

Programs for Foster Youth

**Training and Outreach Unit
California Student Aid Commission**

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Training Video Icon: There are additional training videos found on the Commission's website.



User Guide Icon: There are detailed user guides to walk you through the different processes found on the Commission's website and your WebGrants portal.



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Cal Grant B for Foster Youth

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	Non Foster Students	Foster Youth

Cal Grant B for Foster Youth applicants must have been in foster care from age 13+



Tips for a successful query:

- "Read" access only
- Last name, DOB, must match
- Access granted to college WebGrants users
- School Code: Results will only
- Age 13 & up
- Not always Chafee eligible

This tool is for Federal and campus aid only - not Chafee

Cal Grant for Students With Dependents

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For students with *dependent children* under 18 years of age for whom they provide more than 50% support:

- Students must indicate on the FAFSA or CADAA that they have *dependent children*
- For students attending *public* institutions
- Cal Grant A students (**including CCC reserve students**) will receive a new Access award of up to \$6,000
- The current Cal Grant B Access award will increase to a maximum of \$6,024
- The current Cal Grant C Books/Supplies award will increase to a maximum of \$4,000

Awards will be prorated based on enrollment status, i.e. half-time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, full time – same as the current Cal Grant proration.

As with current Cal Grant programs, students can receive this award for a maximum of four full-time years (400% lifetime eligibility). **Cal Grant B for foster youth may receive up to 800% maximum eligibility.**



Chafee Grant



- AB 1811 trailer bill has expanded eligibility to include students who have not reached their 26th birthday as of July 1st of the award year
- Previously age-ineligible participants have been renewed
- Chafee Grant paid participation is limited to 5 total years
 - Each academic year that a payment greater than \$1 is issued counts as 1 year of paid participation
 - Participation does not have to occur in consecutive academic years

Chafee Grant is More Than Financial Aid

The Chafee grant offers financial assistance to help pay for college or career/technical training, and other related expenses.

It falls under California Health & Human Services guidelines, and therefore is not bound to traditional financial aid constraints, and in fact, may be used for expenses *beyond* just undergraduate tuition, books, & supplies. The Chafee Grant is also the only state award that is payable at qualifying out-of-state colleges:

Chafee funds may be used towards:

- Rent/housing, transportation, and childcare
- Post-grad studies and teacher certification
- Eligible out-of-state schools

Schools:

- Disburse the original Chafee check, in its entirety. Checks are issued to *students* "in care of" the college.
- Cannot apply Chafee funds to unpaid student balances without written student consent

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To be eligible to *apply*, students must:

- Be a current/former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day, between 16-18 years old
 - Students in Kin-GAP, legal guardianship, and adoption are only eligible *if also* a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between 16-18 years old
- Not have received payments for more than 5 years (42 US Code Section 677 (i)(3))
- Not have reached their 26th birthday as of **July 1st** of the award year

*** Students are NOT required to:**

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Apply by March 2nd (applications accepted through late August) | • Provide a GPA |
| • Have a social security number | • Be clear of default or overpayments |
| • Graduate from high school | • Register for Selective Service |
| | • Meet ability-to-benefit requirements |

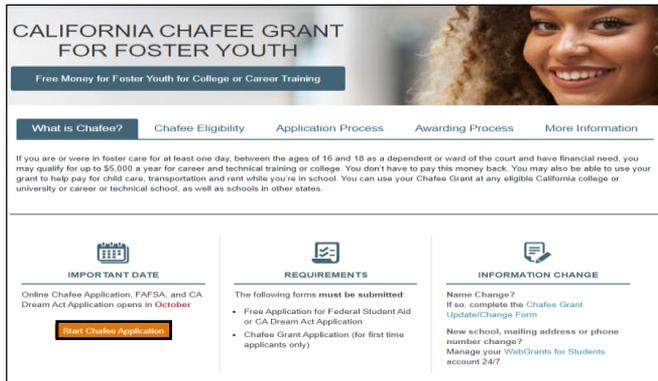
*** For Chafee Grant only. Students applying for Cal Grant and other aid must still meet all deadlines and other requirements**

Awarding Process



Application Process

chafee.csac.ca.gov



CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH
 Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training

What is Chafee? Chafee Eligibility Application Process Awarding Process More Information

If you are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.

IMPORTANT DATE	REQUIREMENTS	INFORMATION CHANGE
Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and CA Dream Act Application opens in October Start Chafee Application	The following forms must be submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application Chafee Grant Application (for first time applicants only) 	Name Change? If so, complete the Chafee Grant Update/Change Form New school, mailing address or phone number change? Manage your WebGrants for Students account 24/7

Application Process:

- Submit FAFSA/CADAA **annually**
- Submit Chafee Application **once**
- CDSS foster youth status will be electronically verified within a month of submitting financial aid and Chafee applications. *This is a one-time requirement*

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Priority Awarding Hierarchy:

1. Paid renewal students who have not reached their 26th birthday by July 1st of the award year
2. New and non-paid renewal students who will have reached 25 years of age by July 1st of the award year
3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents
4. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need greater than \$5,000
5. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need less than \$5,000

* WebGrants System automatically prioritizes students

* Students are typically wait-listed the academic year in which they apply

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Payment Roster



Certifying Eligibility & Requesting Payments

To maximize funding:

- Schools must certify both **eligible** and **ineligible** students.
- Uncertified awards will be withdrawn and recycled to eligible wait-listed students:
 - FL, WN= 30 days
 - SP= 21 days
 - SU= 14 days
- Schools must certify eligibility and request payments each term.
- Certify & Request Payment in the same transaction. Only one transaction is allowed per week.



