**AICCU Day in the Capitol**

**Student Ambassador Profile**

Picture of student here

[Student name]

[College or University]

Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why the Cal Grant is Important to Me**

[Please write a little bit about yourself and why the Cal Grant is important to you—e.g., allows you to continue attending your college or university of choice; allows you to focus on your studies rather than having to work excessive hours; ensures that your siblings can have access to a higher education like you did; etc.]

*Examples of what others have written:*

“Programs like Cal Grant make these opportunities possible. They don’t negate the circumstances, but they do take the stress off and allow students the opportunity to flourish. Let’s keep Cal Grant - we, as a society, won’t regret it. We’ll call it the Californian Dream.”

“No matter what cards you’re dealt, there is still potential to do well and better yourself in college: it is literally the vehicle for change. But, coming from someone who spent the first five years of his life with one parent, and being below the poverty line for most of my earlier life, college seems distant. There is more emphasis on getting out of high school and getting into college than how to actually navigate and succeed in college. But, for a student like me whose EFC is 0, Cal Grant comes into play nicely. It pays the bills and allows me to make something of myself.”

“Coming from a single-parent home, the cuts that have transpired in the past two years, has hurt my family among others. But rather than complaining, we made the conscious decision to remain thankful for the aid we still do receive from the state. With the proposed cut of 11%, we have no choice but to speak up and say something—that is, if students such as myself want to remain in school. The truth of reality is that students who attend nonprofit, private universities need just as much help getting through school as the CSU and UC students, if not more. As a state that we will be serving in the near future, we need your help. We need your help to get us through, so that we can give back as valuable, contributing citizens to California’s economy in helping to better it. But in order to do that, we need to be given a chance.”