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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Golden State Education and Training Grant Program Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides a program update on the new Golden State Education and Training Grant Program (GSETGP). As announced in [GSA 2022-16](#), this program was established in the 2021-22 state budget to provide one-time grants to eligible California resident workers who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are enrolling in a public institution of higher learning or an approved training program to learn new skills and get back into the workforce.

Grant Financial Aid Consideration

The Golden State Education and Training Grant Program (GSETGP) Grant is not considered financial aid. While state law requires students to meet the income and asset qualification for financial aid, as specified by the United States Department of Education, the grant is not counted as income for calculating a family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) under the Federal Methodology or as estimated financial assistance for packaging purposes. The GSETGP Grant is considered a disaster relief payment and also will not be treated as income for the purposes of federal taxation. While CSAC does not believe these payments are income subject to federal taxation, institutions should consult with their own counsel to confirm.

Roster Availability

The roster to verify student enrollment is now available on WebGrants for Institutions. Details regarding the roster will be released in [GOM 2022-15](#).

Reporting Requirements

For now, institutions are required to confirm an applicant's enrollment at their institution. At a later date, additional requirements may be communicated, such as confirmation of an applicant receiving their paper check.

For more information about the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program, please [view the frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#). The FAQs have been recently updated with the most current information regarding the program.

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