



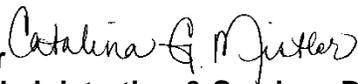
SPECIAL ALERT

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SUBJECT: 2013-14 California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program

This Special Alert provides an update on the California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee) for the 2013-14 award year.

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) administers the Chafee program through an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The Chafee program is funded with both federal and state funds.

2013-14 Awards and Payments

Grant Special Alert [\(GSA\) 2013-15](#), dated May 6, 2013, reported that the federal sequestration required reductions for the Chafee Grant Program. CDSS has informed the Commission that the federal reduction for 2013-14 is \$508,000. Therefore, it is anticipated that the 2013-14 Chafee fund allocation (which includes state and federal funds) will be \$11,264,475.

On July 29, 2013, the 2013-14 Chafee award process will begin. No changes were made to the Chafee selection criteria for the 2013-14 academic year. The Commission anticipates that all preliminary award notifications will be sent to the selected Chafee recipients by mid-August.

Although Chafee award offers will be processed, the Commission is unable to begin processing fall term payments until the contract with the CDSS is approved. The Commission will notify institutions once the program funding has been authorized.

The Commission strongly recommends that your institution process the Chafee Need Analysis Reports (NAR) 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.

If you have any questions regarding this Special Alert, please contact the School Support Services Branch at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov or at (888) 294-0153.



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