



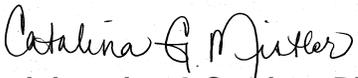
# SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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**SUBJECT:** 2012-13 Cal Grant Winter Term Advance Update

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This Special Alert informs all Cal Grant participating institutions of a change in the 2012-13 winter term advance process.

As stated in [GSA 2012-24](#) dated July 17, 2012, the 2012-13 State Budget includes \$803.7 million of Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the Cal Grant Program. The TANF funds provide approximately half of the funding for the Cal Grant Program. Because the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has not yet received any TANF funds from CDSS, our General Fund appropriation is nearly exhausted.

CDSS must execute a contract with the Commission to authorize the release of those funds for the Cal Grant Program. The Commission initiated the contract process with CDSS in July 2012. CDSS provided the contract this week. The contract must now be approved by the Department of General Services, which has up to ten days to review contracts. Upon notification that the contract has been approved, the Commission will request TANF funds from CDSS. The TANF funds are federal funds. The State Controller's Office has a fixed timeframe for the processing of federal fund claims.

The Commission anticipates receiving TANF funds in early January 2013 and plans to open the roster for winter term payments (without a term advance) in January 2013. The Commission appreciates your assistance in supporting our students and will continue to keep you informed as information becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding this Special Alert, please contact the Commission's School Support Services at (888) 294-0153 or via email at [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov).



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