

Cal Grant **OPT OUT** Form

(For students in the 11th grade)

A Cal Grant is money for college that does not have to be paid back. To qualify, a student must meet the eligibility and financial requirements as well as any minimum grade point average (GPA) requirements. Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University, or California Community College. Some independent and career colleges or technical schools in California also take Cal Grants.

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) requires that **all** students enrolled in grade 12 in a California public school, including charter schools, be deemed a Cal Grant applicant, unless the parent or the grade 12 adult student (at least 18 years of age) opts out. AVUHSD schools will electronically submit GPA verification for all seniors to the CSAC, except for those who have chosen to opt out.

If you do not wish for yourself or your student to be a Cal Grant applicant, you must OPT OUT by **OCTOBER 1 of the student's senior year**. To opt out, complete the form below and return it to your school's **Guidance Office**.

☐ I am an adult student, and I would like to OPT OUT of being automatically deemed a Cal Grant applicant.

☐ I am a parent or guardian of the student below, and would like to OPT OUT my son or daughter from being automatically deemed a Cal Grant applicant.

Student Last Name _____ Student First Name _____

Student ID Number _____ School _____

Student Email _____

Parent Last Name _____ Parent First Name _____

Parent Email _____

By signing below, I am indicating that I understand that OPTING OUT is required in order for me/my student to not be deemed a Cal Grant recipient. I also understand that by OPTING OUT, I make myself ineligible to receive a Cal Grant award (free money for college).

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Education Rights Holder

Signature of Student (*If adult student*)

PLEASE RETURN THIS OPT OUT FORM TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE.