# SPECIAL ALERT
## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO:     High School Counselors
          Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **WebGrants for Institutions - Grant Delivery System Modernization Launch**

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The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of WebGrants for Institutions. Through the Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project, the Commission has been modernizing its legacy systems in order to process awards more efficiently and support student financial aid.

In the next phase of the GDSM Project, the Commission is releasing the updated WebGrants for Institutions webpage, scheduled to launch on **May 10, 2021**. The update moves the website to a modernized technology platform that is more secure.

**Highlights of the New System**

- Refreshed WebGrants screens with a new look & feel
- Improved sign-on through identity management
- Automated G-21 functionality
- Improved filters on the Cal Grant Display Roster Screen
- Quarterly enhancements
- Accessible across popular browsers and devices.
- ADA compliant
- Home Page features central navigation to all CSAC programs, reducing the number of clicks needed to view pages.
- Display will re-orient depending on device being used.

**Resources**

GDSM Updates - Please visit the GDSM webpage for the latest updates, monthly newsletters, and GDSM flyer. To preview the new design and see comparisons with the legacy system, please watch the video "GDSM – New Look and Feel."

First-Time Login Instructions - The first-time login to the updated system will require a password reset. This training video provides step-by-step instructions on how to login for the first time to the updated WebGrants system. The process includes resetting your password for existing WebGrants users or creating an account for new users. Please watch this video for more information: "First-Time Login Instructions"

Zoom Room - A launch Day "Zoom Room" will be available for on-demand support!

**How to Prepare**
- Complete urgent payments
- Reconcile recent payments
- Watch the training and demo videos
- Read the GDSM Newsletters

**Upcoming Training**

Training materials, live webinar schedules and on-demand learning videos will be published soon and offer a closer look at:

Cal Grant Roster and Reconciliation- This training video will review the new screens of the Cal Grant Roster and Reconciliation in the updated system. Timing: In Development

G21 Form Grant Record Change- This video will provide the new look and feel of the G21 form.  Financial aid administrators will be able to submit changes regarding a student's income, ISIR, education level, etc. Timing: In Development

MCS Roster- This training video will review the new screens of the Middle Class Scholarship Roster and Reconciliation in the updated system. Timing: In Development

Chafee Payment Roster- This training video will review the new look and feel of the Chafee Payment Roster screens. Timing: In Development

Please note: Our monthly webinars, Regional Trainings and Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops will be updated with the new screens to provide training on the processes in the new system. Please check out these links and sign up for any of the available trainings:

Webinars for High School Staff: https://www.csac.ca.gov/trainings

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop: https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/2021-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops

Webinars for College Staff: https://www.csac.ca.gov/college-trainings

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