



**Cal-SOAP**, the California Student Opportunity and Access Program was established by the state Legislature in 1978. Today, Cal-SOAP is instrumental in improving the flow of information about postsecondary education and financial aid while raising the achievement levels of low-income, elementary and secondary school students or geographic regions with documented low-eligibility or college participation rates, and who are first in their families to attend college.

## How does the funding work?

- 1:1 matching annual contribution requirement nearly doubles the grant funding from \$7.2M to at least \$14.4M each year (\$20.1M in 2016-17)
- 30% student stipend requirement equates to roughly \$2.2M going directly to 500+ low-income college student advisors and tutors

## Who does Cal-SOAP partner with?

Cal-SOAP projects in 15 regions spanning 25 counties partners with all education segments including:

- 300+ High school and middle schools
- 126 Public school districts
- 9 UC campuses
- 18 CSU's
- 42 Community colleges
- 16 Independent colleges and universities
- 53 Community based organizations

## How many Californians receive Cal-SOAP combined financial aid services?

Each year tens of thousands of students and families are provided financial aid advising and support:

- 36,000 Students through classroom workshops
- 24,000 Students through individual or small-group advising
- 11,000 Parents through financial aid workshops
- 9,000 Students through "After the FAFSA" support
- 18,000 Students and families through Cash for College workshops
- 900 Counselors and school staff through professional development workshops

## How effective are we?

- 83% college going rate of high school Cal-SOAP participant's vs 47% statewide rate
- In 2013, College Access Foundation of California research on Cal-SOAP students revealed the following:
  - 94% received a Pell Grant
  - 76% received a Cal Grant
  - 97% received a BOG Waiver

The data indicate **Cal-SOAP** effectively provides vital academic support and college, career, and financial aid information and assistance to students from low-income families and those historically underrepresented in California universities.



