



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 – February 2023 (Update)**

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

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

The Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop series has added a final, virtual workshop (via Zoom) on Wednesday, February 15th. This will be the last workshop for the current 2022-2023 season. New in-person and virtual workshops will begin again in August 2023.

- February 15 @ 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM - [Register for this session](#)

These free workshops offer high school counselors, student advocates, student outreach coordinators and community partners the opportunity to obtain relevant financial aid information they can use to support their students. These trainings will take a comprehensive look at AB 469, new legislation which requires local education agencies (LEAs) to ensure high school seniors complete a financial aid application.

Cal Grant Regional Trainings (Update: In-person dates announced)

Geared towards college financial aid administrators who need additional Cal Grant instruction and help to better navigate the WebGrants system and to receive recent updates. You can also find updated Regional Training videos and PDFs on our website. The Commission is offering both virtual and in-person trainings for 2023.

Virtual training workshops are being offered in February, April, June, and November 2023. Workshops are conducted over a 3-day period and cover the same topics as the in-person training. Dates, times, and registration can be found [here](#).

In-person training workshops are being offered on March 9 (Fresno), May 19 (Palo Alto) and July 19 (Rocklin). Additional workshops will be communicated as

they become available. These 1-day workshops will run from 8 AM – 5 PM. Registration can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

Uploading High School GPAs for high school staff.

- February 3 @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) for high school staff and college financial aid administrators.

- February 8 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

2023-24 CA Dream Act Application Overview for high school staff and college financial aid administrators.

- February 17 @ 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading High School GPAs for high school staff.

- February 21 @ 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Cash for College Statewide Webinars

[Cash for College Workshops](#) 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. Some workshops are offered in English and Spanish.

- February 8 (Latinx & Hispanic focused) @ 5:30 PM– 7:00 PM [Register for this webinar](#)
- February 22 (American Indian Alaska Native focused) @ 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM [Register for this webinar](#)

Train the Trainer Workshops for Cash for College

[The Cash for College Train the Trainer Program](#) provides workshops that are designed to give campus financial aid personnel and community partners all the tools they need to host their own Cash for College workshops.

- February 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM [Register for this webinar](#)

FAFSA/CADDA 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 and support the All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act initiative by answering FASFA/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 February

February 1 @ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

February 7 @ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

February 14 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

February 15 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

February 21 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

February 22 @ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

February 28 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

March 1 @ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Events with Immigrants Rising

The March 2 priority deadline for the CA Dream Act application is fast approaching! Join virtual events hosted by Immigrants Rising and the CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to get the help you need - whether that's completing your application or learning how to effectively guide your students.

Facebook Live: All About the CA Dream Act

- February 7 @ 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Get general information and useful tips & resources to successfully submit your application. Tune in on Facebook @immigrantsrising

Maximizing Access to the CA Dream Act

- February 9 @ 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Register at bit.ly/ppr-max-cadaa
Learn institutional practices to help students receive all the financial aid they are eligible for.

CA Dream Act Drives

- February 23 @ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Register at bit.ly/cadaa-feb23
 - March 1 @ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Register at bit.ly/cadaa-mar1
 - March 2 @ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Register at bit.ly/cadaa-mar2
- Get help on your application from educators with specialized expertise in supporting undocumented students.

Overview of the Financial Aid Application Status Report Video Part 2

A NEW report has been developed to assist schools with tracking their students through the financial aid application process, including GPA submission, financial aid completion and Cal Grant awarding. The “Financial Aid Application Status Report” is available in WebGrants and offered in txt and csv formats for ease of use.

The Part 2 overview video has been uploaded to the CSAC YouTube Channel [here](#).

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