California
Student Aid Commission

CSAC Program Updates

Presented By:
California Student Aid Commission

Today's Agenda

- Program Updates
  - Awards
  - Year-End Process
  - Cal Grants
  - Dream Act
  - Middle Class Scholarship
  - Outreach & Training
  - Specialized Programs
  - Customer Relations
- 2017-2018
  - New FAFSA Prior, Prior Year
- GDSM
- Questions

Program Updates

2015-2016
Offered Awards

Applications

- 2,612,883 ISIR
- 39,866 Dream Act

Offered Awards (New & Renewals)

- 342,742 HS Entitlement (E1)
- 41,516 Transfer Entitlement (E2)
- 25,750 Competitive (C1)
- 36,476 Cal Grant C
- 49,532 Middle Class Scholarship

Year-End Reconciliation

- November 19, 2015 deadline: All 2014-15 roster transactions must be completed in WebGrants
- Refer to the *Monthly Payment Activity Report* for your school's latest balance
- Invoices will be mailed to schools that have a 2014-15 Cal Grant or MCS balance

Cal Grants

- **Cal Grant A**
  - UC Award amount: $12,240
- **Cal Grant B**
  - Access Award: $1,656
  - CCC Augmentation
- **Cal Grant C**
  - Priority criteria updated

- **GPA Submission**
  - Ting Bill (AB 2160) mandates all seniors' GPAs must be submitted electronically
  - Opt-out option must be given to students/parents no later than October 15th each year

Competitive Cal Grant

- 2015/16 Budget Act
  - Increase of 3,250 awards
  - Total of 25,750 annual awards
- Eligibility Changes
  - 2016/17 income and asset ceiling adjusted annually CPI
  - Lifetime cap on award based Education Level
  - Improvements in utilization and paid rates
    - Paid rate for 2014-15 is 96.2%

Competitive Cal Grant

- Scoring Matrix: Plans to implement changes to better target the most disadvantaged applicants for 2016-17 academic year
  - Increase focus on financial disadvantage elements
  - Supplement consideration of income with EFC
  - Reduce points on the GPA
  - Reserve household status points for independent single parents only
  - Simplify scoring for parent education

Scoring Matrix Comparison

POINT CATEGORY	2015-16	2016-17
FAMILY FINANCES		
FAMILY INCOME & HOUSEHOLD SIZE	380	250
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)		250
GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)	350	100
HOUSEHOLD STATUS		
STUDENT OR PARENT (SAME AS CURRENT)	90	
SINGLE PARENT APPLICANTS ONLY		80
SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY OR OTHER STATUS		
STUDENT EDUCATION / ACCESS EQUALIZER	90	80
PARENT EDUCATION LEVEL		
FATHER AND MOTHER	90	
FATHER OR MOTHER		80
DISADVANTAGED / SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS		80
FAMILY / ENVIRONMENT INDICATORS		80
TOTAL SCORE	**1000**	**1000**

California Dream Act

- New processes:
  - Monthly electronic data exchange with the U.S. Selective Service to register eligible male students
- New enhancements:
  - Adjusted landing page layout
  - Improved resources page
  - Clarified determination logic questions
  - Revised help text in application

California Dream Act

- Challenge
  - Paid Rate for 2014-15 is 66%
  - 2,684 potential student award withdrawals

- Actions Taken
  - On-going student communications
  - Analysis breakdown by reason code
  - Survey sent to 1,400 students

