



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates to the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee Program). The Commission ran the 2017-18 award process on May 25, 2017 which provided 2,866 students with a preliminary award offer.

2016-17 Year-End Processing

- Chafee award processing for the 2016-17 academic year will continue through the close of business on **September 25, 2017**. Institutions must certify eligibility and request payment for all outstanding 2016-17 Chafee awards before the year-end date.

2017-18 Chafee Roster Processing

- As of July 20, 2017, institutions are able to certify student eligibility and request Fall term payments based on the following:
 - Must be enrolled at least half-time
 - Must meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress policy
 - Must have financial need (excluding student loans or Federal Work-Study)
- Chafee applicants are not subject to the same federal and state financial aid eligibility requirements. Chafee students are not required to:
 - Have a social security number
 - Meet Selective Service requirements
 - Be clear of loan default or grant over-award
 - Have a high school diploma
 - Meet the Ability-to-Benefit requirements
- In order to provide awards to additional eligible students, beginning August 14, 2017, any student with a preliminary Chafee award that has not been certified as eligible four weeks after the award date will automatically become ineligible and their award status will change from "Preliminary Award Offered" (Awarded on Payment Roster) to "Not Awarded – Ineligible" (Not Awarded on Payment

Roster) with the ineligible reason indicated. A separate notification will be sent to students to inform them as well.

Chafee Webinar

The Commission invites you participate in the next Chafee Program webinar. The objective of the webinar is to give institutions valuable information on how to process Chafee awards and to provide an open forum for questions and suggestions from institutions. The next Chafee Webinar is scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

If you are interested in participating in the workgroup you can join:

- Via an online webinar
 - Call in to: 1-800-832-0736
 - LOGIN: https://csac.adobeconnect.com/chafee_workgroup/
 - Meeting Room/Access code: 7024222
- In person at Commission headquarters: 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova
 - Please RSVP to Yvonne Hollingsworth at (916) 464-7992 or at yhollingsworth@csac.ca.gov

Please extend this invitation to others who may wish to participate.

Additional information on the Chafee Program is available in the [Chafee Coordinator's Guide](#).

Need to contact us?

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
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