



Fast Blast

From the California Student Aid Commission

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In support of the Commission's ongoing goal of providing California's financial aid community with proactive and current updates, we are providing this update on programs and projects. Please share this with any interested person who may not have received this newsletter.

Student Identity Theft Alert

Yesterday, an incident was reported to the Student Aid Commission regarding suspected identity theft.

A Cal Grant recipient alerted the Commission of a suspicious phone call regarding a Cal Grant return. Financial information was requested from the student by the caller falsely representing the Commission. It is imperative students know the Commission will never request any bank account or credit card information from a student to verify Cal Grant eligibility. Students should never disclose this information over the phone or by e-mail.

If your students think they may have been victimized, they should contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus, close the accounts they believe may have been compromised, and contact their law enforcement officials.

We want to help protect students from identity information theft. Although we are not aware of whether this has happened more than the one time, we wish to be as safe as possible and send this alert so financial aid offices can notify students not to provide personal financial information by phone or e-mail.

Additional information regarding identity theft, and steps to follow in preventing identity theft, may be found on the California Student Aid Commission website located at: <http://www.csac.ca.gov>.

Talk with us- The Commission appreciates any comments or feedback you may have regarding the *Fast Blast*. Please forward your comments to fastblast@csac.ca.gov. If this message reaches school staff who are not currently on the Commission's ListServ and wish to be added, they can log on to csac.ca.gov and click on Links and CSAC List Services.

On behalf of the Commission and Commission staff, I want to thank our financial aid partners for another successful Cal Grant financial aid season.

