



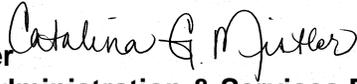
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update

On August 13, 2012, the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) released Grant Special Alert [\(GSA\) 2012-30](#) informing institutions of the 2012-13 Chafee Grant award process and the status of the new funding contract with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). We are pleased to announce that the 2012-13 California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee) fall term payments were processed on September 27, 2012. Institutions should begin receiving Chafee Program checks from the State Controller's Office (SCO) within ten (10) business days. To allow schools time to process their payments, the Commission anticipates notifying all Chafee recipients of their payment status by October 8, 2012.

All available 2012-13 academic year federal and state Chafee Program funds have been offered to eligible new and renewal students. Any returned Chafee funds will be used to make new Chafee Grant awards to the next eligible applicants. To make new awards available, it is important for institutions to immediately return any funds identified for ineligible students.

2011-12 Year-End Update

As of September 30, 2012, the end of the federal fiscal year, all 2011 funds will have been depleted. Thus, the Commission is no longer processing 2011-12 Chafee applications. Final awards will be sent to the appropriate institutions within the next couple of weeks.

WebGrants Automated Payment Tracking

The Chafee Online Payment Roster enables institutions with WebGrants access to update a Chafee payment status as disbursed or returned. The reconciliation tool "Checks Issued but Student not Paid" report identifies Chafee payments that have been issued to the institution and have not been reported as disbursed or returned. Please use this WebGrants report to reconcile all Chafee payments.



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Through this report, a Chafee recipient's disbursement status can be updated using the online payment roster and institutions can immediately report returned checks for ineligible recipients and identify if a check is lost or missing. As in the past, if a check is returned, please do not deface the check by writing "VOID". This creates delays for the Commission to offer timely additional awards to prospective Chafee recipients.

If you have any questions about this Special Alert, please contact Jeana Maduli at (916) 464-2988 or at jmaduli@csac.ca.gov or Dianna Ximenez at (916) 464-6487 or dximenez@csac.ca.gov.

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