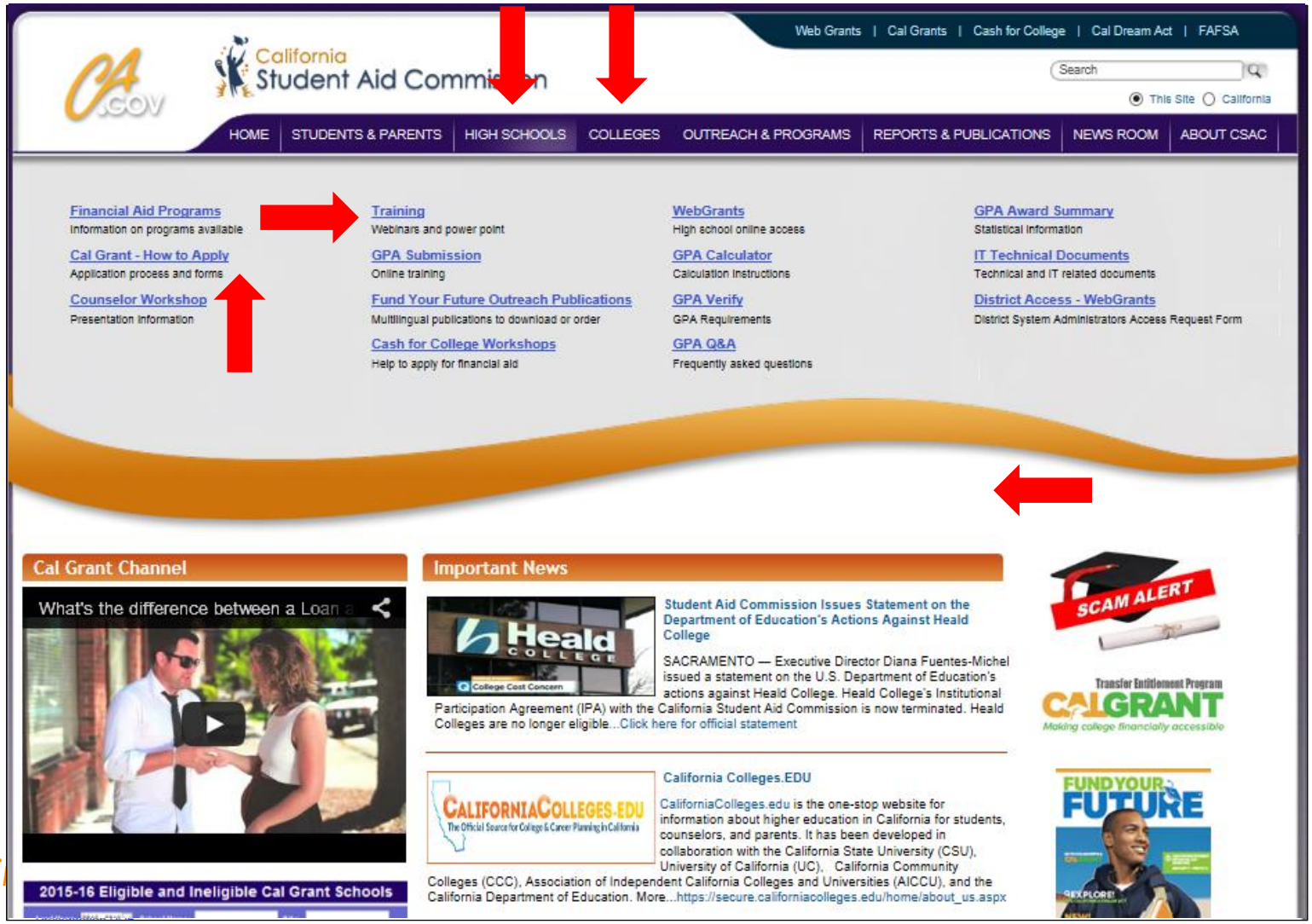
Middle Class Scholarship

- 2015/16 Maximum Award Amounts
  - $2,448 at UC
  - $1,092 at CSU
- Eligibility Changes
  - 2016/17 Income and asset ceiling adjusted annually CPI
  - Lifetime cap on award based Education Level

Institutional Support Outreach & Training

- Delivered 21 Annual High School Counselor Workshops held across the state
- Hosted 14 live, scheduled webinars for institutions
- Participated in outreach to middle school, high school, and college students

