

California Student Aid Commission

California Dream Act

Presented by: California
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Julia's Story



Agenda

- CA Dream Act
- Eligibility Criteria
- Challenges
- Verification
- WebGrants
- Resources
- Your Best Practices



The CA Dream Act

The CA Dream Act was authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo

- In 2001 AB 540 passed
- In 2011 AB 131 passed
- In 2014 AB 2000 passed



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Dream App Awards

Dream Act Applicants may qualify for:

- Middle Class Scholarship
- Entitlement Cal Grants A & B
- Cal Grant C

Just the Facts

Dream Act Applicants	CG Award Offers	Paid Recipients	Paid Rate
2013/2014	6922	4738	68%
2014/2015	8286	2980	36%*

*As of 10/24/14. Only represents NEW awards.

Nearly 6000 Dreamers Offered MCS Awards in 2014/15

New Legislation

- SB 1210
 - DREAM Loan Program
 - Commencing 2015/16
 - Administered by UC and CSU campuses



Dream Act Criteria

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Who is a Dreamer?

- A student who meets the requirements of AB 540 or AB 2000
- Not FAFSA eligible
- Male students ages 18-25 who are registered with the Selective Service



AB 540 Eligibility

- Student attended CA high school for at least 3 years, and
- Student is a high school graduate (or CHSPE/GED), and
- Registered or enrolled at accredited institution of higher education in California
- File an affidavit stating that he/she will apply for legal immigration status as soon as possible



AB 2000

Expands the Scope of Students

Student attended CA HS OR graduated early from a California High School with the equivalent of three or more years of credits

If student graduates early, they must have attended CA elementary or secondary schools for a cumulative total of 3 or more years



Award Eligibility

- Meets Dreamer criteria
- Meets Cal Grant or Middle Class Scholarship factors
- Join CSAC for Cal Grant and MCS presentations





The “U” Visa is the Exception

- The U visa provides eligible victims with nonimmigrant status to temporarily remain in the US while assisting law enforcement
- Student does not file the Affidavit



Does Robert meet AB 540 eligibility requirements?



- Enrolled at a Community College
- Arrived in CA at 16 and attended a CA high school for 2 years
- Passed the GED at 18
- Undocumented



Dream Act Applicant Challenges

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The Challenges of a Dreamer

- Don't know what application to complete
- Filled out wrong application
- Afraid to Register for Selective Service
- Could be eligible for Dream Act one year, FAFSA the next



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- DACA is a federal program that protects young undocumented applicants from deportation
- DACA issues SSN cards valid for work only
- The DACA program has specific criteria applicants must meet

<http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/frequently-asked-questions>





What do you do if you find out a student filled out a FAFSA with a DACA SSN?



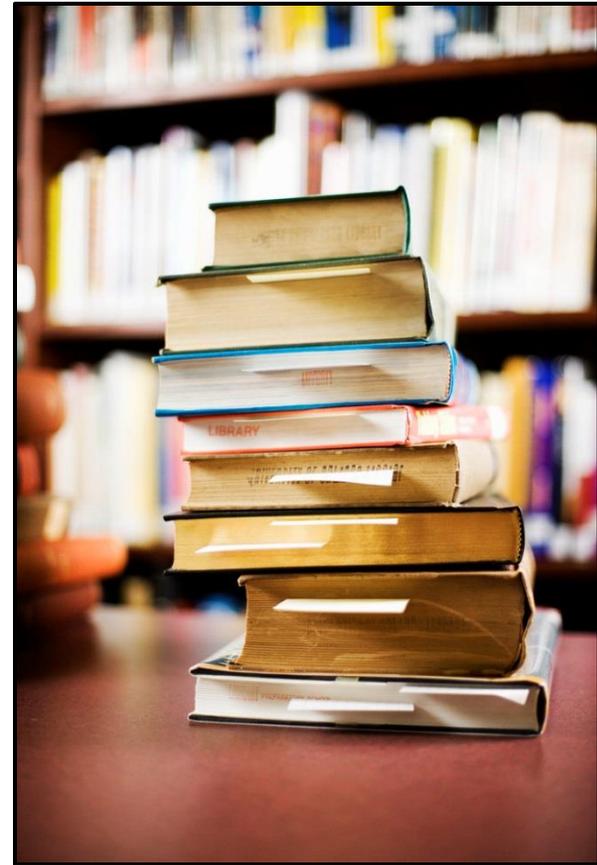
School Calls Institutional Support
1-888-294-0153

