

Cal Grant Opt-Out Form

Dear Juniors and Parents,

Cal Grant Awards are free money provided by the State of California to help pay for the cost of college. If you are a graduating high school senior, meet academic, financial and eligibility requirements, you may qualify to receive a Cal Grant. For more information on Cal Grants, please visit <https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants>.

To be considered for a Cal Grant award, the following requirements must be completed:

1) A 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by students and parent/guardian with the Federal processor at www.fafsa.ed.gov by the March 2, 2026 deadline. The FAFSA application will be available starting October 1, 2025 using your 2024 tax returns.

AND

2) High schools must submit a certified Grade Point Average (GPA) to the California Student Aid Commission by October 1, 2025. Cal Grant GPAs will be accepted only if certified by a school electronically. The fastest and most secure way for a student to submit a Cal Grant GPA is to have Grove electronically upload the GPA directly to the California Student Aid Commission's system.

Assembly Bill 2160 was signed into law in September 2014 mandating that all public schools electronically submit grade point averages (GPAs) for all grade twelve students to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). The bill also requires schools to notify parents in writing of opt-out requirements by January 1 of their junior year. By completing the section below, you are requesting that your student's GPA will **not be submitted** in accordance with AB 2160.

If you wish to OPT OUT from your student's electronic submission please complete the section below and **return it to the office no later than Thursday, June 4, 2026.**

Please be aware that through opting out of the GPA submission you are not being considered for a Cal Grant.

GPA File Upload Opt Out

Please **DO NOT include** this student in the GPA upload submitted to the California Student Aid Commission from The Grove School.

Parent Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____