



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: **2021-22 Statewide Cash for College Workshops**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce its first statewide **Cash for College workshops** aimed to provide information to help students and families complete the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

- The webinars are FREE and open to all students and families applying for financial aid. We will have volunteers answering questions throughout the session via chat box (general questions only) and one-on-one assistance on a phoneline after the webinar. Please share this opportunity with your students.
- Students should register for the webinars [here](#). Current available webinars:
 - Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Thursday, January 14, 2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Saturday, January 30, 2021 - 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Thursday, February 25, 2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Feel free to use the [sample email invitation](#) and [webinar calendar](#) to invite students.
- The Commission is also recruiting volunteers to assist students with their questions. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please sign up [here](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted California students and families' plans to attend college, as shown in the decline in FAFSA completion and college enrollment nationwide. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting students to access financial aid!

Need to contact us?

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Enclosure: Cash for College Flyer and Sample Email Invitation

Working together to effectively promote education beyond high school!