

SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST

To request the ESP Program, fill out the following information. Cut or tear off this portion and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope that was provided to you. Please include 1st semester satisfactory progress report followed by proof of graduation.

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Name and Date of Birth of the Student(s):

Date of 1st Semester's Completion: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Contact Information

Phone Number: _____
(required)

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address:

By submitting this application, I am authorizing the Department of Public Social Services to contact the school to verify the graduation/diploma.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

By graduating and participating in a Money Management class, I may earn an additional \$100.

I agree to participate.

I do not agree to participate.

Student(s) Signature: _____

If you don't have the self-addressed stamped envelope, please mail this request to:

GAIN Region IV
Attn: ESP Program
3833 S. Vermont Ave. 3rd Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90037



County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

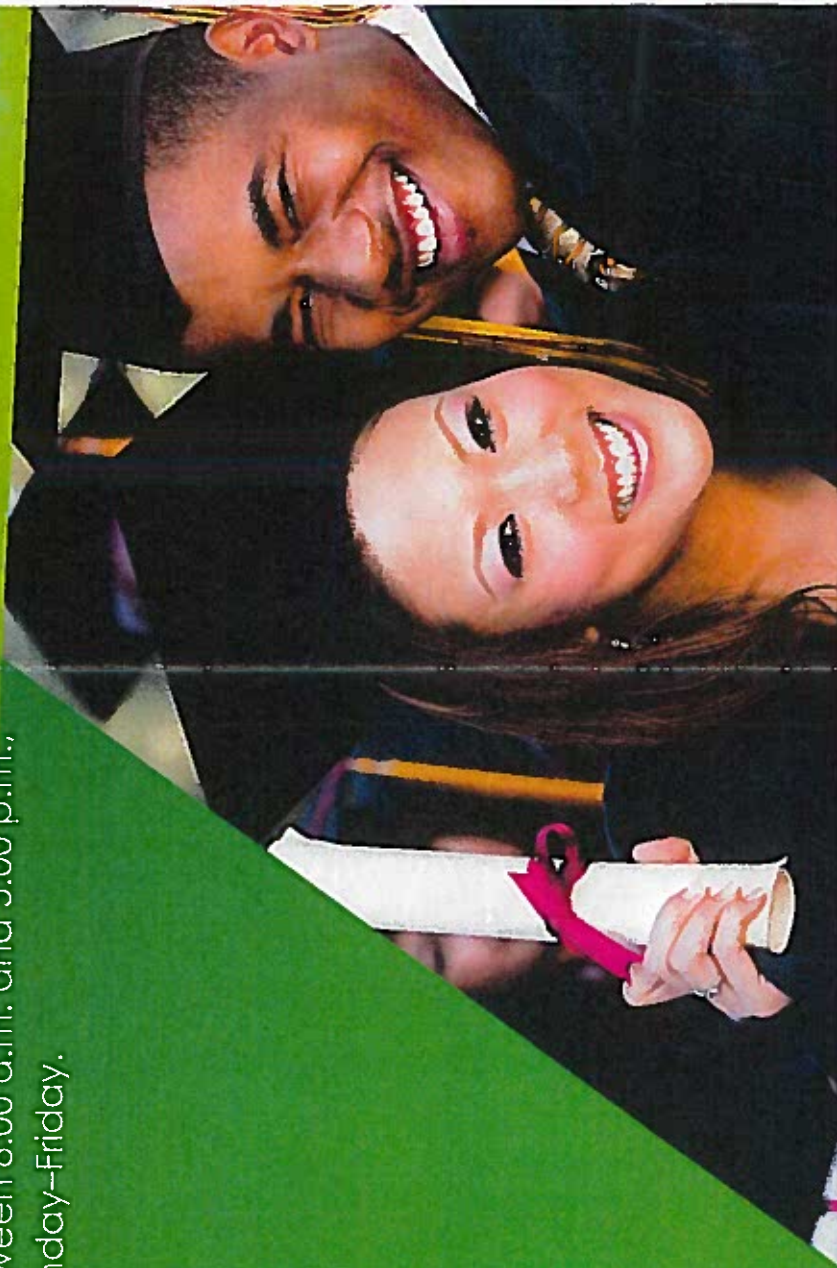


CASH FOR GRADS

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PAYMENT (ESP) PROGRAM

FOR HELP OR QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE ESP PROGRAM:

Call 1 (877) 292-GAIN (4246)
to speak to an ESP Program
representative at anytime
between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,
Monday-Friday.



WHAT IS THE ESP PROGRAM?

The ESP Program is an educational support payment that is offered to students who receive benefits through CalWORKs or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) for families, upon completing their high school education. The purpose of the payment is to promote education, which leads to self-sufficiency.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE ESP PROGRAM?

Students who are under 19 years of age, are aided in CalWORKs/RCA (non-Cal-Learn) and complete their high school education through an accredited high school program/equivalent may qualify. Students who are part of the CalWORKs/RCA household but are not eligible for CalWORKs/RCA benefits (e.g., SSI recipients, ineligible non-citizens, etc.) will not qualify for the ESP.

WILL MY BENEFITS BE REDUCED IF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES THE ESP?

No, the ESP will **not** be counted against your CalWORKs/RCA, CalFresh, or Medi-Cal benefits.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO RECEIVE THE ESP PAYMENTS?

You may submit your ESP request by completing the back portion of this brochure and returning it in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided with this mailer.

ESP applications will only be

accepted by mail.



WHAT IS THE ESP PAYMENT AMOUNT?

The first payment of \$200 will be issued upon proof of successful completion of the 1st semester of your graduation year.

Proof must be received by April 30, 2017.

Acceptable documents of proof include:

- Satisfactory progress report **or**
- Letter from school verifying progress (on school letterhead).

The second payment of \$200 will be issued upon proof of graduation.

Acceptable documents of proof include:

- Diploma **or**
- High school transcripts.

A \$100 payment can be added to either of the above payments upon completion of a free Money Management class. Proof must be received by August 31, 2017. **If Money Management class is not completed, the \$100 will not be issued.**

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONEY MANAGEMENT CLASS?

If you agree to participate in a Money Management class, you will receive information about the classes by mail.



WILL MY INFORMATION BE VERIFIED BY DPSS?

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Yes, DPSS is responsible for verifying that the information you provide is valid and may do so by contacting the school or school district.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTING THE ESP?

The ESP request may be submitted by the teen applicant or the CalWORKs/RCA case payee. However, the payment will be made directly to the teen through a warrant (check).

