



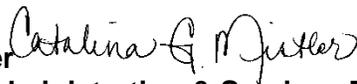
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Chafee Grant Program Update for Academic Year 2013-14

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) processed the 2013-14 California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee) winter term payments on December 9, 2013. Institutions should begin receiving Chafee Program checks from the State Controller's Office (SCO) within ten (10) business days.

All available 2013-14 academic year federal and state Chafee Program funds have been offered to eligible new and renewal students. However, 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.

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. The Commission requests institutions utilize this report for the 2013-14 academic year and notify the Commission immediately 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.

It has come to our attention that some campuses are experiencing difficulty with the disbursement of Chafee checks. If you have concerns about disbursements at your campus please contact us for assistance.

If you have any questions about this Special Alert, please contact Jeana Maduli at (916) 464-2988 or jmaduli@csac.ca.gov or Bryan Hanson at (916) 464-2440 or bhanson@csac.ca.gov.



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