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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: 2022-23 California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth Update

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides a program update for the California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth (Chafee).

Opening of Summer Term

The Commission will open the 2022-2023 Chafee summer term on **May 15, 2023**. Financial Aid Offices should continue to certify students and request payments.

Please use the 00 'School Program' code to request summer payments. Requesting summer payments using the 01 'School Program' code will result in an inaccurate award amount. For guidance on correcting summer payments requested using the 01 'School Program' code, please see page 2.

All EFT payments will be held after June 14th, 2023, due to end of year accounting process requirements. All paper warrant payments will be held after May 31st, 2023. Payments will resume in July 2023.

- **Payment Roster -** the Commission asks 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 the 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 EFT Chafee Funds all non-disbursed EFT funds must be returned to the Commission within 30 business days of receipt via Wire Transfer. This will allow the Commission to maximize the funds. Wire Transfer instructions can be found in the Updated Chafee Coordinator's Guide.
- 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. Complete the form attached to the check and do <u>not</u> void the check. Return both to:

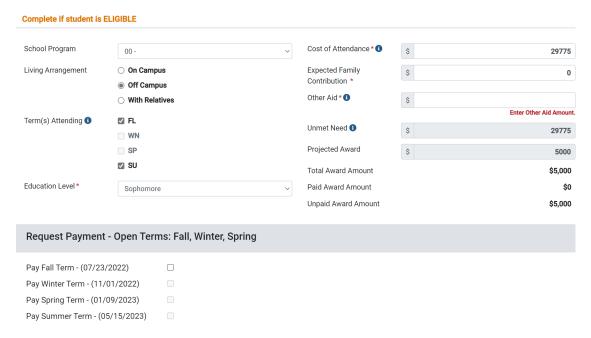
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2022-23 Chafee Award Processing

- 2022-23 awards and payments will be processed through August 2023.
- Students can apply for 2022-23 Chafee awards until August 1st, 2023.
- Unpaid eligible 2022-23 Chafee awards must be certified by August 15th, 2023.
- Payment requests for all awarded 2022-23 Chafee recipients must be received by 4:30 pm on August 28th, 2023.
 - o Attempting to certify students on this day will result in an unprocessed request and the student record will be stuck in a pending status.

Correcting Payments Requested with the 01 'School Program' Code

Please use the 00 'School Program' code to request summer payments. If you request payment using the 01 roster, please update the 00 roster by selecting the appropriate terms attending, update the needs analysis (if appropriate), and save the record. The system will generate an additional payment during the weekly payment run.



In this example, the student is attending a two-term school with an optional summer term. The FA official initially used the 01 School Program code. FL, SP, SU, terms were selected and a payment of \$1667 was generated. To generate a \$2500 payment, the school official updated the 00 School Program code. They unchecked the spring term attending box, rechecked the needs analysis and saved the record. The system will generate a check for the difference with the weekly payment run.

Need to contact us?

- The Chafee team is available if you need assistance or have questions:
 - School Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
 - > E-mail: chafee@csac.ca.gov

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