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El Camino College Reminds High School Seniors, Recent Graduates of March 2 Deadline to Apply for Cal Grant Funds

The California Student Aid Commission announces its “Countdown to Cal Grants” final push to encourage and remind students to apply for Cal Grants and other financial aid for education beyond high school.

Cal Grants provide access for students who want to pursue college, career or technical training. All students are urged to apply, even if they are not sure if they qualify.

All high school seniors and recent graduates who qualify for a Cal Grant are guaranteed to receive one. To qualify, students must have financial need, at least a 2.0 GPA, and apply by the March 2 Cal Grant application deadline, in addition to meeting other requirements. Cal Grants cover up to \$9,708 in tuition and fees and can also help pay for textbooks and living expenses.

Applying for a Cal Grant will also ensure a student applies for a federal Pell Grant, which President Obama and the U.S. Congress just increased through federal stimulus legislation to a maximum amount of \$5,350 beginning the fall of 2009-10.

Students can get help applying for a Cal Grant at El Camino College’s Financial Aid Office, 310-660-3493. For more information about Cal Grants, go to www.calgrants.org.

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