



SPECIAL ALERT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth - March Claim Schedules**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) notifies institutions that the 2023-24 Chafee Grant for Foster Youth (Chafee) initial budget allocation has been exhausted. As of March 11, 2023-24 Chafee payments are on hold pending additional funding for the Chafee program expected to become available in the coming weeks.

Institutions may continue processing Chafee awards and requesting eligible payments; however, both paper warrant and electronic file transfer (EFT) payments will be held and processed once the Commission has received additional funding. After these funds are exhausted, future claims can only be paid with unused Chafee funds returned to the Commission.

Update the Chafee Reconciliation Screen

As mentioned in [GSA 2023-03](#), institutions must promptly return unused Chafee funds throughout the academic year. Please update the Chafee Reconciliation Screen documenting the date that issued funds were paid to the student. If a student was paid using institutional funds and Chafee funds were used as reimbursement, please use the payment "Issue Date" as the "Date School Paid Student."

FY/AY	Pmt Amt	Term	Claim Schedule	Issue Date	Warrant Number	Date School Pd Std
23/23	\$1,000	SP	24036501	02/09/2024	[REDACTED]	01/29/2024
23/23	\$1,000	FL	23345241	12/15/2023	[REDACTED]	12/06/2023

Return All Unused Chafee Funds Older Than 30 Days

- All non-disbursed Chafee funds must be returned to the Commission within 30 business days of receipt to allow the Commission to maximize funds available for awards.
 - **EFT** – For information about returning Chafee funds received via EFT, please visit the [Chafee EFT website](#).
 - **Paper Warrant** – To return Chafee funds received via individual paper warrants, please complete the form attached to the check and do not void the check. Return both to:

California Student Aid Commission
PO BOX 419027
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027

Estimated Time Frame to Resume Chafee Claim Schedules

The Commission is actively working with the California Department of Social Services to secure additional funding and anticipate resuming the processing of claims at the end of March. We will send a future communication once funds have been secured and processing of claim schedules has resumed.

Need to contact us?

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