



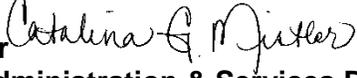
SPECIAL ALERT

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SUBJECT: Review of the Competitive Cal Grant Award Utilization Meeting

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information on an upcoming meeting regarding the review of the Competitive Cal Grant program's award utilization.

During the last couple of months, Commission staff has reviewed the utilization rates of the Competitive Cal Grant program. In our efforts to identify issues related to the delivery of these funds to students, staff has communicated and met with financial aid administrators, segmental representatives, students, and other institution administrators. Based on our discussions we have identified some reasons as to why these Cal Grant awardees are not accessing their Cal Grant funds. We have also had the opportunity to review our system processes that both students and financial administrators interface with to process payments.

In an effort to improve the utilization of Competitive Cal Grant awards, we will convene an open meeting to discuss our findings, proposed operational solutions, and other potential options that may achieve the full use of these awards. The Commission invites you to participate in this discussion and provide feedback on this issue. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **August 29, 2013**, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Board Room of the Commission's headquarters at 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova.

A webinar is set up to allow interested stakeholders to register and participate. To register and get more information, visit the Commission's website at <https://csacevents.webex.com/csacevents/onstage/g.php?d=666608918&t=a>. Once you have registered, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you with the login instructions and teleconference phone line information. Retain this confirmation e-mail, as you will need it to join the meeting. Space is limited to 70 participants, so register today if you are interested in learning more about this topic.

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



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