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Dream/FAFSA Renewals

- Last year awarded via Dream Act Application
- This year FAFSA eligible
- Call Institution Support





Register with Selective Service



**ATTENTION, UNDOCUMENTED MALES
& IMMIGRANT SERVICING GROUPS!**

The Selective Service System has not now, or in the past, collected or shared any information which would indicate a man's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. The Selective Service System has no authority to collect such information, has no use for it, and it is irrelevant to the registration requirement. Consequently, there is no immigration data to share with anyone.

You want to protect yourself for future U.S. citizenship and other government benefits and programs by registering with Selective Service. Do it today.



Register with Selective Service



REGISTER AT THE POST OFFICE

Selective Service "mail-back" registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office. A man can fill it out, sign (leaving the space for his Social Security Number blank, if he has not yet obtained one*), affix postage, and mail it to Selective Service, without the involvement of the postal clerk. Men living overseas may register at any U.S. Embassy or consular office.



Treating the Same



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Key Points

- Students must meet AB 540 requirements and not be a citizen or eligible non-citizen
- AB2000 expands the scope of students starting in 2015
- Encourage students to start with a Dream Application
- Dreamers experience challenges



Dream Act Application

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Financial Aid Consideration

- Dream Application gathers same data as the FAFSA
- Campuses can use the application to determine eligibility for other aid





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WebGrants A School District's Story



There are many advantages and benefits for submitting high school GPAs online using WebGrants

WebGrants is an online portal provided by the California Student Aid Commission for school districts.

Important News

NEWS

2014-15 Budget

Governor Jerry Brown signs the 2014-15 Budget

Good news! On Friday morning, June 20, 2014 Governor Jerry Brown signed California's 2014-15 budget. The California Student Aid Commission would like to update you on changes to the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs for the 2014-15 award year...[READ MORE](#)



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WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS



MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP



• [Middle Class Scholarship FAQ's](#)

Top Ten Things you Need to Know

1. **The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS):**

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) is a new program beginning in the 2014-15 academic year that provides undergraduate students with family incomes up to \$150,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.

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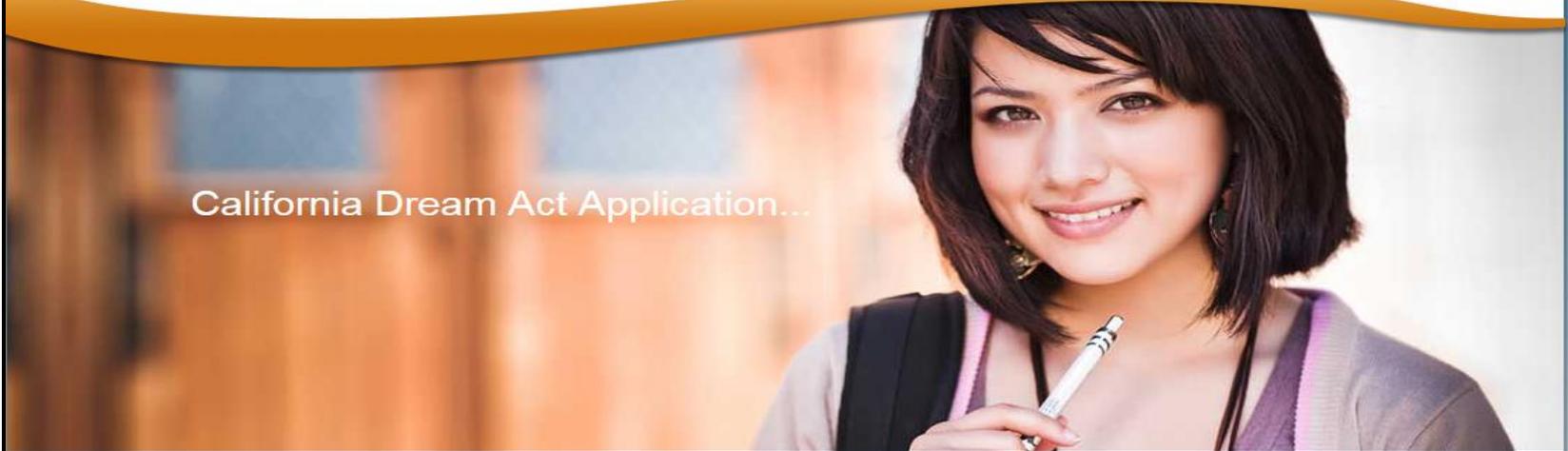
California DreamAct



