



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors  
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Upcoming Training Events – September 2023**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces upcoming training webinars and virtual workshops.

### Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

Registration for the 2023-2024 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop series is open! The Commission is offering more than 50 in-person workshops and several live, virtual workshops via Zoom. New workshop sites this year include Barstow Community College, Crescent City Del Norte School District, and Santiago Canyon College. Space is limited – Register today!

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

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.

### Cal Grant Regional Trainings

Regional trainings are designed to provide updates to the financial aid programs administered by the Commission and to assist financial aid administrators who need updated Cal Grant instruction, new program information and help to better navigate the WebGrants system. Regional Training videos and PDFs can be found on our [website](#). Register for an in-person or live, virtual workshop.

**In-Person:** The last 2023 in-person training workshop is on September 22 (LA Mission College, Sylmar). This 1-day workshop will run from 8 AM – 5 PM. Register [here](#).

**Live Webinars** (November 15-17) Workshops are conducted over a 3-day period and cover the same topics as the in-person training. Register [here](#).

- Session A: CSAC Updates, Institutional Eligibility, CSAC Program Overview, and California Dream Act Application. (Estimated 2.5–3 hours)
- Session B: Disbursements and Payments, Payment Scenarios, Navigating WebGrants, Reports and Tools, Reconciliation and Program Compliance. (Estimated 2-2.5 hours)
- Session C: Foster Youth Programs and Middle-Class Scholarship. (Estimated 1.5-2 hours)

### **Upcoming Webinars**

LAST CHANCE before the 9/29 deadline! Reconciliation of Cal Grant and Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG), & the Audit Process- for college financial aid administrators.

- September 11 @ 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading 2024-25 GPAs- for high school staff.

- September 19 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Cal Grant 101- for high school staff and college financial aid administrators.

- September 28 @ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

### **California College Affordability Summit**

Registration is now open for the 4th annual California College Affordability Summit (Summit) presented by the Commission in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education, The Education Trust-West, and the California Department of Education. The Summit will be held November 7 & 8, 2023 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, CA.

[Register here for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual California College Affordability Summit](#)

The Summit will provide K-12 educators, high school counselors, college financial aid administrators, student advocates, and policy leaders with updates, resources, and tools for the upcoming 2024-2025 financial aid application cycle.

### **Free Immigrants Rising Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ Regional Trainings**

Immigrants Rising is hosting free, in-person statewide regional trainings to dive deeper into the Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ. These interactive trainings will help college, universities, high schools, adult programs, and noncredit programs increase alignment of AB 540 across the state.

- September 13 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)  
Chabot College

- September 21 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)  
Evergreen Valley College
- September 29 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)  
Sacramento City College

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