



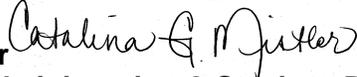
# SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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**SUBJECT:** California Dream Act Application Counselor Training & Live Video Event on 4/20

This Special Alert announces that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) and Cash for College will host College Week Live events on the California Dream Act on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The live College Week Live sessions will be held for students, parents, high schools, colleges and community sites. The live video sessions are accessible from computers with speakers and high speed Internet connections. To participate in afternoon online chat sessions, speakers are not required, and mobile devices can be used.

The Dream Act Application (Dream Application) for 2012-13 institutional aid was opened Monday, April 2, 2012. For the first time under Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) and Assembly Bill 131 (AB 131), Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) students can now apply for and receive student financial aid from both private- and public-funded student financial sources.

Two morning training sessions at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will feature a line-by-line training session on completing the Dream Application, the Dream Act Application process and how the Dream Act processing differs from the FAFSA application process. This session is for high school counselors and staff, college campus staff, and anyone assisting AB 540 students. Afternoon sessions are for students, parents and community members.

AB 540 Students who participate on 4/20, could receive up to \$1,000 in scholarships.

Enclosed with this memo is a general roadmap to participation flyer, and additional Dream Act Day flyers (in Spanish and English) with event times and session descriptions are available on the Commission's [Dream Act Page](#). A final agenda will also be posted on this page of the Commission's website. Registration for the events is available online at College Week Live at [www.collegeweeklive.com/CACFC](http://www.collegeweeklive.com/CACFC).

Questions on this College Week Live event can be made to [cashforcollege@csac.ca.gov](mailto:cashforcollege@csac.ca.gov). Questions on Dream Application implementation can be directed to the Commission's School Services Support Branch at (888) 294-0153 or at [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov).

Enclosure: California Dream Act Day, Ways to Participate



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