

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

Attention: Confirmation of your high school graduation is required or no Cal Grant payments can be released. You can certify this online at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>

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 confirmation of your high school graduation to the Student Aid Commission. 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.

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

Email Address			

Fall 2008 College of Attendance: _____			

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	A	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		
<input type="checkbox"/>	B	I have passed the State of California High School Proficiency Examination. Issue Date: _____
Or		
<input type="checkbox"/>	C	I have passed the General Education Development (GED) Test Issue Date: _____
Or		
<input type="checkbox"/>	D	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 exam if my school requires it. Or, I have passed a high school equivalency test such as the California High School Proficiency Examination or the General Education Development (GED) test. 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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Where do I submit my high school graduation certification?

Please submit this form to the address at the bottom of this page or submit it on-line at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>

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. When leaving high school, graduates would have been given a full diploma, not just a "Certificate of Completion." If you are unsure, you can contact your high school.

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, 2008, this Cal Grant offer is void. You would have to reapply next year by March 2, 2009, for 2009-2010 award year consideration.

This certification can be completed on-line at: <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>

If you have questions or need additional information about your Entitlement Cal Grant award, please contact CSAC: call toll-free at (888) 224-7268, or email CSAC at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

Mail this completed form to:

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Grant Programs Operations
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