Webinars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College Cost Concern
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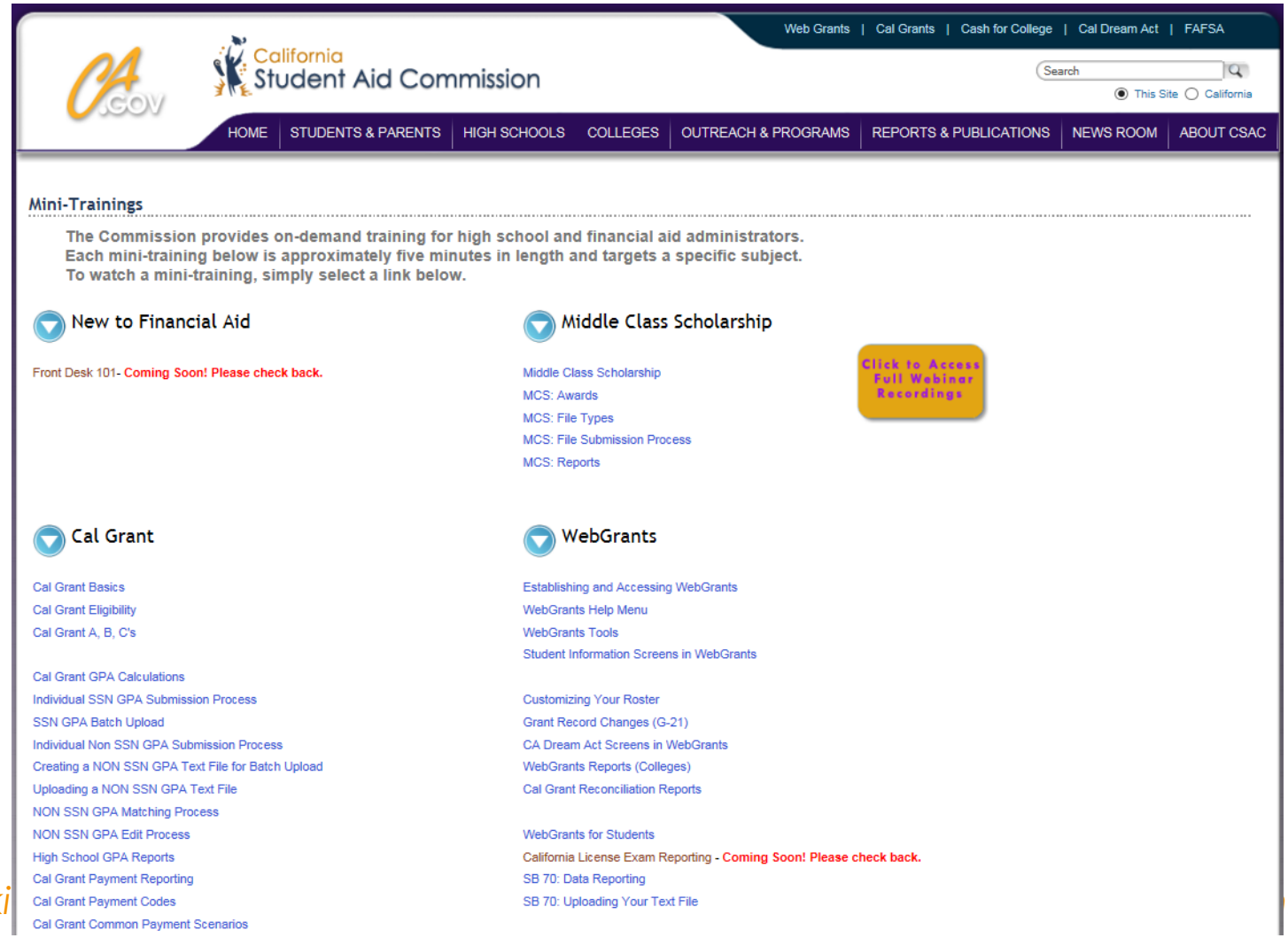

