

California High School Graduation Certification Form For the Cal Grant Entitlement Program

Earlier this year the California Student Aid Commission offered you a Cal Grant Entitlement to help pay for your college expenses. Prior to receiving your Cal Grant Entitlement, you must submit proof of your high school graduation to the Financial Aid Office at your college. Use this form to verify that you have graduated from high school and meet this requirement for your Cal Grant. Read the information on the reverse side to help you complete this form correctly.

What if my college already has a copy of my high school transcript or other evidence of high school graduation?

Your college may already have proof of your high school graduation. If you have been accepted to a college which requires you to submit proof of high school graduation, **you may not need to submit this form.** Check with your college's financial aid office to see if this form is **required from you.**

If you will attend a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus, you do not need to complete this form.

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	MI	Last Name	Social Security Number or CSAC ID (Please circle one)
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip Code

Email Address			

Step 1 Please check the box of the statement that best fits your educational status.

A	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed all of my high school requirements, including passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), if required. If you checked A , above, please fill in the items below. Month and year of graduation: _____ Name of high school or agency: _____ City, state, country of high school: _____
		Or
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have passed the State of California High School Proficiency Examination. Issue Date: _____
		Or
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have passed the General Education Development (GED) Test Issue Date: _____
		Or
D	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not meet any of the three statements above.

Step 2 **Student Certification:** By signing the certification below, I am affirming that I have completed all of my high school graduation requirements including passing the CAHSEE, or I have passed a high school equivalency test such as a GED. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the information above is true and correct.

Signature	

Daytime telephone number	Date

See reverse side for more information.

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Information

Additional information regarding this form may be obtained at the college's financial aid office you will be attending. Or you may contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) by calling toll-free 1-888-224-7268, or by email at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I submit my high school graduation certification?

You must submit this form to your college's financial aid office. Please contact your college financial aid office.

What does completing all graduation requirements mean, exactly?

Completing all high school graduation requirements means you have passed all required coursework and passed any required examinations, including the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), if required.

What if I don't have a diploma but I do have a graduation equivalent?

Instead of graduating, you may have taken and passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or the General Education Development Test (GED). A passing score on either one of these tests is considered "the equivalent of high school graduation" and satisfies the high school graduation requirement necessary for a student to participate in the Entitlement Cal Grant program.

What if I have not graduated from high school or do not have a graduation equivalent? What can I do?

You are not eligible to receive Cal Grant Entitlement benefits if you have not graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent. However, state law gives potential Cal Grant Entitlement participants until December 31 of the award year to complete the high school graduation requirements. If you have not yet graduated, but expect to graduate prior to December 31 of this award year, keep this certification form and submit it after you have completed all your graduation requirements.

If you have not graduated from high school, or achieved the equivalent by December 31, 2007, your Cal Grant offer is void. You may re-apply next year by March 2, 2008, for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Have questions or need information?

If you have questions or need additional information about your Entitlement Cal Grant award, please contact CSAC:

📞 **call** toll-free at 1-888-224-7268, **or**

✉️ **email** CSAC at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

