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Information/Action Item

California Student Aid Commission

Discussion of the Arthur S. Marmaduke Award Process

The late Arthur S. Marmaduke served as the Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) for 25 years from 1960 to 1985, and an award is given in honor of the dedication and commitment Mr. Marmaduke demonstrated in helping students gain access to a postsecondary education. In 1985, this award was established as a means of recognizing and honoring a high school counselor with superior skills in helping high school students seek and receive financial aid for an education after high school.

The recipient of the Arthur S. Marmaduke Award receives an engraved plaque commemorating the honor and a \$1,500 monetary award provided by Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC).

Annually, between January and March, the Commission sends a notice to all California high school principals and requests that they nominate individuals for this award. After a 30-day nomination period, Commission staff reviews and scores the nominations and submits recommendations to the Executive Director for approval. Upon approval, the selected nominations, along with nomination ballots, are distributed to the Commissioners via e-mail for consideration. Commissioners are asked to cast their votes within 7-10 days. Commission staff tallies the votes, determines the award recipient and contacts the high school principal to inform them of the recipient and to discuss the presentation venue.

The award may be presented to the award recipient at a future Commission meeting and/or at a site or event of the principal's choosing that is coordinated with the Commission, typically in May or June. Local Commissioners are invited to attend the ceremony and present the award. Additionally, local Members of the Legislature or their designees are invited to present a special recognition to the recipient.

The nomination deadline for the 2013 Arthur S. Marmaduke Award is April 19th. Commission staff expects to provide a slate of nominees for the Commission's consideration by April 29th and will ask the Commissioners to cast their votes by approximately May 9th.

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