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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Virtual Training Webinars Available**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the availability of new training webinars and virtual workshops. We offer trainings to high school staff, college financial aid professionals, Cash 4 College hosts, as well as students and parents.

Training for High school Staff

Register for webinars here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/trainings>

Different webinar topics are offered seasonally, including:

- **Cal Grant 101:** This presentation provides a broad overview of the various Cal Grant eligibility requirements and program types: A, B and C; including the Cal Grant B expansion for Foster Youth, and Students with Dependents.
- **Programs for Foster Youth:** This presentation provides an overview of the Cal Grant B for Foster Youth and the Chafee Grant Programs.
- **Uploading 2022-23 GPAs:** This webinar for high school counselors and district staff reviews proper GPA calculations. Attendees will also learn how to submit Non-SSN GPAs both manually and via the batch upload process.

Training for College Financial Aid Staff

Different webinar topics are offered seasonally, including:

Register for webinars here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/college-trainings>

- **Reports, Tools, & Customizing Your Roster**
- **Programs for Foster Youth**
- **Education Level (EL) Verification**
- **Cal Grant 101**
- **Cal Grant Payment Codes & Scenarios**
- **Cal Grant Reconciliation & the Audit Process**
- **Transfer Entitlement Program**

Regional Training: This 3-part series is designed to assist financial aid administrators who need updated Cal Grant instruction, new program information and help to better navigate the WebGrants system. Follow this link to register: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/csac-regional-training>

Training for the General Public

Cash for College Workshops- for Students and Parents: Although the March 2nd Cal Grant priority deadline has passed, it's not too late for students to fill out a financial aid application. Other types of aid are still available! This is crucial information, given the decline in college enrollment as a result of COVID-19, so the Commission is hosting monthly English and English/Spanish bilingual statewide Cash for College workshops through August to assist students and families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA), and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications.

Train the Trainer Workshops- for Cash for College Hosts: The Commission is partnering with the Community College Chancellor's Office to offer "Train- the-Trainer" workshops to increase the number of community-based organizations conducting Cash for College workshops across the state. These sessions are designed to give campus financial aid personnel and community partner hosts all the tools they need to host their own Cash for College workshops.

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