

SPECIAL ALERT



Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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FROM:

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TO: High School Counselors Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Upcoming Training Events – August 2023

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

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

The Commission announces that registration for the 2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop series is now open! More than 50 in-person workshops and several live, virtual workshops via Zoom are scheduled.

Register here for the 2023-24 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop

These free workshops, offered in partnership with the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA), the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) and the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), provide crucial financial aid information, updates, and resources to high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists and community education partners.

Please note these new workshop locations for 2023-24: Crescent City (Del Norte School District), Barstow Community College, Redwood City (San Mateo County Office of Education) and Sacramento State University.

Cal Grant Regional Trainings

Regional trainings are designed to provide updates to the financial aid programs administered by the Commission and to assist financial aid administrators who need updated Cal Grant instruction, new program information and help to better navigate the WebGrants system. Regional Training videos and PDFs can be found on our <u>website</u>. Register for an in-person or live, virtual workshop. Topics covered include CSAC Updates, Institutional Eligibility, CSAC Program Overview, California Dream Act Application, Disbursements and Payments, Payment Scenarios, Navigating WebGrants, Reports and Tools, Reconciliation and Program Compliance, Foster Youth Programs, and Middle Class Scholarship. **In-Person**, training workshop is being offered on September 22 (LA Mission College, Sylmar). This 1-day workshop will run from 8 AM – 5 PM. Register <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Webinars

Payment Codes & Scenarios for college financial aid administrators.

• August 1 @ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM- Register for this webinar

Cal Grant Reconciliation & the Audit Process for college financial aid administrators.

• August 10 @ 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM- Register for this webinar

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

• August 16 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM- Register for this webinar

Middle Class Scholarship 2.0: 2022-23 Year-end Reconciliation for college financial aid administrators.

• August 25 @ 10:30 AM- 11:45 AM- Register for this webinar

Uploading 2024-25 GPAs for high school staff

• August 29 @ 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM- Register for this webinar

Cash for College Statewide Webinars

<u>Cash for College Workshops</u> assist students and families with completing the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA), Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications.

- August 8 @ 11:00 AM 12:00 PM <u>Register for this webinar</u>
- August 16 @ 6:00 PM-7:00 PM <u>Register for this webinar</u>
- August 24 @ 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Register for this webinar
- August 29 @ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Register for this webinar

Free uAspire Preparing for FAFSA Simplification Webinars

uAspire is one of our Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop Resource Partners and they are offering free webinars to prepare for FAFSA Simplification.

• August 16 @ 11:00AM – 12:00PM - <u>Register for this webinar</u>

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