



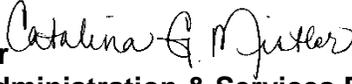
# SPECIAL ALERT

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**SUBJECT:** Competitive Cal Grant Program Advisory Committee 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 and efforts made to increase the number of paid recipients. The Competitive Cal Grant Program Advisory Committee will hold an open meeting on March 26, 2014.

Over the last several months, Commission staff has been focused on improving the utilization rates of the Competitive Cal Grant program. We established several advisory workgroups to consult with financial aid and other campus administrators, students, segmental representatives, high school counselors, and other partners, to help us identify issues related to the delivery of these Cal Grant funds to eligible students. Based on our consultation and discussions we have identified some reasons as to why these Cal Grant offered awardees do not receive their Cal Grant funds. We also had the opportunity to review our system processes that both students and financial administrators interface with to process payments and have taken some steps to streamline.

We will convene the open meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and invite you to participate and provide feedback on the proposed solutions that may achieve the full use of these awards. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Commission's headquarters at 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova. A webinar is also set up to allow interested stakeholders to participate. To register and get more information, visit the Commission's website at <https://csacevents.webex.com/csacevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=665749228>.

A confirmation e-mail for the webinar will be sent to you with the login instructions and teleconference phone line information. Space is limited to 98 participants, so register today if you are interested in learning more about this topic.

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



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