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TO: High School Counselors
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Upcoming Training Events – November 2023

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

California College Affordability Summit

It's not too late to register for the 4th annual California College Affordability Summit (Summit)! The Summit is 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 4th annual California College Affordability Summit](#)

The Pre-Summit sessions on November 7 will feature two amazing topics. The first will offer a live Better FAFSA/Better CADAA Demonstration utilizing the Federal Student Aid FAFSA Prototype and a preview of the changes to the 2024-25 California Dream Act Application including the new AB540 affidavit questions. The second session will take a deep dive in understanding and supporting the basic needs of our college students by looking at data, best practices, and innovative strategies on campus.

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

The Commission is wrapping up the 2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops and offering virtual CADAA Line-by-Line and virtual FAFSA/CADAA Update webinars in January and February following the release of the 2024-25 applications. Register today!

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

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 the last live, virtual workshop of the year.

Live Webinars (Nov. 15-17) Workshops are conducted over a 3-day period. 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

Reports, Tools, & Customizing Your Roster for college financial aid administrators.

- November 6 @ 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

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

- November 14 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading 2024-25 GPAs for high school staff.

- November 30 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 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.

November 16, 2023 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM [Register for this webinar](#)

November 21, 2023 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM [Register for this webinar](#)

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