Los Angeles City Council Member Gil Cedeno



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Announcements:



- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Tuesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- To apply for a Cal Grant, the 2014-15 Dream Act Application is due by March 2, 2014, which falls on a Sunday. The Cal Grant deadline is extended to the next business day.



New California Dream Act Application

- Select this option if you:
- Have never filed a California Dream Application
 - Want to start a new California Dream Application
 - Are ready to get started



Start Dream Application



Provide a Parent Signature

- Select this option if you:
- Need to request Parent PIN
 - Forgot your Parent PIN
 - Need to sign your child's application



Sign Student Application



California Dream Act Application Login

- Select this option if you want to:
- Continue or renew your CA Dream Application
 - Update or correct current CA Dream Application
 - View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...



Login To Application

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Access Determination Logic

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STUDENT

Welcome

Completion of the Dream Act Application is required to determine eligibility for California student financial aid for AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the federal FAFSA application.

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Application User Interface



Dream Application

Academic Year 2014 - 2015

Instructions

Student

Dependency

Parent

Signature

Confirmation

CalSAR

Welcome to your California Dream Act Application! Read these 8 tips first:

1. Questions with a **star (*)** require an answer.
2. Clicking the **Save button** will add time to the running clock and give you as much time as you need to complete your application. You can also save your application and return to it another time.
3. The **red text** throughout the Dream Act Application means "**further action is required from you.**"
4. Based on your answers to questions, this application may skip questions that are not required.
5. Use the tabs above or the Next & Previous buttons below to move through your application. **Do not use your web browser's Back or Forward buttons.**
6. Make sure you **submit your application** when complete. **Saving your application** is not the same as *submitting* your application. Only **submitted applications** can be processed for financial aid.
7. After you have hit the **submit** button, if you need to make changes, your wait time is a maximum of 24 hours to modify your submitted application.
8. You will see help screens pop up throughout the application. View full [line by line instructions on the 2014-15 application.](#)

Click on the Student Tab to begin your application!

29:52

Save Application

Next 

Helps and Hints Box

The screenshot shows the 'Dream Application' page for the Academic Year 2014-2015. The page has a navigation bar with links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. Below the navigation bar is a banner with the CA.GOV logo and the text 'Welcome Finest Student | Logout'. The main content area is titled 'Dream Application Academic Year 2014 - 2015' and features a series of tabs: Instructions, Student (selected), Dependency, Parent, Signature, Confirmation, and CalSAR. The form contains several questions with input fields and dropdown menus. A 'Save Application' button is visible. On the right side, there is a 'Help and Hints' box with a title and a list of instructions for the 'High School or Equivalent Completed?' question. The footer contains copyright information and additional navigation links.

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Welcome *Finest Student* | [Logout](#)

Dream Application

Academic Year 2014 - 2015

Instructions | **Student** | Dependency | Parent | Signature | Confirmation | CalSAR

21) Did student reside in this state before January 1, 2009? Yes No

22) When did the student first begin to reside in this state?

23) * Is student male or female? Male Female

24) Highest school student's Parent 1 completed

25) Highest school student's Parent 2 completed

26) * When Student begins college in the 2014-2015 school year, what will be their high school completion status?

28) * Will Student have their first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2014?

29) * When Student begins college in the 2014-2015 school year, what will be their grade level?

30) * When Student begins college in the 2014-2015 school year, what degree or certificate will they be working on?

07:01
[Save Application](#)

Help and Hints

High School or Equivalent Completed?

Select the answer that describes your high school completion status.

- High school diploma means you have received or will receive a high school diploma before the first date of your enrollment in college.
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate means you have received or will receive a GED before the first

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Dream Act Verification

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Dream Act Verification

- CSAC randomly selects 20% of completed Dream applications for income verification.
- Only awarded students are selected for verification.



