consists of 15 members; 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, 2 members are appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and 2 members are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. In general, members serve four-year terms; the two student members, appointed by the Governor, serve two-year terms.

### 3-YEAR EXPENDITURES AND POSITIONS <sup>†</sup>

	Positions			Expenditures		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
5755 Financial Aid Grants Program	144.8	138.3	138.6	\$3,303,855	\$3,557,986	\$3,223,386
<b>TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES (All Programs)</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>\$3,303,855</b>	<b>\$3,557,986</b>	<b>\$3,223,386</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>				<b>2023-24*</b>	<b>2024-25*</b>	<b>2025-26*</b>
0001 General Fund				\$2,875,474	\$3,135,296	\$2,802,298
0995 Reimbursements				428,555	422,009	420,366
3263 College Access Tax Credit Fund				-385	400	400
8099 Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account				211	281	322
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS</b>				<b>\$3,303,855</b>	<b>\$3,557,986</b>	<b>\$3,223,386</b>

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### LEGAL CITATIONS AND AUTHORITY

#### DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY

Education Code Sections 66021.2, 69430 to 69470 , 69506 to 69509.6, 69510 to 69519.3, 69550 to 69551, 69560 to 69566, 69617 , 69790 to 69671 , 69740 to 69746.5, 69950-69969, 69999.10 to 69999.28, 70020 to 70023 , 70030 to 70039, and 70100 to 70115.2. Government Code Sections 99102 to 99109. Labor Code Section 4709.

### DETAILED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS <sup>†</sup>

	2024-25*			2025-26*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions
<b>Workload Budget Adjustments</b>						
<b>Workload Budget Change Proposals</b>						
• Baseline Increase to Operating Expenses & Equipment Costs BCP	\$-	\$-	-	\$1,881	\$-	-
• Resources for Chief Information Security Officer BCP	-	-	-	230	-	1.0
• Allocation to Support the California College of the Arts	2,500	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals, Workload Budget Change Proposals</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,111</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Other Workload Budget Adjustments</b>						
• Adjustment to Reflect Revised Estimates in the Cal Grant Program	14,151	-	-	81,390	-	-
• Augmentation to the Golden State Teacher Grant Program	-	-	-	50,000	-	-
• Allocation to Support the California College of the Arts	-	-	-	20,000	-	-
• Adjustment to Reflect Revised Estimates in the Golden State Teacher Grant Program	4,131	-	-	4	-	-

