

**Title 5: Education**

**Division 4.5: Scholarshare Investment Board**

**Chapter 1.5: California Scholarshare Advancement Vehicle for Education Program**

**Section 30960 Definitions Applicable to CalSAVE Program**

- a) **Existing Definitions:** The following term is defined in Section 69980 of the Education Code: Board.

The following terms, as used in these regulations, are defined in the Internal Revenue Code Section 529 of 1986, under Title 26: Qualified Higher Education Expenses, Eligible Educational Institution, Designated Beneficiary.

The following term is defined in California Education Code sections 68000-68084, 68120-68134, and 89705-89707.5, and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, sections 41900-41916: California Residency.

- b) **Additional Definitions.** The following definitions shall also apply to the CalSAVE Program:

**Beneficiary Group** – shall refer to a specific group of students deemed eligible by the Board to receive CalSAVE Scholarships for whom a Subaccount within the CalSAVE Account has been created, as defined in Education Code section 69981(d)(1).

**CalSAVE** – shall refer to the California Scholarshare Advancement Vehicle for Education program of 2008 (Senate Bill 1457) as defined in Education Code section 69981(d).

**CalSAVE Account** – shall refer to the account as defined in Education Code section 69981(d)(2).

**CalSAVE Scholarship** – shall refer to monies distributed from the CalSAVE Account by the Board to Beneficiary Groups.

**Cash** – shall include but not be limited to checks (except for travelers checks, third-party checks exceeding \$10,000, money orders, or cashier's checks), and electronic funds transfers.

**Donor** – shall refer to individuals or groups who make cash contributions to the CalSAVE account as defined in Education Code section 69981(d)(2).

**Eligibility Criteria** – shall refer to the criteria developed and utilized by the Board to determine Student eligibility for a CalSAVE Scholarship.

Eligible Partner – shall refer to a private or public organization that the Board elects to contract with to disburse CalSAVE Scholarships. Eligible Partners may include, but are not limited to, higher education institutions, public entities, private entities, organizations, agencies, non-profits, and community based organizations.

Subaccount – shall refer to an individual account created within the CalSAVE Account for a specific Beneficiary Group as referenced in Education Code section 69981(d)(2).

Student – shall refer to a student potentially eligible to receive a CalSAVE Scholarship.

Voluntary Contribution – shall refer to all cash contributed to the CalSAVE Account or Subaccounts by individuals and groups as defined in Education Code section 69981(d)(2).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 69980, 69982, Education Code  
Reference: Section 69981, Education Code.

### **Section 30961 Contributions**

- a) Cash contributions.** All Voluntary Contributions to the CalSAVE Account or Subaccounts must be in cash. The minimum sum for all individual Voluntary Contributions is \$1.
- b) Non-designated contributions.** All Voluntary Contributions not designated by the Donor for a specific Subaccount will be designated for distribution to a Subaccount by the Board.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 69982, Education Code  
Reference: Section 69981, Education Code.

### **Section 30962 Scholarship Eligibility:**

- a) Student eligibility.** CalSAVE Scholarships shall be awarded to Students pursuant to the following Eligibility Criteria: 1) established California Residency, 2) eligibility to receive federal financial aid as defined in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and 3) enrollment or demonstrated intent to enroll in a California post-secondary institution eligible to deliver federal financial aid as defined in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Students currently enrolled in higher education must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as defined in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- b) Identifying eligible Students.** The Board will work in cooperation with, but not limited to, Eligible Partners, representative entities, organizations, agencies, non-profits, and/or stakeholders on behalf of a specific Beneficiary Group to identify Students eligible to receive CalSAVE Scholarships.

- c) **Term of eligibility.** A Student shall be eligible for no more than one CalSAVE Scholarship through any individual Subaccount of the CalSAVE program, notwithstanding:
- 1) the Board reserves the right to make a determination of eligibility for Students who meet the Eligibility Criteria for more than one Subaccount, and
  - 2) Students identified as being eligible to receive a CalSAVE Scholarship for which there are insufficient funds to provide for, shall retain their eligibility for consideration when funds do become available for additional awarding at the Board's discretion.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 69981, 69982, Education Code  
Reference: Section 69981, Education Code.

### **Section 30963 Eligible Partners**

- a) **Criteria.** The Board shall contract with an Eligible Partner to facilitate the delivery of scholarships. The Board will utilize the following criteria to select an Eligible Partner to provide services for the CalSAVE program, based upon an organization's ability to provide the following services: 1) identify and access eligible students within the selected beneficiary group, 2) effectively disburse or facilitate disbursement, and administer delivery of Scholarships as accounts as defined in California Code of Regulations section 30905(b), 3) facilitate access to, or directly provide Students with, the comprehensive support necessary to complete their higher education goals, including but not limited to academic support, financial counseling and assistance, career counseling, residential assistance, material supplies, health services, and transportation services.
- b) **Partner contracting.** The Board reserves the right to make and enter into contracts and/or agreements with Eligible Partners for the disbursement of CalSAVE Scholarships and other necessary services as authorized in Education Code 69982(b).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 69981, 69982, Education Code  
Reference: Section 69981, Education Code.

### **Section 30964 Scholarship Disbursement**

- a) **Disbursement.** CalSAVE Scholarships shall be disbursed in accordance with this program in the form of Accounts as defined in California Code of Regulations section 30950(b). CalSAVE Scholarships shall be disbursed by the Board or Eligible Partners to identified Students as follows:
- 1) CalSAVE Scholarships will be disbursed directly to each identified Student of a Beneficiary Group, or
  - 2) The Board will contract with an Eligible Partner to disburse Scholarships to identified eligible Students of a Beneficiary Group.
- b) **Unused CalSAVE Scholarships.** All unused CalSAVE Scholarships not disbursed to eligible Students shall revert to the originating Subaccount for reallocation upon identification of additional eligible Students.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 69981, 69982, Education Code  
Reference: Section 69981, Education Code.