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Impact of Not Certifying

Eligible students:

- CSAC withdraws and recycles award



Impact to *your* student:

- Eligible student loses award
- Four-six week delay to reinstate award, request payment, receive and disburse check
- Potential to be dropped from classes for non-pay
- Potential loss of housing, childcare, etc.

Ineligible students:



Impact to *wait-listed* students:

- Funds are not recycled
- New students are not awarded

Work your roster every week!

Recycling Process

Scenario: For the 2020-21 School Year, a student is awarded \$5,000 at a semester school.

- Maximum term award:
 - FL term: \$2,500
 - SP term: \$2,500

Annual-level ineligibility reported (FL, SP):

- \$5,000 withdrawn and placed back into "pot"

Term-level ineligibility reported for Spring Term:

- \$2,500 withdrawn and placed back into "pot"



During weekend award processing:

\$5,000 recycled and awarded to wait-listed students

\$2,500 recycled and awarded to wait-listed students

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Chafee Award Status

Awarded: Student has a preliminary award. Schools certify eligibility and request timely payment- before award is withdrawn by CSAC

Eligible- Not Awarded: Student is eligible but not yet awarded. The student has lower priority on the awarding hierarchy and will become "Awarded" as funds are recycled.

Pending: There is a recent pending transaction that will process Monday evening.

Paid in Full: Student was paid for all eligible terms

Not Awarded: School certified student as ineligible

School ID	<input type="text" value="00115000"/>	Acad Year	<input type="text" value="2019 - 2020"/>	Search ID	<input type="text" value="SSN"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Award Status	<input type="text" value="---Select ---"/>	
<input type="button" value="Search"/>						

Institution Code	SSN	CSAC ID	Last Name	First Name	Award Status	Award Status Date
00115000	123456789	105123456	LEWIS	CARLA	Awarded	01/20/2020
00115000	223456789	105223456	BENDER	TERESA	Eligible- Not Awarded	12/20/2019
00115000	323456789	105323456	GUERRERO	CAMERON	Pending	03/02/2020
00115000	423456789	105423456	TRAN	HAI	Paid in Full	01/20/2020
00115000	523456789	105523456	DIAZ-GARCIA	JESSICA	Not Awarded	07/29/2020

When to work your payment roster:

Recycled funds are processed every Monday night, and a new group of students is awarded based on the priority selection criteria. The roster will reflect updated award information the following Tuesday morning.

Demographic Information	2019 - 2020 Academic Year Data
LEWIS, EMILIA L CSAC ID: 105XXXXXX SSN No: XXX-XX-1234 DOB: 08/23/2001 Address: 1234 MAIN ST. SACRAMENTO CA 95670 Phone: 9165551212 Alt. Phone: 9165551212 Email: beststudent@college.edu Alt. Email: beststudent@college.edu	Complete if student is INELIGIBLE: ⓘ <i>Select only if the student is ineligible for the entire academic year. Then click SAVE.</i> Not Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> Not Enrolled HT <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated or Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Maintaining SAP <input type="checkbox"/>
Reminders/Resources Payment Roster Quick User Guide If you need assistance in working the payment roster, click here to download the guide.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <h3>Chafee Quick User Guide</h3> <p>Instructions to manage your payment roster.</p>  <p>Hello, Financial Aid Officer!</p> <p>To better assist you in managing your payment roster on WebGrants for Administrators website, we are providing a Quick User Guide with instructions such as how to certify a student's eligibility, confirm financial aid details, and request payments.</p> <p>Currently, we are working on a Chafee Coordinator's Guide with information about the program and instructions on navigating WebGrants for Administrators. Stay tuned!</p> </div>
Non-disbursed Checks All non-disbursed checks must be returned to CSAC within thirty (30) business days. Failure to do so will allow the Commission to maximize the utilization of available Chafee funds found on the form attached to all checks.	
Recycled Awards – Days Reduced (UPDATED) To maximize the number of students who are awarded, the Commission will allow the Commission to maximize the utilization of available Chafee funds from the date of offer, instead of the standard 30 days. This change is applicable to the 2019-20 academic year. Students who lose their award due to the recycling of funds will be considered again if the Financial Aid Officer updates the payment roster.	
Questions? Email the Chafee team at chafee@csac.ca.gov or 888.294.0153, option 2.	



