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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 trainings to high school staff, college financial aid professionals, Cash for College hosts, as well as students and parents.

Training for High School Staff

Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops: Currently the Commission is hosting the Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops in a virtual format. The workshops are offered through Zoom live webinars and are available to high school counselors, advisors, student advocacy groups, outreach specialists and community education partners.

Upcoming Workshops: January 13 & 25, February 7 & 17. See dates and registration information here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/2021-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops>

Topics included in the Statewide Financial Aid Workshops include information about Cal Grants, The California Dream Act Application and new state programs, including:

- **NEW!** Cal Grant Expansion for Community College Students
- **NEW!** California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant for Undocumented Students
- **NEW!** Foster Youth Access Award Program
- **NEW!** 2022-23 Financial Aid Application Requirement for High School Seniors

Webinars: Different webinar topics are offered seasonally. Read webinar descriptions and register here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/trainings>

Training for College Financial Aid Staff

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- **NEW!** Community College Entitlement Cal Grant Program: Wednesday, December 8, 1:00 PM

Training for the General Public

Cash for College Workshops for Students and Parents: The 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are open now! To receive consideration for all applicable grant programs, students must complete the application by March 2, 2022. Given the decline in college enrollment as a result of COVID-19, it is crucial that students have access to financial aid resources. The Commission is hosting English and English/Spanish bilingual statewide Cash for College workshops to assist students and families with completing the FAFSA or CADAA, and Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications.

- Register for Cash for College Webinars here:
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cash-college-workshop-registration>

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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