How Do You Know?

by received 01/31/2014

an, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)

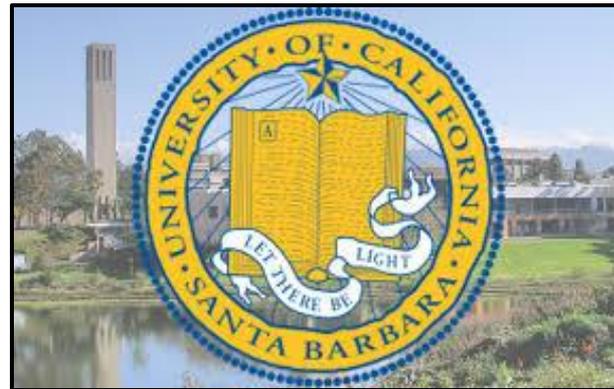
ication Required

**This student's application has been selected for verification.
Check this checkbox after verifying student's application
information.**

Exit Simulate



Who Verifies AB 540 eligibility?



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All Dreamers Confirmed:

- Students meet AB 540 criteria
- Males 18 to 25 Registered for Selective Service

Selected for Verification:

- 20% randomly selected
- Income Verification



Best Practice for AB 540 Verification

- **UC Berkeley**
 - Coincide deadlines
 - Good working relationships with other departments
 - Train student workers
- **San Joaquin Delta CC**
 - Snail mail vs. email...which is more effective?
 - Increase in awards



Key Points

- 20% of all Dream Applicants are randomly selected for income verification
- Financial Aid Office typically verifies
- Explore best practices at your college if the AB540 verification is slowing down award payments



The WebGrants System

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WebGrants for Schools

Contact:

- WebGrants Home Page
<https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov>
- www.csac.ca.gov Look for “WebGrants” in the “High Schools” tab
- Download WebGrants Access Request forms
- CSAC Technology Help Desk (888) 294-0148
or csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov
- WebGrants for Students
www.webgrants4students.org

Where would you find a list of your students?

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Verifying High School Graduation Date

High School Grad. Date Verification: **Status: Not Verified** Verify As ▼ New Grad Date: Jan 2014

(High School Grad. Date Verification through CSAC) Request By : Student High School College CSAC

Education Level (EL) Verification Reported EL 1 Verified EL Status 1 – Verification Not Required

Fall Term [Adj Reason Codes](#) [Pay Status Codes](#) Delete Txn

Program Code	Award Type	Annual Award	Term Amount	Adj Amount	Adj Reason	Pay Code	Annual Need	Income & Asset Year Used	Rec Type
	Totals	\$1,648	\$824			▼	18678	2014	
B - On Hold	ACSS	\$1,648	\$824		▼	▼			GRT

High School Grad Date Verification Options

- Yes - Graduated on 5/2014
- Yes - Graduated on a Diff Date
- No - Not Graduated
- Put Back to On-Hold



How can you find your awarded Dream App students?

