

Seniors and Juniors — Are you applying for Financial Aid for College? Cal Grants are available from the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for many students attending either 2 yr. or 4 yr. colleges as well as technical schools. **This year THHS will be electronically submitting all Senior Cal Grant GPAs to the CSAC for the required Cal Grant GPA Verification process.** Here is what this means:

1. If you are applying for any type of Financial Aid for college, you must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. If you are applying for a Cal Grant you must submit the FAFSA online by March 2, 2018. The Application Process opens on October 1, 2017. FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
2. After submitting the FAFSA, you must ensure that a certified Grade Point Average (GPA) is submitted to the CSAC by March 2, 2018. The fastest and most secure way for a student to submit a Cal Grant GPA is to have their school electronically upload the GPA directly to the CSAC's system. **THHS is doing this for every senior by October 1, 2017 and every junior by Oct 1, 2018. You will not need to submit a paper GPA Verification Form!** The CSAC system will automatically match your FAFSA application with the verified Cal Grant GPA submitted directly by THHS.
3. If you want to confirm that your Cal Grant GPA has been received by the CSAC after you have filed the FAFSA, you can go online and check the status of your Cal Grant application by logging onto <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp> and creating a WebGrants for Students account. This secure site will let you view the status of your Cal Grant application, update your address, view payment history or report your college of attendance to the CSAC.

The Cal Grant GPA is calculated from courses taken in Grade 10 through the summer following Grade 11. The GPA is unweighted and does not include PE courses or Athletics. It is highly recommended that you have your Cal Grant GPA sent to the CSAC; however, you may **opt out** by contacting your Student Services Technician (last name A-EL: Mrs. McCann, last name EM-LE: Mrs. Murphy, last name Li-Ri: Mrs. Ahearn, last name Ro-Z: Mrs. Bell) in the Guidance Department. **To opt-out, seniors must contact their SST by September 25, 2017 and juniors must contact their SST by September 25, 2018.**