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TO: High School Counselors
High School Principals
County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Nominations

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of nominations for the 2024 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award.

The Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award annually recognizes an individual who demonstrates exemplary skills in helping students fulfill their dreams of pursuing secondary education and has made major contributions to the school counseling profession in California. The award includes a plaque and a \$1,500 check.

The award was established in 1985 by the Commission to honor the late Arthur Marmaduke, who served as the Executive Director of the Commission for 25 years, for his dedication and commitment to helping students gain access to postsecondary education through the Commission's programs.

Do you know a California high school counseling colleague who:

- Leads or supports a counseling program that promotes student access to financial aid opportunities.
- Goes the extra mile to support students.
- Makes a true difference and is a credit to the school counseling profession, serving as an advocate for California's students.

The nominee must:

- Hold a Pupil Personnel Services Credential and work with high school students.
- Have worked as a school counselor, and/or district administrator of school counseling programs for at least three years.
- Have worked as a high school counselor for at least one year at their current high school.
- Maintain high moral standards in their personal and professional conduct.
- Work at a single school site. High school counselors who serve *multiple school sites cannot be accepted* due to the school-specific questions on the nomination form and scoring criteria.

Criteria for recognition:

- Strive to be model citizens of their community, the school counseling community, and their broader professional community.
- Responsible for high school counseling innovations or further development of programs to support all students' career, personal/social, and academic development.
- Demonstrate leadership, advocacy, and collaboration in their work and promote equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students to maximize student achievement.
- Demonstrate superior skills and dedication to promoting the importance of financial aid to students, families, and the community.

Nominations can be submitted by district and county administrators, school counselors, teachers, colleagues, principals, and other school site administrators through the [online nomination form](#).

More information about this award, including detailed eligibility criteria and the nomination process, can be found on [the Arthur S. Marmaduke Award page](#) on the Commission's website. This year's nomination deadline is **October 31, 2023**.

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