

Instructions for filling out the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION. Please print clearly using black or blue ink. Postmark deadline for 2016-17 awards is September 2, 2016

1. *Your Social Security number:* Enter your Social Security number (SSN) as it appears on your Social Security card and your FAFSA. (Valid SSNs do not begin with 9 or 000. If you believe your SSN begins with an 9 or 000, then contact your local Social Security Office to verify your number.) Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) are not accepted.
2. *Month/year of high school graduation:* Enter the month and year you graduated, or plan to graduate from high school. Enter the month in a two-digit format (for example: January should appear as "01"; November should appear as "11"). Enter the year in a four-digit format (for example: 2016 should appear as "2016").
3. *Your name:* Print your full name as it appears on your Social Security card. Enter last name, first name, middle initial.
4. *Your date of birth:* Enter your birth date. For example, June 25, 1998 would be entered as 06-25-1998.
5. *Telephone number:* Enter your area code and daytime telephone number.
6. *Your permanent mailing address:* Enter your permanent mailing address, city, state and five-digit zip code.
7. *Your E-mail address:* Enter an E-mail address where you can be contacted for questions. This is optional.
8. *Submitting a test score instead of a GPA:* Complete questions 1 through 10, sign the form and attach a photo copy of the testing organization's score report and mail by the deadline to Commission. DIPLOMAS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

The results from the GED, SAT, ACT, TASC or HiSET tests must be submitted in lieu of a GPA if:

- You participated in a home schooling program or attended an unaccredited high school.
- You attended a high school or college outside of the United States and are unable to have those grades converted to a 4.00 scale or your school did not grade in a manner that can be readily converted to a 4.00 scale.
- Students who have been out of school for five years can choose to submit either test scores or their GPA.
 - Scores from the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) cannot be accepted in lieu of a high school GPA, but passing the CHSPE does meet the high school graduation requirement of the Entitlement Cal Grant program. Also, grade reports, transcripts, and other proficiency certificates WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

9. *Student signature:* By signing this form, you certify that you have read these instructions and that the information you provided is correct. It is illegal to report false or misleading information on this form and doing so may result in any Cal Grant award being revoked.

Once you have filled out the student information, take the form to your school and request that they verify your GPA. Be aware that if your school will be electronically submitting your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission, you do not need to submit this form. It is your responsibility to verify that the school will be submitting your GPA for you.

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY SECTION

*GPA IS BASED ON HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK:
REGIONAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY*

Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA is based on high school coursework. (High schools only) Please enter the Regional accreditation agency in which your high school is accredited.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RE-ESTABLISHED GPA:

Fill in this bubble ONLY if the GPA being certified is based on at least 16 but less than 24 units completed at a California Community College.

If the GPA is based on college units, and is not a reestablished GPA as described above, do not fill in any bubble.

GPA VERIFIER'S SCHOOL CODE:

High schools use their College Board school code; colleges use their USED OPE ID code.

VERIFIED STUDENT GPA:

Fill in ALL three GPA spaces. Cal Grant GPAs are calculated on a 4.00 scale. High Schools certifying GPAs MUST be accredited or have a UC-approved course list in order to verify GPAs. Students not attending accredited high schools should provide either a GED, SAT, ACT, TASC or HiSET score.

After the school completes the GPA information, fold form into thirds, insert into a #10 standard business envelope, apply the appropriate postage and mail to:

**California Student Aid Commission
Cal Grant Operations
P.O. Box 419077
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077**