



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: **Virtual Training Events**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the availability of new training webinars and virtual workshops. We offer training to high school staff, college financial aid professionals, Cash 4 College hosts, as well as students and parents.

Training for High School Staff

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops: As in the previous year, the Commission will host the Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops in a virtual format. The workshops will be offered through Zoom live webinars and will continue to serve the needs of high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists and community education partners. We will provide an update if in-person workshops become available.

- See dates and additional information here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/2021-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops>

Webinars: Different webinar topics are offered seasonally, including:

- Programs for Foster Youth
- Uploading 2022-23 GPAs
- Cal Grant 101
- Read webinar descriptions and register here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/trainings>

Training for College Financial Aid Staff

Webinars: Different webinar topics are offered seasonally, including:

- Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Program
- Cal Grant Reconciliation & the Audit Process
- Cal Grant Payment Codes & Scenarios
- Reports, Tools, & Customizing Your Roster
- Read webinar descriptions and register here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/college-trainings>

Regional Training: This 3-part series is designed to assist financial aid administrators who need updated Cal Grant instruction, new program information, and assistance to better navigate the WebGrants system. Sessions A, B, and C do not need to be attended consecutively.

- Register for our upcoming August or September sessions here:
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/csac-regional-training>

Training for the General Public

Cash for College Workshops for Students and Parents: Although the March 2nd Cal Grant priority deadline has passed, it is not too late for students to submit a financial aid application. Other types of aid are still available! This is crucial information, given the decline in college enrollment as a result of COVID-19, so the Commission is hosting monthly English and English/Spanish bilingual statewide Cash for College workshops through August to assist students and families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA), and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications.

- Register for Cash for College Webinars here:
https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/csac-statewide-cash-for-college-webinar-student-registration-796699

Train the Trainer Workshops for Cash for College Hosts: The Commission is partnering with the Community College Chancellor's Office to offer "Train-the-Trainer" workshops to increase the number of community-based organizations conducting Cash for College workshops across the state. These sessions are designed to give campus financial aid personnel and community partner hosts all the tools they need to host their own Cash for College workshops.

- Register for Train the Trainer Webinars here:
https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/cash-for-college-train-the-trainer-workshop-793770

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