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Final 2018-19 Cash for College Workshops

California Student Aid Commission offering free financial aid training for FAFSA/CADAA season

Sacramento, CA (2019) – Over 30,000 high school seniors, college students, and their families have attended free Cash for College workshops throughout California since the kickoff in October, 2018. These workshops offer assistance completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); California Dream Act (CADAA); Chafee Grant for Foster Youth; and Middle Class Scholarship applications.

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) supports local partners putting on the Cash for College workshops to help students and families navigate the college admissions process and to apply for financial aid programs. These financial aid applications are the key to obtaining federal and state financial aid like grants and scholarships and provides access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. The FAFSA and CADAA information is used by the Commission to determine eligibility for the Cal Grant program, Middle Class Scholarship and additional specialized financial programs.

“The Student Aid Commission is proud to bring Cash for College events to communities throughout the state,” said Lande Ajose, Chair of the California Student Aid Commission. “Student aid for higher education is complicated for students and parents to understand and providing access to information about financial aid opportunities is an important step in helping students achieve their educational goals.”

The mission of Cash for College is to help low-income and first-generation college-goers complete the application process, so they can access financial aid for education and career/technical training beyond high school. That mission aligns with the overall objective of the Commission, which is to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians – helping to create a smarter California.

Find more information here: <https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state’s policy leader in the administration of financial aid for higher education, making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. California Student Aid Commission serves the needs of not only today’s college students but tomorrow’s students, guiding them through the application process. Information and tools are available online for the parents of tomorrow’s college and career technical students, a fully staffed call center answers questions and the California Student Aid Commission provides workshops and funds grants to organizations that provide access opportunities for students who are first in their family to attend institutions of higher education. For more information on how the California Student Aid Commission serves to educate, inform, and support students, their educational institutions, and the professionals who assist them please visit our website at <https://www.csac.ca.gov> or follow us on [Twitter @castudentaid](https://twitter.com/castudentaid) and [Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CSAC.StudentAidCommission/>](https://www.facebook.com/CSAC.StudentAidCommission/).