



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

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**SUBJECT: California Cash for College Workshop Registration Begins**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces open registration for the California Cash for College (CCFC) workshop season through its new [Workshop Management System \(WMS\)](#). Statewide CCFC workshops provide free hands-on assistance to students and their family members to complete the FAFSA, CADAA and Chafee for Foster Youth applications. Due to the earlier release of the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA), CCFC workshops will run from October 1, 2016 through the March 2, 2017 Cal Grant deadline.

To become an approved partner agency and host a CCFC workshop at your site, partner agencies must register their organization through WMS and request a CCFC workshop. To ensure parent participation, CCFC workshops should be scheduled between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the week (Monday through Friday), during non-holidays, and between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. There will be one Super Sunday to accommodate statewide workshops from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **January 22, 2017**.

- The deadline for priority registration is **September 30, 2016**. Workshops that register by this date will be the first to receive supplies, which will be sent out on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Students are now able to search and register to attend an approved CCFC workshop. Therefore, do not wait to register your agency and request a workshop.

To learn more about CCFC workshops and to access training, resources, and information on other Commission administered programs, please visit the Commission's website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) or access the CCFC WMS application at [www.cash4college.org](http://www.cash4college.org).

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