Schools certify eligible students:

- Enrolled in a program of at least one academic year in length
- Attending at least half-time
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
 - Follow new SB 150 provisions ([Reference GSA 2020-02](#))
- Demonstrate sufficient unmet need

Request payment(s):

- Request payments for all eligible terms
- SAVE transaction
- State Controller’s Office (SCO) will process and mail checks in 7-10 days.
Review *Student Application Status* screen for warrant information.

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Living Arrangements, Education Level, & EFC:

- Self-reported on FAFSA/CADAA. Correct as needed

Terms Attending:

- Auto-populates based on your school's term schedule

Cost of Attendance:

- Certify Cost of Attendance, EFC, & Other Aid *after student is awarded*
- Other Aid: Follow school policy on what constitutes "other aid"

Complete if student is ELIGIBLE:

School Program: 00 -

Living Arrangement: On Campus Off Campus With Relatives

Term(s) Attending: FL WN SP SU

Education Level: * Senior

Cost of Attendance: * \$27,486

Expected Family Contribution: * \$0

Other Aid: * \$13,609

Unmet Need: \$13,877

Projected Award: \$5,000

Total Award Amount: \$5,000

Paid Award Amount: \$2,500

Unpaid Award Amount: \$2,500

Request Payments Every Term

Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Pay Fall Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Winter Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Spring Term:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pay Summer Term:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pending

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Save Back Reset

Only 1 transaction is allowed each week:

- If eligibility is certified before payment is requested, you must wait until the following Tuesday to request payment.

Ensure that transactions are *saved*:

- Must display “Pending”
- Record is released from the “Pending” in the following weekly cycle

Certify eligibility and request payment in the same transaction

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Request Payment - Open Terms: Fall		
Pay Fall Term-	(07/23/2020)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Winter Term-	(11/04/2019)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay Spring Term-	(01/13/2020)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pay Summer Term-	(05/18/2020)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If the **check box is shaded**, you cannot request payment because one of the following reasons:

- You have indicated in "Term(s) Attending" that the student is not eligible for that term payment.
- We have not opened the term for schools to request payment. The dates in this section indicate the time in which we open each term.
- The term is not applicable to your school.

Certifying Ineligibility



Annual-Level Ineligibility

Choose only if *ineligible for the entire academic year*:

- Annual-level withdrawal
- Choose only one ineligible reason

Students who *regain eligibility can be re-awarded*:

- Uncheck the ineligible reason + SAVE
- The student is typically re-awarded during the next weekly award cycle, depending on availability of funds

2019 - 2020 Academic Year Data

Complete if student is INELIGIBLE: ⓘ
Select only if the student is ineligible for the entire academic year. Then click SAVE.

Not Enrolled Not Enrolled HT
Graduated or Completed Not Maintaining SAP

Complete if student is ELIGIBLE:

School Program: 00 -
Living Arrangement: On Campus Off Campus With Relatives
Term(s) Attending: ⓘ FL WN SP SU
Education Level: * Graduate
Cost of Attendance: * ⓘ \$27,374
Expected Family Contribution: * \$0
Other Aid: * ⓘ \$20,500
Unmet Need: ⓘ \$6,874
Projected Award: \$5,000
Total Award Amount: \$5,000
Paid Award Amount: \$2,500
Unpaid Award Amount: \$2,500

Save Back Reset

Term-Level Ineligibility

To report leave of absence, less than half-time, or not meeting SAP for current or previous term(s):

- Remove the checkmark for that term only. *Do not remove the checkmark for future terms*, since future eligibility is unknown
- Recalculate COA, EFC, Other Aid + SAVE.

To reverse this action:

- If a student regains eligibility for a term that was previously deselected, *add a checkmark for the eligible term, recalculate COA, EFC, Other Aid + SAVE.*
- After the student is re-awarded, request payment for that term.

Complete if student is ELIGIBLE:

School Program:	00 -
Living Arrangement:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> On Campus <input type="radio"/> Off Campus <input type="radio"/> With Relatives
Term(s) Attending: <i>(i)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FL <input type="checkbox"/> WN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SP <input type="checkbox"/> SU
Education Level: *	Graduate
Cost of Attendance: * <i>(i)</i>	\$27,374
Expected Family Contribution: *	\$0
Other Aid: * <i>(i)</i>	\$20,500
Unmet Need: <i>(i)</i>	\$6,874
Projected Award:	\$5,000
Total Award Amount:	\$5,000
Paid Award Amount:	\$2,500
Unpaid Award Amount:	\$2,500

Student Application Status Screen



Disburse or Return Checks

Schools & Community Advocates

- Work the WebGrants Payment Roster weekly.
- Subscribe to CSAC Important Updates:
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/pod/subscribe-list-serv>
- Assist students to create and their WebGrants 4 Students (WG4S) portal. Check periodically for any pending requirements.
- Host or participate in Cash for College workshops- earn \$300 for your school or business: <https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>
- When completing FAFSA/CADAA, make sure students submit a Chafee application.
- Refer student to campus resources, i.e.; priority registration, tutoring services, foster youth liaison, food pantry, etc.

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