

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF POLICY PRIORITIES

(September 2018)

As the primary state agency responsible for California's student financial aid programs, and in furtherance of its responsibility to provide policy leadership on student financial aid issues, the California Student Aid Commission establishes the following policy priorities to fulfill the state's historic, long-term commitment to ensuring both access to and selection of an institution of higher education for students with financial need:

Maximize public investment in California students through financial aid that:

- ❖ Ensures access for California students to eligible colleges and universities.
- ❖ Ensures financial support for living expenses and costs of attendance sufficient to enable successful, timely completion of an undergraduate degree or certificate program.
- ❖ Is responsive to the evolving challenges California students face in pursuit of a higher education.

Maximize effectiveness of state-authorized financial aid programs through:

- ❖ Quality standards and consumer protections for students attending any eligible California college.
- ❖ A holistic approach to college affordability which considers the entire cost of attendance.
- ❖ Effective advocacy for streamlined financial aid which is accessible by students and families.

Advance awareness of financial aid for California students and parents through sufficient funding and support for comprehensive outreach programs and financial literacy programs that include federal, state and institutional aid, loans and other opportunities to cover the cost of college.

Influence and inform state and federal policy on financial aid policy and programs that affect California students, parents and college institutions

Approved by the California Student Aid Commission on September 14, 2018

Motion: MOVED (Nies), SECONDED (Lomeli) and CARRIED, the Commission unanimously APPROVED Attachment 7.2 as the policy platform.