

SPECIAL ALERT



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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: Upcoming Training Events - April 2023

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces upcoming training webinars and virtual workshops.

Cal Grant Regional Trainings

Geared towards college financial aid administrators who need additional Cal Grant instruction and help to better navigate WebGrants and to receive recent updates. You can also find updated Regional Training videos and PDFs on our website. Register for an in-person or live, virtual workshops.

In-person training workshops are being offered on May 19 (Palo Alto University, Palo Alto) and July 19 (Sierra College, Rocklin). These 1-day workshops will run from 8 AM – 5 PM. Register <u>here</u>. Additional workshops will be communicated as they become available, including fall dates in Southern California.

Virtual training workshops are being offered April 11-13, June 27-29, November 15-17. Workshops are conducted over a 3-day period and cover the same topics as the in-person training. Register <u>here</u>.

- Session A: CSAC Updates, Institutional Eligibility, Cal Grant Overview, and California Dream Act Application. (Estimated 2.5–3 hours)
- Session B: Disbursements and Payments, Payment Scenarios, Navigating WebGrants, Reports and Tools, Reconciliation and Program Compliance. (Estimated 2-2.5 hours)
- Session C: Foster Youth Programs and Middle Class Scholarship. (Estimated 1.5-2 hours)

Upcoming Webinars

Reports, Tools, & Customizing Your Roster for college school staff.

• April 5 @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM- Register for this webinar

Cal Grant 101 for high school staff and college financial aid administrators.

April 14 @ 10:30 AM – 12 PM- Register for this webinar

LAST CHANCE! 2023-24 GPA Reports, Matching, & Editing for high school staff.

• April 18 @ 3:00 PM- 4:15PM- Register for this webinar

Programs for Foster Youth for high school staff and college financial aid administrators

April 25 @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM- Register for this webinar

Cash for College Statewide Webinars

<u>Cash for College Workshops</u> assist students and families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications. April 12 webinar will be presented in Spanish and interpreted live in English.

- April 12 @ 5:30 PM 7:00 PM- Register for this webinar
- April 27 @ 5:30 PM 7:00 PM- Register for this webinar

FAFSA/CADAA Office Hours Hosted by CSAC

Office hours are available to teachers, counselors, staff, faculty, or anyone who works with students and may have specific student financial aid application questions. The goal is to increase application completion by answering FAFSA/CADAA related questions one-on-one. Register and log in using the Zoom link during an office hour session and a CSAC trainer will answer your questions!

Office Hours Schedule for April

April 7 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM April 14 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM April 21 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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