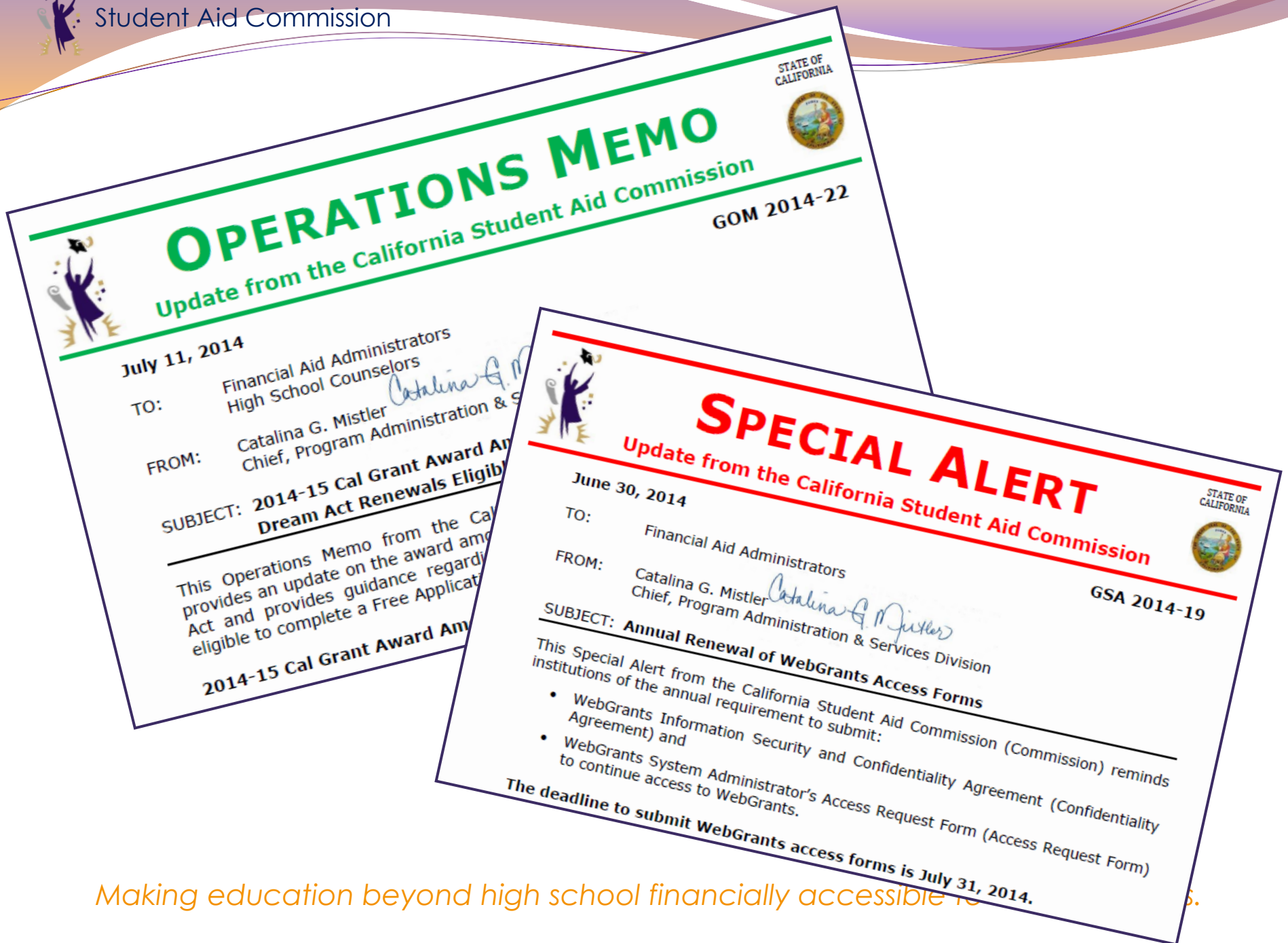

OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GOM 2014-22

July 11, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration &

SUBJECT: **2014-15 Cal Grant Award An**
Dream Act Renewals Eligib

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provides an update on the award amo
Act and provides guidance regardi
eligible to complete a Free Applicat

2014-15 Cal Grant Award An

SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GSA 2014-19

June 30, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: **Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds institutions of the annual requirement to submit:

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality Agreement) and
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form) to continue access to WebGrants.

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.

