



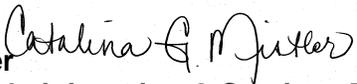
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update

This Special Alert provides an update on the California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee) for the 2012-13 academic year.

2012-13 Awards and Payments

On August 20, 2012, the 2012-13 Chafee award process will begin, and the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) anticipates that all preliminary award letters will be mailed to the selected Chafee recipients by August 24, 2012.

Although Chafee award offers will be processed, the Commission is unable to begin processing fall term payments until a new contract with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is approved. The Commission will work closely with CDSS to execute the contract and will release an Operations Memo once the program funding has been authorized.

The Commission strongly recommends that your institution process the Chafee Need Analysis Reports (NAR) by August 17, 2012, to ensure that your students be considered for an award. In addition, the Commission encourages institutions to update NARs for students who are not enrolled to ensure awards are offered only to eligible students.

No changes were made to the Chafee selection criteria for the 2012-13 academic year. The priority award process continues as follows:

- Priority 1: Renewal students who have received a payment in a prior year
- Priority 2: Students who are aging out of the program
- Priority 3: Students with dependents
- Priority 4: Students who had an unmet need of \$5,000 or higher
- Priority 5: Submission date of completed application



WebGrants for Students School Changes

The Commission has implemented a new school change process for Chafee Grant applicants on WebGrants for Students. Students can process school changes for both their Cal Grant and Chafee Grant records by using the “School Change” link on WebGrants for Students at www.webgrants4students.org.

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