

GOVERNOR'S **PROPOSED** 2012-2013 BUDGET and HOW IT MAY AFFECT CAL GRANTS

On January 5, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown released his 2012-13 Proposed State Budget. It includes proposals to change certain Cal Grant Program requirements and award amounts for both new and renewal students. If you received a 2012-2013 California Aid Report (CAR), you were offered a Cal Grant based on the current program requirements and the current award amounts, as authorized in the current state budget.

As a Cal Grant applicant or a current Cal Grant recipient, you need to be aware of the Governor's state budget proposal to understand how it might impact you because the final budget may reduce or withdraw your award offer.

Just remember, this is only the proposed budget and not the final. Here is some information on the proposed Cal Grant changes and how you might be affected if the proposal is approved.

How the proposal may affect New Applicants applying for a 2012-2013 Cal Grant

*Grade Point Averages (GPA) for Cal Grant participation are **proposed** to be raised as follows:*

- *Cal Grant A GPA from 3.00 to 3.25*
- *Cal Grant B GPA from 2.00 to 2.75*
- *Transfer Entitlement A & B from 2.40 to 2.75*

How the proposal may affect All Students (New Applicants and Renewal Recipients)

*Cal Grant Award amounts for proprietary and independent colleges are **proposed** to be reduced as follows:*

- *From \$9,708 to \$ 4,000 at proprietary colleges and universities*
- *From \$9,708 to \$ 5,472 at independent colleges and universities*

Please continue to do everything you need to prepare for college admissions and financial aid. That means sending in your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission and correcting or updating your FAFSA with IRS information, if necessary. Talk to your financial aid counselor about all the options that are available to you. Keep your address and other information up-to-date on WebGrants4Students and keep checking this site for updated information.