



# 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 – October 2023**

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

#### **California College Affordability Summit**

You're invited to the 4th annual California College Affordability Summit (Summit)! The Summit is presented by the Commission in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education, The Education Trust-West, and the California Department of Education. The Summit will be held November 7 & 8, 2023 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, CA.

[Register here for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual California College Affordability Summit](#)

The Summit will provide K-12 educators, high school counselors, college financial aid administrators, student advocates, and policy leaders with updates, resources, and tools for the upcoming 2024-2025 financial aid application cycle. We hope to see you there!

#### **Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops**

Registration for the 2023-2024 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop series is open! The Commission is offering more than 50 in-person workshops and several live, virtual workshops via Zoom. New workshop sites this year include Barstow Community College and Santiago Canyon College. Space is limited – Register today!

[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.

### **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 [website](#). Register for a live, virtual workshop.

Live Webinar Workshops (November 15-17) are conducted over a 3-day period and cover the same topics as the in-person training. Register [here](#).

- Session A: CSAC Updates, Institutional Eligibility, CSAC Program Overview, and California Dream Act Application. (Estimated 2.5–3 hours)
- Session B: Disbursements and Payments, Payment Scenarios, Navigating WebGrants, Reports and Tools, Reconciliation and Program Compliance. (Estimated 2-2.5 hours)
- Session C: Foster Youth Programs and Middle-Class Scholarship. (Estimated 1.5-2 hours)

### **Upcoming Webinars**

Transfer Entitlement (E2) Cal Grant Program for college financial aid administrators.

- October 6 @ 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading 2024-25 GPAs for high school staff.

- October 10 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Education Level Verification for college financial aid administrators.

- October 17 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

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

- October 23 @ 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

### **Free Immigrants Rising AB 540 FAQ Regional Trainings**

Immigrants Rising is hosting statewide regional training to dive deeper into the Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ. These interactive trainings will help colleges, universities, high schools, adult programs, and noncredit programs increase alignment of AB 540 across the state.

- October 5 San Diego Mesa College @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)
- November 1 UC Riverside @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)
- November 2 CSU Los Angeles @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM - [Register here](#)

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