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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the launch of the **California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) for the 2021-22 academic year**. The 2021-22 DSIG program opened on July 1, 2021 and will continue through June 30, 2022.

Program Overview

The California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program encourages California Dream Act Applicants (CADAA) with a Cal Grant B award to perform community or volunteer service. The program awards up to \$3,000 per academic year (up to \$1,500 per semester or up to \$1,000 per quarter) to 2,500 eligible students. The grant will be available to the student for up to 8 semesters or up to 12 quarters while they have an active Cal Grant B award.

Eligible students must apply annually and complete community or volunteer service hours in that academic year. Students shall perform at least 150 hours per semester or 100 hours per quarter of community or volunteer service with a qualifying community or volunteer service organization to be eligible for payment.

Eligible Students

- Must have a completed and submitted California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for that academic year.
- Must be enrolled at a Cal Grant eligible school.
- Must be an active recipient of a Cal Grant B Award for that academic year.
- Must have sufficient financial need (determined by the student's school of attendance).

Qualifying Community or Volunteer Service Organization

- A nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Any federal, state, or local government entity.
- Any school on the Cal Grant Eligible Schools list on the CSAC website.
- Established for a minimum of two years before the first date on which a participating student begins performing service hours.

How Do Students Apply?

Students will need to complete and submit the 2021-22 Grant Application found on our [California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program website](#). Financial Aid Administrators will help students verify their eligibility to participate in the DSIG program by validating the Grant Application and the Payment Request form. The student will submit the completed form to studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. Students will need to reapply annually for continued participation in the program.

Overview for Students

Visit the Overview for Students Webpage for information, Frequently Asked Questions, and additional program details:

www.csac.ca.gov/dsig.

Student Support

(888) 224-7268

studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

Overview for Institutions

Visit the Overview for Institutions Webpage for more information, Frequently Asked Questions, and additional program details:

<https://www.csac.ca.gov/colleges/dsig>.

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