



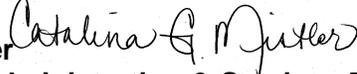
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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**TO: Child Development Grant Coordinators
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SUBJECT: 2011-12 Child Development Grant Application Process

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that the 2011-12 Child Development Grant Program new and renewal applications are now available.

The Child Development Grant Program (Program) is funded annually from the federal Child Development Block Grant Act of 1990. Each year the California Department of Education (CDE) determines the amount allocated to the Program. The CDE has reduced the 2011-12 federal funds for the Program and therefore, the total number of awards will be reduced.

The Child Development Grant Program is a renewable, need-based grant of up to \$2,000 per year designed to encourage students to enter the field of child care and development in a licensed children's center. Students who plan to enroll at least half-time in coursework leading to a Child Development Permit are eligible to apply through the postsecondary institution they plan to attend. Students must commit to provide one year of full-time service in a licensed children's center for each year they receive the grant.

This year there are two distinct and different applications for the Program. **Program awards will not automatically renew for the 2011-12 academic year.** All Program participants who have received an award for 2010-11 will be required to complete a 2011-12 new or renewal application to be considered for 2011-12 funding. *The postmark deadline to submit applications to the Commission is Wednesday, **June 15, 2011**, and no applications will be accepted after this date.*

Enclosed are the 2011-12 Child Development Grant Program Nomination and Application Packet and the Renewal Application. These are also available on the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov. Select "Financial Aid Programs", then "Child Development Grant Program".



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If you have any questions regarding this Program, please contact the Commission's Specialized Programs Operations Branch at (888) 224-7268, option 3 or at specialized@csac.ca.gov, attention: Child Development Grant.

Enclosures: 2011-12 Child Development Grant Nomination and Application Packet
2011-12 Child Development Grant Renewal Application

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