



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 – July 2024**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces upcoming training webinars and virtual workshops, as well as the August Summer Convenings hosted by the California Department of Education (CDE).

2024 August Summer Convenings, hosted by CDE

Join CDE for a professional development opportunity, designed for equivalency and proficiency program chief examiners, test site administrators, school counselors, and others with a connection to alternatives to high school graduation. These trainings will include updates from GED® Testing Service, HiSET Equivalency, HiSET Proficiency, and the CDE. Questions can be sent to Melissa Stockbridge at the Sacramento County Office of Education by email at mstockbridge@scoe.net. Please register [here](#).

- Monday, August 5, 2024 - Sacramento
- Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - Fresno
- Thursday, August 8, 2024 - San Diego
- Friday, August 9, 2024 - Los Angeles
- [2024 Summer Convenings Informational Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

2024 Statewide Financial Aid Workshops – coming soon!

- Workshop registration will open soon on events.com
- Both virtual and limited in-person workshops will be offered
- Please sign up to receive CSAC Listserv emails to be notified when the registration page has opened and all other workshop updates

These free workshops offer high school counselors, student advocates, outreach specialists and other community education partners relevant financial aid training they can use to support their students.

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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](#). Please register for our live, virtual sessions in August [here](#).

Live Cal Grant Regional Training Webinars are conducted over a 3-day period. Sessions do not have to be taken consecutively. 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

2023-24 Year-end Reconciliation: Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) 2.0 for college financial aid staff

- July 18 @ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Uploading 2025-26 GPAs for high school counselors and district staff

- July 24 @ 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM- [Register for this webinar](#)

Cal Grant 101 for high school and college financial aid staff

- July 30 @ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM - [Register for this webinar](#)

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

- August 6 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM- [Register for this webinar](#)

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