



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 Arthur Marmaduke High School Counselor Award**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that nominations are now being accepted for the 2017-18 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award. The award was established in 1985 by the Commission to honor the late Arthur Marmaduke for his 25 years as the Executive director of the Commission, and his dedication and commitment toward helping students gain access to postsecondary education through the Commission's programs.

Each year, the Commission selects a high school counselor to receive this award in recognition of their exemplary work in helping students fulfill their dreams of attending college. Nominations can be submitted:

- By district and county administrators, school counselors, teachers, colleagues, principals, and other school site administrators through the online [nomination form](#).

We encourage that nominations be submitted for high school counselors who exhibit the following characteristics and achievements:

- Minimum of 3 years as a high school counselor;
- Employed with their current school for a minimum of 1 year;
- Outstanding counseling skills in motivating students to pursue higher education;
- Strong advocacy and utilization of the financial aid tools available to support students' educational goals, including Cal Grants and scholarships;
- Quantifiable success assisting students apply for financial aid as a direct result of the counseling efforts of the nominee.

More information about this award, including detailed eligibility criteria and the 2017-18 nomination process, can be accessed at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1425>.

If you have any questions regarding this award please contact Krista Rindell at [krista.rindell@csac.ca.gov](mailto:krista.rindell@csac.ca.gov) or (916) 464-7912.

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