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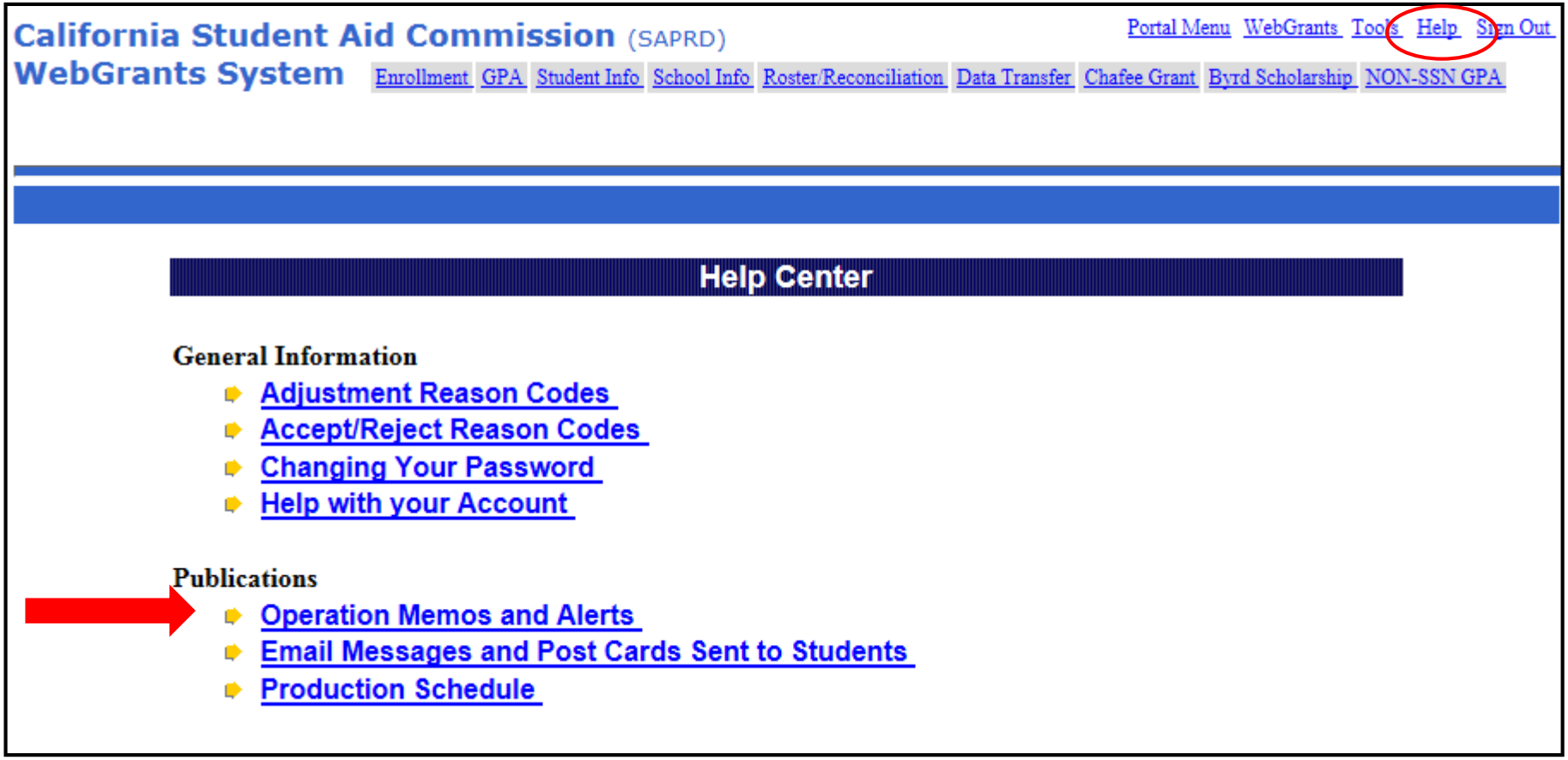

