



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
Chafee Coordinators

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**SUBJECT: 2020-21 Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Updates-Summer Term**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) would like to provide a program update for the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program.

### Opening of Summer Term

The Commission opened the 2020-21 summer term for the Chafee Grant Program on **May 18, 2021**. Financial Aid Offices should continue to certify students and request payments. All summer term payments will be held due to end of year accounting process requirements and will resume after the beginning of the 2021-22 fiscal year which begins on **July 1, 2021**. As a reminder, the following guidelines and resources are available:

- **Work Your Payment Roster** - the Commission is asking that you review your Payment Roster on [WebGrants](#) to certify and request payments for all awarded students.
- **Recycling Awards Timeline** - to maximize the number of students who are awarded, the Commission will recycle awards **30 days** from the date of offer. Students who lose their award due to the recycle process can be considered again if the Financial Aid Officer updates the payment roster.
- **Non-Disbursed Chafee Checks** - All non-disbursed checks must be returned to the Commission within **30 business days** of receipt. This will allow the Commission to maximize the funds available for awards. Complete the form attached to the check and do not write on or void the check. Return both to:

California Student Aid Commission  
PO BOX 419027  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

### 2020-21 Chafee Award Processing

- 2020-21 awards and payments will continue to be processed through September 2021.
- Students can apply for 2020-21 Chafee awards until August 30, 2021.
- The last payment for 2020-21 Chafee grants will be processed on September 27, 2021.

### **2020-21 Chafee Award Eligibility**

- To be considered for a 2020-21 Chafee Program grant, a Chafee applicant (new and renewal) must submit the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
  
- New Chafee applicants must:
  - Submit a Chafee Application – The 2020-21 Chafee Application is available on the Commission’s website at [chafee.csac.ca.gov/](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov/).
  - Have their foster care eligibility confirmed through the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The paper form is only necessary if CDSS does not provide the Foster Youth Eligibility information electronically.
  - Not have reached 26 years of age by July 1 of the award year.

### **Need to contact us?**

- The Commission’s Chafee team is available if you need assistance or have questions:
  - Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
  - E-mail: [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov)

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