

# 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: Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program Updates - May

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) outlines several WebGrants enhancements to implement legislative changes to the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program as announced in <u>GSA 2022-47</u>.

# **Program Updates**

The following updates are now available in WebGrants. Please refer to the <u>GSTG</u> <u>Coordinator's Guide</u> for more information.

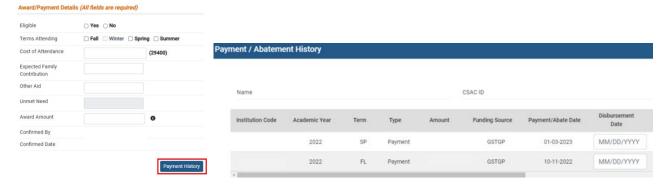
#### **Abatements**

**New –** The Abatement screen is used to report and track returned checks. Prior to returning a check, institutions now report the date the check is being returned to the Commission and the reason the check is being returned. Once received, the Commission will report the date the check is received and abate the check.



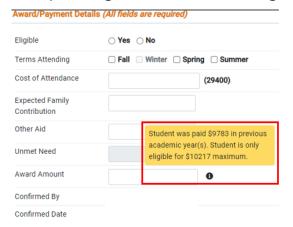
#### Payment History

**New -** The Payment History button on the Roster screen lists all payments processed for a selected student, across all academic years (AY).



## Over Award Prevention

**New** – Additional system restrictions have been put into place to prevent over awards. Each student's roster will display their net paid total in previous AYs and prevent institutions from requesting more than their eligible award amount.



## **Application Renewals**

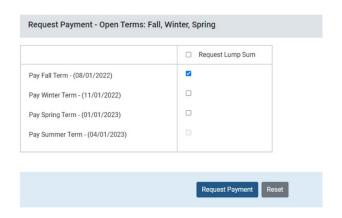
**New** – Applications for participants paid less than \$20,000 net total across prior AYs will be automatically renewed by the system and placed on the institution's current roster for review.

#### **Application Status**

**New –** The system now automatically selects the application's status based on actions taken within the Roster screen. Manual intervention is no longer allowed.

# Payment Processing

**New -** A Payment Request section is now available on the Roster screen. Institutions must request payments as each term opens for processing.



#### **Important Dates for AY 2022-23**

- May 17, 2023: Renewal job runs to capture past GSTG recipients who were paid less than \$20,000 during AY 2020-21 or AY 2021-22 and place them on the AY 2022-23 roster for review.
- May 29 June 30, 2023: Any payments requested during this period will experience significant delays in processing due to Fiscal Year End.
- <u>June 30, 2023:</u> Last day to determine AY 2022-23 applicant eligibility and make award revisions. Roster edit access will be unavailable beginning July 1, 2023.
- <u>July 30, 2023:</u> Last day for students to accept the Service Agreement.
- <u>August 13, 2023 (tentative):</u> Last day for institutions to request a 2022-23 payment.

## Office Hours and Coordinator's Meeting

For additional guidance regarding these enhancements and updated processes, attend our monthly Zoom GSTG Office Hours and GSTG Coordinator's Meeting. Email goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov for a meeting invitation if needed.

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