



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 – January 2023

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

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

The Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop series has added two additional, virtual workshops (via Zoom) on Wednesday, January 18th from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and a second workshop on Wednesday, February 15th also from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. These will be the last two workshops of the current 2022-2023 season.

To register, please sign up [here](#).

These free workshops offer high school counselors, student advocates, student outreach coordinators and community partners the opportunity to obtain relevant financial aid information they can use to support their students. These trainings will take a comprehensive look at AB 469, new legislation which requires local education agencies (LEAs) to ensure high school seniors complete a financial aid application.

Cal Grant Regional Trainings

Geared towards college financial aid administrators who need additional Cal Grant instruction and help to better navigate the WebGrants system and to receive recent updates. You can also find updated Regional Training videos and PDFs on our website. The Commission is in the process of planning in person trainings for 2023.

Session A: CSAC Updates, Institutional Eligibility, Cal Grant Overview, and California Dream Act Application. (Estimated 2.5–3 hours)

- Wednesday, February 22, 2023: 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM - [Register for this session](#)

Session B: Disbursements and Payments, Payment Scenarios, Navigating WebGrants, Reports and Tools, Reconciliation and Program Compliance. (Estimated 2-2.5 hours)

- Thursday, February 23, 2023: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM - [Register for this session](#)

Session C: Foster Youth Programs and Middle Class Scholarship. (Estimated 1.5-2 hours)

- Friday, February 24, 2023: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM - [Register for this session](#)

Upcoming Webinars

Uploading High School GPAs for high school staff.

- Wednesday, January 4, 2023: 2:00 – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

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

- Friday, January 13, 2023: 10:30 - 12 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

2023-24 CA Dream Act Application Overview for high school staff and college financial aid administrators.

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023: 2:00 – 3:30 PM [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading High School GPAs for high school staff.

- Tuesday, January 24, 2023: 10:00 – 11:30 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

GPA Reports & Matching for high school staff.

- Tuesday, January 31, 2023: 2:00 – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Cash for College Statewide Webinars

[Cash for College Workshops](#) assist students and families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications. Some workshops are offered in English and Spanish.

- Thursday, January 12, 2023: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - [Register for this webinar](#)
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - [Register for this webinar](#)
- Wednesday, February 8, 2023: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - [Register for this webinar](#)

Train the Trainer Workshops for Cash for College

[The Cash for College Train the Trainer Program](#) provides workshops that are designed to give campus financial aid personnel and community partners all the tools they need to host their own Cash for College workshops.

- Friday, February 3, 2023: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM - [Register for this webinar](#)

FAFSA/CADDA Office Hours Hosted by CSAC

Office hours are available to teachers, counselors, staff, faculty, or anyone who works with students and may have specific student financial aid application questions. The goal is to increase application completion and support the “*All In For FAFSA/CA Dream Act*” initiative by answering FAFSA/CADAA-related questions one-on-one. Register and log in using the [Zoom link](#) during an office hour session and a CSAC trainer will answer your questions!

January 2023 Office Hours Schedule

Tuesday 1/3: 2-3pm

Wednesday 1/4: 10-11am

Tuesday 1/10: 2-3pm

Wednesday 1/11: 10-11am

Tuesday 1/17: 2-3pm

Tuesday 1/24: 2-3pm

Wednesday 1/25: 10-11am

Tuesday 1/31: 10-11am

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