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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) offers financial aid in the form of Cal Grants to eligible students.

A Cal Grant is money for college you do not have to pay back. To qualify, you must apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the deadline and meet the eligibility and financial requirements as well as any minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements. Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University or California Community College, as well as qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools in California.

California law requires that by, October 1, 2019, all high schools electronically submit GPAs to the California Student Aid Commission for enrolled seniors who do not opt-out. If you want to opt out of having your student's GPA electronically submitted, complete and return the attached form to your school's college counselor no later than August 30, 2019.

If you elect to opt out of the GPA submission process, understand that your student will no longer be eligible for a Cal Grant.

For more information, contact your school's College Counselor.

Sincerely,

Danielle Hinkle
Senior Director, Educational Services
Modesto City Schools

Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out Form

In order to be considered for a Cal Grant, California public high schools and charter schools are required to submit a high school Grade Point Average (GPA) to the California Student Aid Commission by October 1 for all graduating seniors, unless the student or parent has opted out. California Education Code section 69432.9 requires the school district or charter school, to notify all grade 11 pupils and their parent/guardian (if under the age of 18), in writing and no later than January 1 of a pupil's grade 11 academic year, that the pupil will be deemed a Cal Grant applicant unless the pupil has opted out prior to the date specified below. Students who do not opt out will have their GPA submitted to the Commission to be considered for a Cal Grant award.

If you **do not** want your school to report a GPA, please complete this form and **return it to your high school counselor**

by

GPA's will be submitted to the Commission starting

STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Please print your last name

2. Please print your first name and middle initial

3. Please print your permanent mailing address

Number and Street

City

State

ZIP

4. Please print your Date of Birth (MM DD YYYY)

5. Please print your email address

By signing this form, I am electing **not** to have my school report my high school Cal Grant GPA information and SSN (if applicable) to the California Student Aid Commission for use in the Cal Grant application process.

Student Signature

Student Phone Number

Date

The student named on this form is under the age of 18. I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named minor, and I **do not** authorize the release of his/her high school GPA information and social security number (if applicable) to the California Student Aid Commission for use in the Cal Grant application process.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent Phone Number

Date

Print Parent Name

Parent email address