



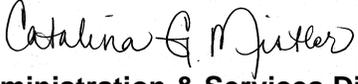
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Status of the Robert C Byrd Honors Scholarship Program for
the 2011-12 Academic Year

On April 18, 2011, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) informed the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) that funding for the federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (Byrd program) will not be available for the 2011-12 academic year. On May 3, 2011, the USED directed the Commission to notify schools and new applicants of the elimination of 2011-12 Byrd program funding. As a result, the Commission will not process new awards for the 2011-12 school year. Please inform the new applicants you nominated this year of the Byrd program status.

The Commission is waiting for guidance from USED on how to proceed with students who are current recipients of the Byrd program. Once the Commission receives this information, students will be informed of their status and schools will be notified.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Patrick Foley at (916) 464-2590 or at specialized@csac.ca.gov, please include "Byrd" in the subject line.

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