



**GOLDEN STATE
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In Partnership with
FOUNDATION for CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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California's Golden State Education and Training Grant Program offers \$2,500 in one-time funds to individuals who lost jobs during COVID-19 pandemic

Ambassadors and community-based organizations being recruited to help reach and connect eligible applicants to \$500 million in relief dollars

April 5, 2023 – Sacramento, CA – The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is excited to announce a partnership with the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) to help promote the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program, which provides relief funding to individuals who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. FoundationCCC and the Commission are working together on outreach activities and to distribute more one-time grants of \$2,500 to individuals to help them reskill, up-skill, and access educational or training programs to get back into the workforce.

Californians [can now apply](#) to the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program (GSETGP), should they meet all overarching eligibility requirements, as well as the [income and asset requirements](#) associated with Cal Grant A eligibility.

Additionally, FoundationCCC and the Commission have opened up two recruitment opportunities to participate in and support outreach programs that raise awareness of these available funds.

Education and Training Ambassadors Program: Student advocates can now apply to become an Education and Training Ambassador and conduct direct outreach in their communities to increase awareness, enrollment, and access to



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the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program. Ambassadors will be trained on effective outreach strategies for their communities and will have the opportunity to earn a stipend throughout the five month service term (May 2023-September 2023). [Apply today here.](#)

Education and Training Network Activation Partners: FoundationCCC is seeking out community-based partner organizations across the state with influence and outreach capabilities to help raise awareness of the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program among regional populations. California organizations with large existing networks and able to provide a W-9 are encouraged to apply and may be eligible for grants ranging in various sizes. If your organization is interested in learning more about the grant opportunity and the application process, [please submit an interest form](#), and/or register to [attend the virtual informational session](#) on April 18, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PST.

The Golden State Education and Training Grant Program is meant to help all Californians who are looking to get back into the workforce. This unique program is open to any incoming student in any educational or training program offered by a public college, university, or eligible training provider. To learn more about grant eligibility requirements, [visit the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program website](#). For all questions related to Education and Training Ambassadors and Network Activation Partners, please contact EdTraining@foundationccc.org.

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The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official nonprofit foundation to the California Community Colleges. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community Colleges system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works to benefit all California Community College students, colleges, college foundations, and the system as a whole by accelerating paths to economic and social mobility, strengthening communities, and reducing barriers to



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opportunities for all Californians. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.foundationccc.org.

The California Student Aid Commission administers the state's \$3 billion portfolio of student financial aid programs and services, including the Cal Grant, the Middle Class Scholarship, and the California Dream Act Application. The Commission serves as a resource for policymakers and the public on college affordability and financing issues, and advocates for policy changes to eliminate cost as a barrier to any qualified California student pursuing a higher education. Visit our website at www.csac.ca.gov or follow us on social media by clicking on our [Link Tree](#).