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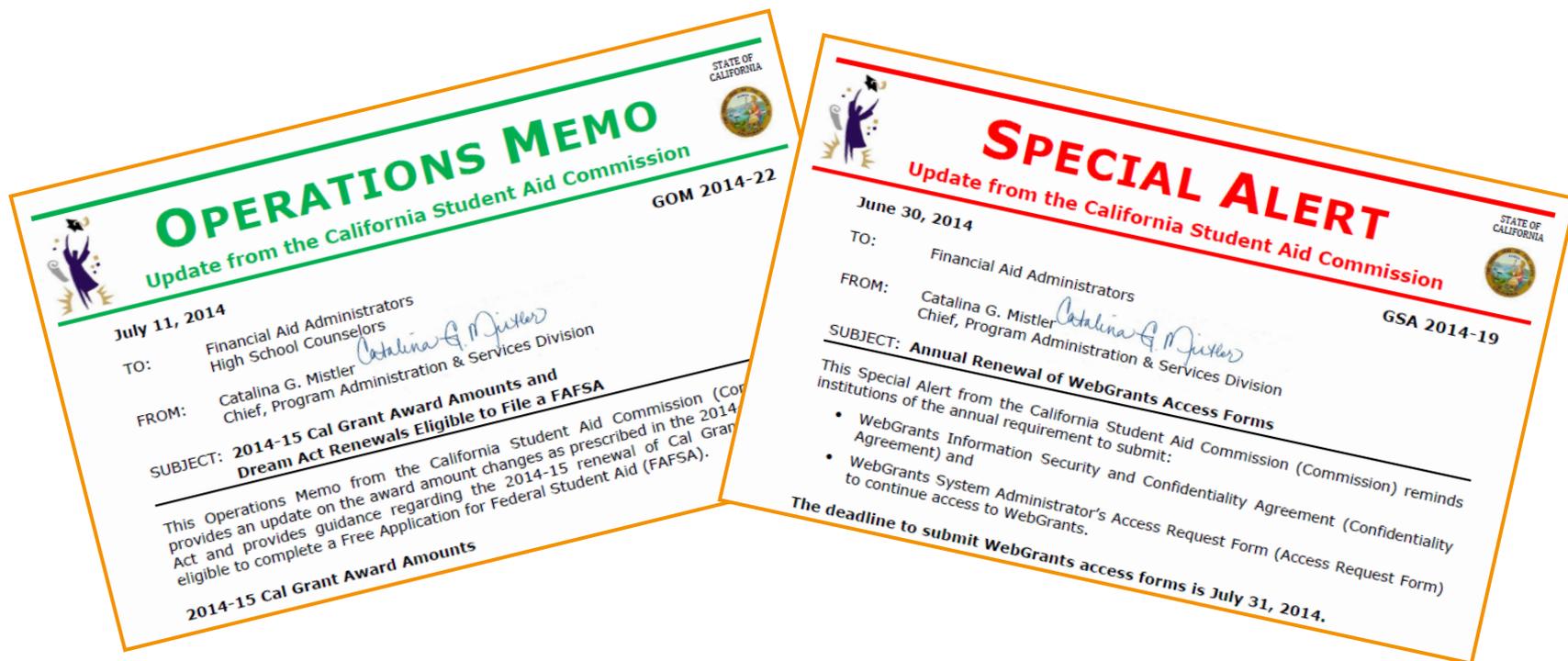


Resources & Communications

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Where do you find information about changes or updates to WebGrants or Cal Grants?



List-Serv - sign up at www.CSAC.CA.GOV



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Professionals (Operations Memos, Alerts and
Policy Bulletins)

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High School Professionals (HSP) - (GPA
Verification Forms and Guidelines)

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The CA Dream Act Website Can Be Accessed from the CSAC Website



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Key California Dream Act Dates

2014-15 school year

January 6, 2014

2014-15 CA Dream Act application opens

March 02, 2014

This is the 2014-15 priority filing deadline for most state funded colleges and universities and the absolute deadline for submission of your Dream Act Application and school certified GPA for the Cal Grant program.

After March 02, 2014

Many colleges accept the Dream Act Application throughout the year. Check with your campus Financial Aid Office.

DREAMS IN ACTION EVENTS



April 24, 2014

04/24/2014 - Recorded Training Session Streamed Here I've Applied for a Cal Grant - What's Next? Get Your Questions Answered Follow-Up Chats!

December 04, 2013

12/04/2013 - Recorded Training Session Streamed Here Dreams In Action Downloadable PowerPoint Presentation

California Dream Act 10 Things You Need To Know

→ Who qualifies?



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- ⇒ [We Own the Dream](#)
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Webinars!!

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- Cal Grant Payments
- Webgrants Reports and Tools
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- And more!

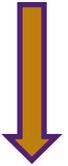


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Upcoming Webinars



Nov 6, 2014 2:00 pm	Cal Grant Reports and Tools	 Register
Nov 12, 2014 2:00 pm	Customizing the Cal Grant Roster	 Register
Nov 13, 2014 10:00 am	GPA Submission Process: Non-SSN	 Register
Nov 13, 2014 2:00 pm	GPA Reports and Matching Process for High School Counselors	 Register
Nov 18, 2014 2:00 pm	Cal Grant Payment Process	 Register
Nov 19, 2014 2:00 pm	Cal Grant 101	 Register
Nov 20, 2014 2:00 pm	CA Dream Act Overview for Financial Aid Administrators	 Register
Dec 2, 2014 2:00 pm	Using the WebGrants System	 Register
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