



SPECIAL ALERT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
Chafee Coordinators

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SUBJECT: **California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth – Payments Resumed**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) notifies institutions that 2023-24 California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth (Chafee) payments have resumed.

Both paper warrant and electronic file transfer (EFT) payments generated on and after March 11, 2024, have been processed. EFT funds should be expected on May 3, 2024, and paper warrants will take 3-8 weeks to arrive at institutions.

Payment on an eligible California Chafee Grant award is not guaranteed. Funding is limited. Chafee payments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. The program’s remaining 2023-24 balance as of April 30, 2024, is \$1,154,985.

Update the Chafee Reconciliation Screen

As outlined 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 internal funds with Chafee funds as reimbursement, please use the payment issue date as the "Date School Paid Student" date.

Date School Pd Std	School Return Amount	School Return Date
MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY

Return All Unused Chafee Funds Older Than 30 Days to the Commission

- All non-disbursed payments must be returned to the Commission within 30 business days of receipt to allow the Commission to maximize funds available for awards. After additional Chafee funds are exhausted, additional claims can only be processed with money returned to the Commission.

- Follow the steps below to return unused funds:
 - **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
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027

Need to contact us?

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