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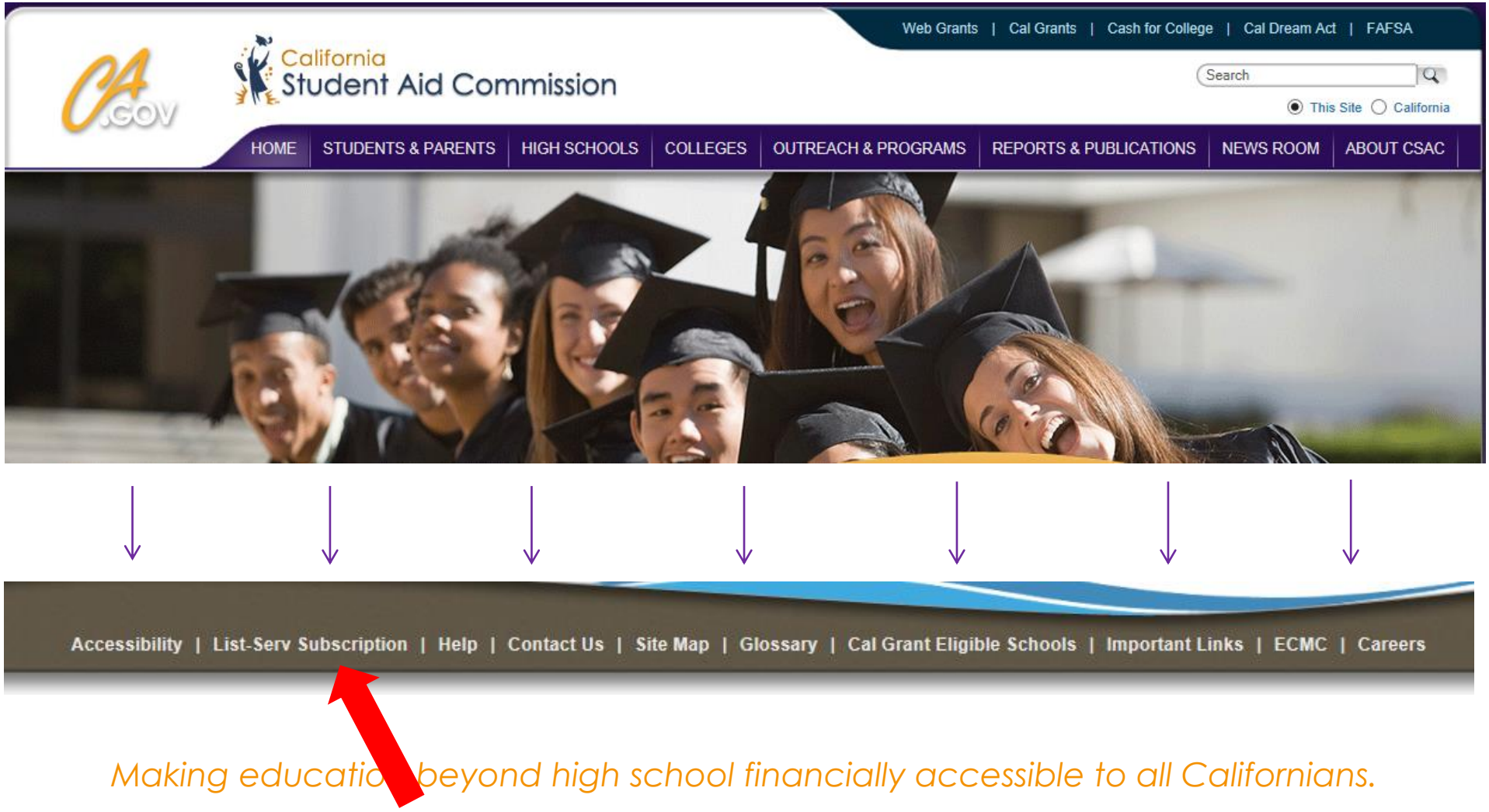

