PURPOSE:
This policy establishes guidelines for the allocation of State University Grant funds to eligible students.

BACKGROUND:
A policy is needed to allocate scarce financial aid resources. Chancellor’s Office Coded Memo AA-2008-18.

POLICY:
Accountability:
The Financial Aid office

Applicability:
All registered students at CI

Text:
All Registered Students at California State University Channel Islands (CI) are awarded grants funds in accordance with the system-wide policy statement issued on a yearly basis to CSU Presidents from the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Support.

The March 8, 2001 document on which this policy was originally based set system-wide eligibility requirements, annual limits and award priority groups. Subsequent documents are issued yearly stipulating the annual award limits have increased. The following summarizes that policy statement, including the increased award limits

Eligibility for awards:
- Be admitted or enrolled at a CSU campus
- Be classified as a California resident for fee purposes
- Pay the State University fee (excludes students in self support programs)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Not be in default on a student loan
- Not owe a repayment on a student grant
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
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- Have an expected family contribution not exceeding fifty percent of the campus standard off-campus budget. Due to limited funds allocated to CI; grant eligibility may be based on lower expected family contribution limits.

System-wide priority groups:
- Have an expected family contribution of $800 or less
- Be enrolled on at least a half-time basis in a degree or credential program
- File a FAFSA by the campus-designated priority date
- Have not received a Cal Grant or a waiver of the State University Tuition Fee

California State University Channel Islands is in compliance with this policy. The Financial Aid office awards the State University grant according to the following guidelines:
- A State University Grant is awarded up to the full amount of fees minus any fee-based Cal Grant awards or waivers. Additional amounts may be awarded up to the maximums established by the Chancellor on a case-by-case basis.
- A State University grant is awarded only to students accepted in degree or credential programs.
- Priority is given to on-time applicants with an expected family contribution of $800 or less.
- The Director of Financial Aid reserves the right to establish the EFC limits consistent with the packaging policy and the expectation that all available SUG funds will be awarded on an annual basis.
- This policy is subject to change as the system-wide policy is amended or as allocations limit the ability of the Financial Aid office to completely fund eligible students.

EXHIBIT(S):