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	2024-25*			2025-26*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions
• Adjustment to Reflect Revised CA Military Department GI Bill Estimates	-	677	-	-	677	-
• Reimbursement Authority Increase for the Military GI Bill Program	-	-	-	-	27	-
• Adjustment to Reflect Revised Estimates in the Middle Class Scholarship Program	-1,433	-	-	-	-	-
• Adjustment to Reflect Revised John R. Justice Grants	-	140	-	-	-	-
• Public Interest Loan Repayment Program	-	-134	-	-	-93	-
• Salary Adjustments	400	-	-	400	-	-
• Benefit Adjustments	228	-	-	293	-	-
• Miscellaneous Baseline Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
• Retirement Rate Adjustments	-775	-	-	-775	-	-
<b>Totals, Other Workload Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$16,702</b>	<b>\$683</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$151,312</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Totals, Workload Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$19,202</b>	<b>\$683</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$153,423</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Totals, Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$19,202</b>	<b>\$683</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$153,423</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
<b>Grant and Scholarship Programs:</b>			
Cal Grant Program:			
Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards:			
Participants	254,173	251,295	255,946
Amount	\$1,779,060	\$1,886,606	\$2,023,650
Cal Grant A and B Competitive Awards:			
Participants	24,015	20,182	18,949
Amount	\$146,397	\$139,793	\$140,487
Expansion Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Community College:			
Participants	121,072	132,849	132,378
Amount	\$246,929	\$279,360	\$246,293
Students With Dependent Children Access Award <sup>1</sup>			
Amount	\$106,187	\$116,084	\$117,099
Current and Former Foster Youth Access Award <sup>2</sup>			
Amount	\$12,587	\$12,438	\$12,831
Cal Grant C Awards:			
Participants	1,890	8,284	10,516
Amount	\$3,671	\$18,586	\$21,746
California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program			
Participants	750	760	760
Amount	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Middle Class Scholarship Program Awards:			
Participants	277,539	312,147	327,754
Amount	\$803,175	\$924,767	\$527,200
Golden State Teacher Grant Program <sup>3</sup>			
Participants	10,215	9,137	-
Amount	\$178,446	\$115,850	\$4
Learning-Aligned Employment Program <sup>4</sup>			
Participants	2,831	-	-
Amount	\$9,656	-	-
Cal-HBCU Transfer Grant Program			
Participants	-	80	80
Amount	-	\$400	\$400
Chafee Foster Youth Program Awards:			
Participants	4,952	4,270	4,270
Amount	\$19,308	\$17,080	\$17,080
California Military Department GI Bill Awards:			
Participants	200	200	200
Amount	\$2,446	\$2,446	\$2,446
Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Scholarships:			
Participants	17	16	16
Amount	\$71	\$132	\$132
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>697,654</b>	<b>739,140</b>	<b>750,869</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$3,315,433</b>	<b>\$3,520,642</b>	<b>\$3,116,868</b>
<b>Loan Assumption Programs:</b>			
Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program:			
Participants	-	41	41
Amount	-	\$82	\$123
John R. Justice Grants:			
Participants	160	160	160
Amount	\$260	\$400	\$260
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$482</b>	<b>\$383</b>
<b>Outreach Programs:</b>			
Student Opportunity and Access Program:			
Consortia	15	15	15
Amount	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092
Cash for College Program:			
Regional Coordinating Offices	10	10	10
Amount	\$431	\$431	\$431
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$10,523</b>	<b>\$10,523</b>	<b>\$10,523</b>

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<b>Grand Total, Number</b>	<b>697,839</b>	<b>739,366</b>	<b>751,095</b>
<b>Grand Total, Amount</b>	<b>\$3,326,216</b>	<b>\$3,531,647</b>	<b>\$3,127,774</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reflects the portion of Cal Grant participants who receive a Students with Dependent Children Access Award.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the portion of Cal Grant participants who receive a Current and Former Foster Youth Access Award.

<sup>3</sup> The Program's 2021 Budget Act funds are one-time funds.

<sup>4</sup> This Program was defunded in the 2023 Budget Act.

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### 5755 - FINANCIAL AID GRANTS PROGRAM

This program provides grants and other kinds of financial aid to help undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at eligible institutions pay for educational expenses. The financial aid programs are described below.

#### CAL GRANT PROGRAM

Cal Grant entitlement awards are guaranteed to students who graduate from high school and meet financial, academic, and other general program eligibility requirements. The California Community College transfer entitlement awards are guaranteed to certain community college students who have a community college grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.4 on a four-point scale.

Cal Grant competitive awards are available to applicants who meet financial, academic, and general program eligibility requirements. These awards are offered to applicants who do not receive an entitlement award.

Cal Grant A provides funding for tuition and fees to eligible low-income high school graduates who have at least a 3.0 GPA on a four-point scale.

Cal Grant B provides funding to eligible low-income high school graduates who have at least a 2.0 GPA on a four-point scale. The award is for books and living expenses for the first year. Beginning with the second year, the award also provides funds for tuition and fees.

The maximum tuition award for Cal Grant A and B recipients is equal to the mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU). The annual Budget Act sets the award amount for recipients attending private nonprofit or private, for-profit institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the award for recipients attending private, for-profit institutions that are not WASC-accredited.

The Cal Grant C Program provides funding for eligible low-income students in occupational or technical training.

The Cal Grant Students with Dependent Children Access Award Supplement provides or increases access awards for students with dependent children attending the UC, CSU, a California Community College, or eligible private nonprofit institution.

The Cal Grant Foster Youth Access Award Supplement provides or increases access awards for current and former foster youth attending the UC, CSU, a California Community College, or an eligible private institution.

The California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program provides grants to eligible Cal Grant recipients who apply for aid through the California Dream Act Application and complete community or volunteer service at a qualifying organization.

#### MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Middle Class Scholarship Program provides a scholarship to certain UC and CSU students. The maximum award amount for each student is determined by specific criteria and subject to funding provided in the annual Budget Act.

#### OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS

The California Chafee Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible foster youth who are enrolled in college or vocational school at least half-time. New and renewal awards are made based on available funding.

The California Military Department GI Bill Award Program provides funding for active members of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia who seek a certificate, degree, or diploma. Recipients attending the UC, CSU or a private institution may receive up to the amount of a Cal Grant A award. Recipients attending a community college may receive up to the amount of a Cal Grant B award. An award used for graduate studies may not exceed the maximum amount of a Cal Grant A award plus \$500 for books and supplies.

The Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD) Scholarship Program provides college grants equivalent to Cal Grant amounts to dependents of California law enforcement officers, officers and employees of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and firefighters killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

The Golden State Teacher Grant Program provides one-time grants of up to \$10,000 for the 2024-25 academic year (depending on the institution where enrolled ) to students enrolled in a teacher preparation or pupil personnel services credential program who commit to teaching at a qualifying school or preschool.

The Learning Aligned Employment Program provides one-time grants to participating public postsecondary education institutions for the purposes of offering eligible students with the opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs, while gaining valuable education-aligned, career-related experience.

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The Cal-HBCU Transfer Grant provides grants of up to \$5,000 for eligible students who transfer from a California Community College and enroll in one of 39 Historically Black Colleges and Universities that have associate degree for transfer memoranda of understanding. Participants must file a statement of intent to return to California after graduation from a partnered HBCU.

### LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAMS

The John R. Justice Program provides loan repayments to eligible recipients currently employed as California prosecutors or public defenders who commit to continued employment in that capacity for at least three years. Recipients may receive up to \$5,000 of loan repayment disbursed annually to their lending institutions.

The Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program provides a maximum of \$11,000 in payments toward educational loans over a four-year period to eligible recipients that work in public interest law.

### OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), through intersegmental consortia, provides financial aid outreach, application assistance, and financial aid literacy resources to disadvantaged K-12 students.

Cash for College provides financial aid workshops to assist low-income students with completing an application for financial aid and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form and understanding financial aid.

### DETAILED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM <sup>†</sup>

		2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
	<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>5755</b>	<b>FINANCIAL AID GRANTS PROGRAM</b>			
	<b>State Operations:</b>			
0001	General Fund	\$24,360	\$22,658	\$24,834
0995	Reimbursements	631	583	580
8099	Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account	211	199	199
	<b>Totals, State Operations</b>	<b>\$25,202</b>	<b>\$23,440</b>	<b>\$25,613</b>
	<b>Local Assistance:</b>			
0001	General Fund	\$2,851,114	\$3,112,638	\$2,777,464
0995	Reimbursements	427,924	421,426	419,786
3263	College Access Tax Credit Fund	-385	400	400
8099	Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account	-	82	123
	<b>Totals, Local Assistance</b>	<b>\$3,278,653</b>	<b>\$3,534,546</b>	<b>\$3,197,773</b>
	<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>			
	State Operations	25,202	23,440	25,613
	Local Assistance	3,278,653	3,534,546	3,197,773
	<b>Totals, Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,303,855</b>	<b>\$3,557,986</b>	<b>\$3,223,386</b>

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### EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY <sup>†</sup>

1 State Operations	Positions			Expenditures		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Baseline Positions	138.3	138.3	138.3	\$13,671	\$13,709	\$13,679
Other Adjustments	6.5	-	0.3	-2,392	322	915
<b>Net Totals, Salaries and Wages</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>\$11,279</b>	<b>\$14,031</b>	<b>\$14,594</b>

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1 State Operations	Positions			Expenditures		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
Staff Benefits	-	-	-	7,132	7,705	7,841
<b>Totals, Personal Services</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>\$18,411</b>	<b>\$21,736</b>	<b>\$22,435</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES AND EQUIPMENT				\$6,791	\$1,704	\$3,178
<b>TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations)</b>				<b>\$25,202</b>	<b>\$23,440</b>	<b>\$25,613</b>

  

2 Local Assistance	Expenditures		
	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
Grants and Subventions - Governmental	3,278,653	3,534,546	3,197,773
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Local Assistance)</b>	<b>\$3,278,653</b>	<b>\$3,534,546</b>	<b>\$3,197,773</b>

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**DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS †**

1 STATE OPERATIONS	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
001 Budget Act appropriation	\$23,678	\$23,050	\$24,834
Allocation for Employee Compensation	-	400	-
Allocation for Staff Benefits	-	228	-
Section 3.60 Pension Contribution Adjustment	-	-775	-
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	-	-133	-
Section 4.12 Vacancy Savings and Position Elimination Adjustment	-	-112	-
Prior Year Balances Available:			
Item 6980-001-0001, Budget Act of 2021	682	-	-
<b>Totals Available</b>	<b>\$24,360</b>	<b>\$22,658</b>	<b>\$24,834</b>
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$24,360</b>	<b>\$22,658</b>	<b>\$24,834</b>
0995 Reimbursements			
APPROPRIATIONS			
Reimbursements	\$631	\$583	\$580
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$631</b>	<b>\$583</b>	<b>\$580</b>
8099 Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account			
APPROPRIATIONS			
001 Budget Act appropriation	\$211	\$216	\$199
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	-	-17	-
<b>Totals Available</b>	<b>\$211</b>	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$199</b>
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$211</b>	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$199</b>
<b>Total Expenditures, All Funds, (State Operations)</b>	<b>\$25,202</b>	<b>\$23,440</b>	<b>\$25,613</b>

  

2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE	2023-24*	2024-25*	2025-26*
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	\$2,699,757	\$2,983,070	\$2,777,464
Adjustment to Reflect Revised Estimates in the Cal Grant Program	-	14,151	-
Adjustment to Reflect Revised Estimates in the Middle Class Scholarship Program	-	-1,433	-

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<b>2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>2023-24*</b>	<b>2024-25*</b>	<b>2025-26*</b>
Allocation to Support the California College of the Arts	-	2,500	-
Prior Year Balances Available:			
Item 6980-101-0001, Budget Act of 2021	151,357	114,350	-
<b>Totals Available</b>	<b>\$2,851,114</b>	<b>\$3,112,638</b>	<b>\$2,777,464</b>
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,851,114</b>	<b>\$3,112,638</b>	<b>\$2,777,464</b>
<b>0995 Reimbursements</b>			
APPROPRIATIONS			
Reimbursements	\$427,924	\$421,426	\$419,786
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$427,924</b>	<b>\$421,426</b>	<b>\$419,786</b>
<b>3263 College Access Tax Credit Fund</b>			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	-\$385	\$400	\$400
<b>Totals Available</b>	<b>-\$385</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-\$385</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>8099 Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Account</b>			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	-	\$216	\$216
Public Interest Loan Repayment Program	-	-134	-
<b>Totals Available</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$82</b>	<b>\$216</b>
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-	-	-93
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$82</b>	<b>\$123</b>
<b>Total Expenditures, All Funds, (Local Assistance)</b>	<b>\$3,278,653</b>	<b>\$3,534,546</b>	<b>\$3,197,773</b>
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations and Local Assistance)</b>	<b>\$3,303,855</b>	<b>\$3,557,986</b>	<b>\$3,223,386</b>

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**CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS †**

	<b>Positions</b>			<b>Expenditures</b>		
	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2023-24*</b>	<b>2024-25*</b>	<b>2025-26*</b>
<b>Baseline Positions</b>	138.3	138.3	138.3	\$13,671	\$13,709	\$13,679
<b>Salary and Other Adjustments</b>	6.5	-	-0.7	-2,392	322	349
<b>Workload and Administrative Adjustments</b>						
<b>Resources for Chief Information Security Officer BCP</b>						
Info Tech Mgr I	-	-	1.0	-	-	128
<b>TOTALS, WORKLOAD AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$128</b>
<b>Totals, Adjustments</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>\$-2,392</b>	<b>\$322</b>	<b>\$915</b>
<b>TOTALS, SALARIES AND WAGES</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>\$11,279</b>	<b>\$14,031</b>	<b>\$14,594</b>

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