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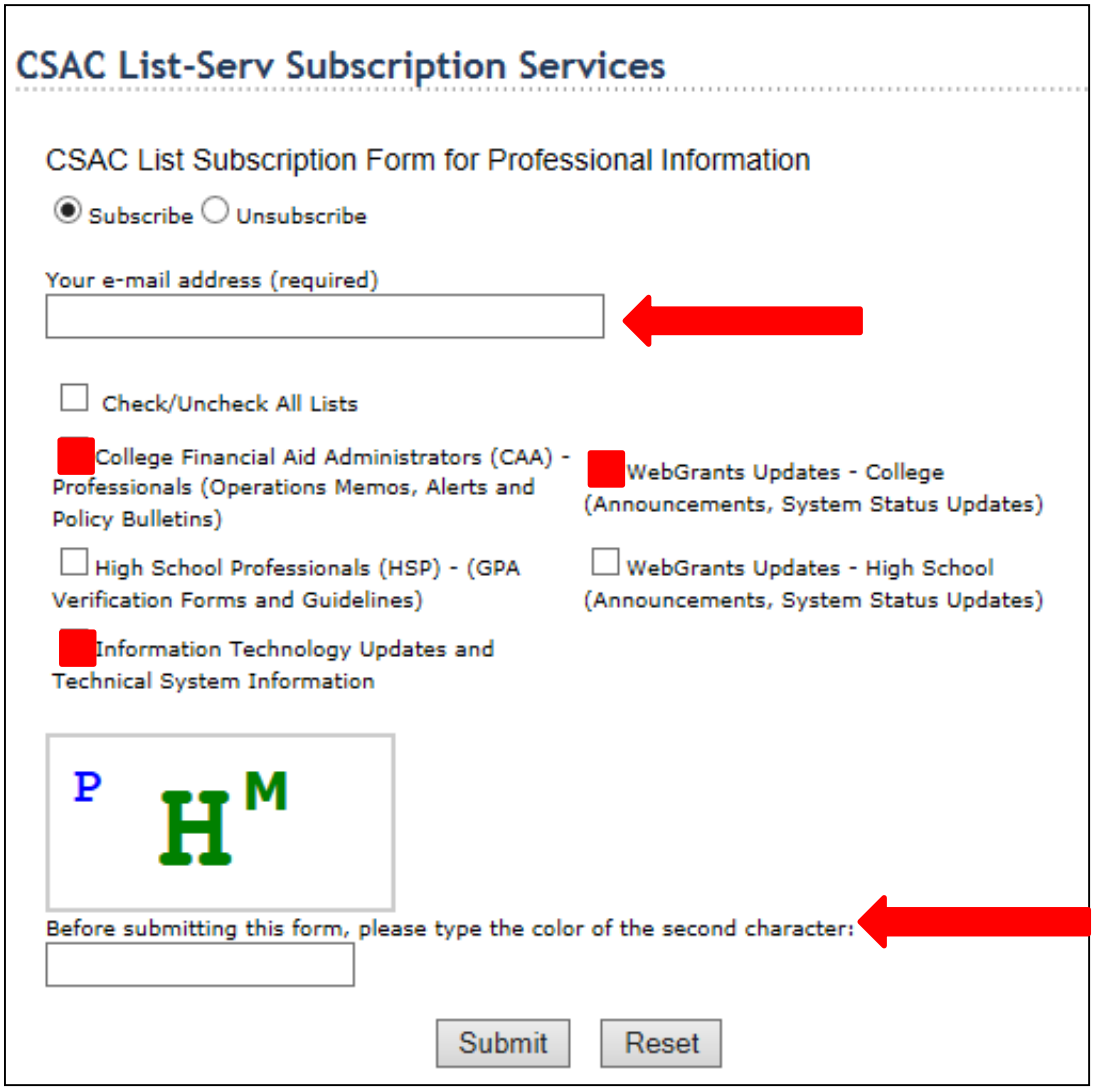

Institutional Support Outreach & Training

Institutional Participation Agreement (IPA)

- Possibility of 2016-17 Interim IPA
- Seven (7) significant recommended amendments:
  - Enrollment files with units
  - Elimination of term advance
  - Utilize batch upload process for payments
  - Educational level verification
  - Financial literacy programs
  - Separately published policy for Cal Grant B Access/Cal Grant C Books & Supplies
  - Expand IPA to include all CSAC programs

Institutional Support Outreach & Training

Participation in Workgroups

- Competitive Awards
- Dream Act
- Chafee Enhancement Project
- Institutional Participation Agreement (IPA)
- Middle Class Scholarship (UC & CSU only)
- Prior-Prior-Year (PPY) - New
- Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) – New
- Cal Grant C - New

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Institutional Support Outreach & Training

Partnership with Institutions

For Institutional Support assistance:

- Call us at (888) 294-0153, or
- Email us at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov
- Institutional Support staff are available to assist you

www.csac.ca.gov

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Specialized & Outreach Programs Administered by CSAC

- **Federal Programs -**
  - Chafee
  - Child Development
  - John R. Justice

Specialized & Outreach Programs Administered by CSAC

- **State Programs** -
  - Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE)
  - Grad APLE
  - Credentialed Teachers APLE
  - State Nursing APLE
  - Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents

Specialized & Outreach Programs Administered by CSAC

- **Outreach Programs** -
  - Cash for College
  - California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CalSOAP)

Customer Relations

- Call Volume
  - **2014/15 = 75,000 Calls Answered**
- Email Volume
  - **2014/15 = 35,000**
- Student Paper Forms Keyed
  - **2014/15 = 100,000**
- Student Appeals Processed
  - **2014/15 = 2,500**

Customer Relations

Account Inquiries

Students or participants who need assistance may either:

- Call us at (888) 224-7268, or
- Email us at studentsupport.csac.gov, or
- Create a WebGrants for Students account on WebGrants for Students, located at webgrants4students.org.

