



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 Arthur Marmaduke High School Counselor Award Deadline
January 26, 2018**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) alerts high school counselors, administrators, and staff to the **January 26, 2018 deadline** for the 2017-18 Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award. There is still time for nominations to be submitted.

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.
- Electronically through the online [nomination form](http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/marmaduke_nomination_form.pdf). There is a sample of the nomination form available here:
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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, who may not otherwise apply, 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 or (916) 464-7912.

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