



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
Chafee Coordinators

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SUBJECT: **2020-21 Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) would like to provide a program update for the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program.

### Spring Roster

The Commission opened the 2020-21 Spring term for the Chafee Grant Program on **January 13, 2021**. Financial Aid Offices can certify students and request payments. As a reminder, the following guidelines and resources are available:

- **Work Your Payment Roster**-the Commission is asking that you review your Payment Roster on [WebGrants](#) to certify and request payments for all awarded students.
- **Recycling Awards Timeline**-to maximize the number of students who are awarded, the Commission will recycle awards **21 days** from the date of offer. Students who lose their award due to the recycle process can be considered again if the Financial Aid Officer updates the payment roster.
- **Non-Disbursed Chafee Checks**-All non-disbursed checks must be returned to the Commission within 30 business days of receipt. This will allow the Commission to maximize the funds. Complete the form attached to the check and do not void the check. Return both to:

California Student Aid Commission  
PO BOX 419027  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027

- **Payment Request Page / Quick User Guide**- the Commission has updated the Payment Request page. Under the section 'Reminders/Resources', there is a link to download a copy of our new *Quick User Guide*, which provides details on how to manage your Payment Roster.

### Senate Bill (SB) 150 Updates

As announced in [GSA 2020-02](#), SB 150 relaxes the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements for foster youth who qualify for Chafee Grants. Campuses with Chafee Grant recipients are required to implement the requirements in SB 150 that are related to SAP. The John Burton Advocates for Youth has created an SB 150 implementation

guide, which is available on their website, <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/sb-150-implementation/>.

**Need to contact us?**

- The Commission's Chafee team is available if you need assistance or have questions:
  - Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
  - E-mail: [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov)

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