Customer Relations

2015 Cal Grant Handbook

(csac.ca.gov)

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2017-18

FAFSA Changes for 2017/2018

Starting 2017/18

- File FAFSA beginning October 1st, 2016
- FAFSA will use "prior-prior year data"
  - Tax year 2015 will be used for both 2016-17 **and** 2017-18 academic years

CSAC

- Preparing for changes to programs
- Created a workgroup involving different representatives

FAFSA Changes for 2017/2018

Key considerations:

- In an effort to comply with the new opening date for the 2017-18 application year, the Commission anticipates in setting an earlier reconciliation deadline for 2016-17.

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Grant Delivery
CASFAA
Survey Request
November 2, 2015

Today's Message

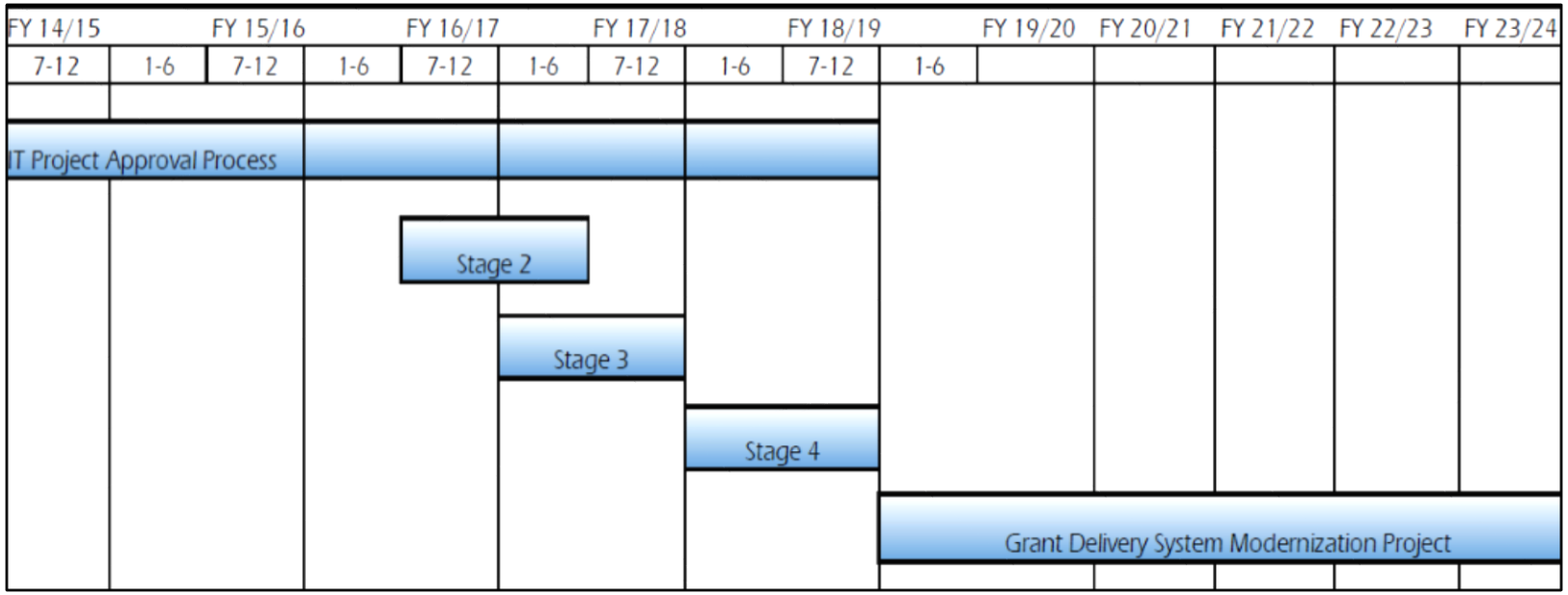
- Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project Status
  - CA STAR (PAL) Stage/Gate Process
  - Expected Planning & Procurement Timeline

- Stakeholder Outreach
  - GDSM Survey
  - GDSMProject@csac.ca.gov

- Next Steps

GDSM Project Planning/Procurement/Launch

Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project Estimated Timeline/Status



Stakeholder Outreach

- Distribute survey for organizations, institutions, high schools and students to validate key capabilities
- Reach the GDSM Survey at:

csac.ca.gov

- Look for GDSM Stakeholder Outreach Survey under the "Important News" banner; center page

Next Steps

- Summarize Survey Results to validate key capabilities
- Draft System Requirements

Reach the GDSM Project at:
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Questions?

Thank You