



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 California Chafee Grant Program Awards**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the 2021-22 Fall term for the California Chafee Grant Program (Chafee Program). Financial aid administrators are now able to certify students and request payments.

### 2021-22 Chafee Awards and Eligibility

- The Commission began running the 2021-22 award process on August 9, 2021.
- To be considered for a Chafee award, applicants (new and renewal) must submit the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
- New Chafee applicants must:
  - Submit a Chafee Application – The 2021-22 Chafee Application is available on the Commission's website at <https://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.
  - Check their status and any missing requirements via their WebGrants 4 Students account located at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>.

### Need to contact us?

- The Commission's Chafee team is available if you need assistance or have questions: [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov) / (888) 294-0153

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