

Resolution Supporting Access to CalGrants for Graduate School

Whereas hundreds of thousands of undergraduate students across California qualify and receive federal Pell Grants and state CalGrants to assist with their in-state tuition costs; and

Whereas undergraduate students may receive the Pell Grant for a maximum of four academic years and the Cal Grant for a maximum of six academic years; and

Whereas a needy student cannot currently receive unused CalGrant financial aid for graduate school, even if the student finishes a Bachelor's Degree in three, four or five academic undergraduate years, although they could have been eligible for six years of CalGrant support,

Be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) asks all relevant agencies and leaders of California State Government to create a process for eligible students who complete their Bachelor's Degree with less than six years of Cal Grant support to access undrawn CalGrant support for California-based graduate school study; and

Be it further resolved that the SCCDCC believes that financially-needy students who complete their Bachelor's Degrees in a timely fashion should be eligible to access the same amount of aggregate CalGrant support to assist with California-based graduate school study as if they had used CalGrant funding for six academic years of undergraduate study.

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Approved by CADEM Region 8 Delegates