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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2023-24 Financial Aid Workshops Registration**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the registration site for the [2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops](#) taking place throughout California.

These free workshops, offered in partnership with the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA), the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) and the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), provide crucial financial aid information, updates, and resources to high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists and community education partners.

[Register here for the 2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops](#)

In addition to our continued focus on the All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act Completion Initiative for high school seniors, we will address the upcoming changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the Better FAFSA Better Future campaign and updates to the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). These changes include:

- The opening of the applications is delayed from October 1 to **December 2023** (Date TBA from Federal Student Aid).
- The FSA ID will be required for all FAFSA contributors, such as parents and legal guardians, including those who are not US Citizens or permanent residents.
- New formula to calculate student need and financial aid eligibility.

The Commission will host more than 50 in-person workshops and several live, virtual workshops via Zoom. Other topics covered include an overview of the Cal Grant program, the Chafee Grant for Foster Youth, and other exciting, new financial aid resources for California students.

The Commission is offering an extensive calendar of in-person and virtual Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops to date, covering virtually every corner of the

state to better serve high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists, and community education partners. A calendar of events and registration information is available online.

The Commission appreciates your dedication to students, and our training team looks forward to seeing you at the 2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops!

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