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SUBJECT: California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update

This Operations Memo provides an update on the California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee) for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years.

2010-11 Chafee Payments

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that on December 8, 2010, the 2010-11 winter term Chafee payments were mailed to schools.

To facilitate the reconciliation and distribution of new 2010-11 Chafee awards, your assistance is requested in the immediate return of checks for ineligible Chafee participants. If a check is returned, please remember not to deface the check by writing "VOID". This creates delays in offering additional awards.

2011-12 Chafee Application

The 2011-12 Chafee Foster Youth Grant Application is now available on the Commission's Website at <https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov>. New Chafee applicants who are unable to access the online application may print a paper application and submit the application to:

California Student Aid Commission
Specialized Programs Operations Branch
California Chafee Grant Program
P.O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

Only new Chafee applicants need to complete the 2011-12 Chafee application. All age-eligible applicants who have submitted a Chafee application for academic year 2010-11, or in prior years, will be consequentially renewed for the 2011-12 academic year.



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2011-12 Chafee Need Analysis Report (NAR)

On February 1, 2011, WebGrants access to the 2011-12 NAR will be available for submission. However, a paper version is now available on the Commission's Website. If submitting by paper, the document will not be processed until February 1.

Chafee Coordinators Guide

In addition, the Commission is happy to announce that a Chafee Coordinator's Guide will be available for schools by mid-December at www.csac.ca.gov. Click on "Schools," then on "Colleges" and finally on "Training." The guide is designed to serve as a reference for schools on program requirements and operational guidance regarding the administration of the Chafee program.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact the Specialized Programs Operations Branch at specialized@csac.ca.gov or at (888) 294-0153, option 3.

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