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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2020 Financial Aid Workshops Registration**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the opening of the registration site for the Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops for high school counselors and student advocates.

- The Commission works in partnership with the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) and the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) to host the Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops series.
- As previously communicated, the Commission has transitioned all in-person trainings to a virtual format for the remainder of 2020. The virtual Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops will be offered through Zoom live webinars and will continue to serve the needs of high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists and community education partners.
- The one-day live webinars will cover updates on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA); as well as an overview of the Cal Grant program, the Chafee Grant for Foster Youth and other financial aid resources for California students. These workshops are anticipated to run through November 2020.
- Optional second sessions will be offered as separate webinars and will cover a more in-depth overview of the California Dream Act Application and the WebGrants system.
- To view the workshop calendar of events and to register for the training, use the following link:

[2020 Financial Aid Workshops Calendar of Events](#)

We appreciate your dedication to students and look forward to a great 2020 Financial Aid Workshops series.

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