

**Introduced by Senator Block**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 69434 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1314, as introduced, Block. Cal Grant A Entitlement Program.

Existing law, the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program award and eligibility requirements for that award for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

This bill would specify that community college students participating in specified baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy the eligibility requirements for the Cal Grant A entitlement award shall receive an award.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 69434 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 69434. (a) A Cal Grant A award shall be used only for tuition
- 4 or student fees, or both, in a for-credit instructional program with
- 5 a length of not less than two academic years. Each student who
- 6 meets the Cal Grant A qualifications as set forth in this article shall
- 7 be guaranteed an award. The amount of any individual award is
- 8 dependent on the cost of tuition or fees, or both, at the qualifying
- 9 institution at which the student is enrolled. For each applicant, the

1 award amount shall not exceed the amount of the calculated  
2 financial need.

3 (b) Pursuant to Section 66021.2, any California resident is  
4 entitled to a Cal Grant A award, and the commission, or a  
5 qualifying institution pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with  
6 Section 69450), shall allocate that award, if all of the following  
7 criteria are met:

8 (1) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a  
9 complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no  
10 later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation  
11 or its equivalent for the award year immediately following the  
12 academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, or no  
13 later than March 2 of the academic year following high school  
14 graduation or its equivalent for the second award year following  
15 the year of high school graduation or its equivalent.

16 (2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section  
17 69433.

18 (3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at  
19 least 3.0 on a four-point scale.

20 (4) The student's household has an income and asset level that  
21 does not exceed the level for Cal Grant A recipients set forth in  
22 Section 69432.7.

23 (5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic program  
24 of not less than two academic years that is offered by a qualifying  
25 institution.

26 (6) The student is enrolled at least part time.

27 (7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility  
28 requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section  
29 69430).

30 (8) The student graduated from high school or its equivalent  
31 during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

32 (c) ~~A student~~ *student, including a community college student*  
33 *participating in a baccalaureate degree program pursuant to*  
34 *Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part*  
35 *48 of Division 7, who meets the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program*  
36 *criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant A award*  
37 *for tuition or fees, or both, pursuant to Section 66021.2.*