



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: 2021-22 Supplemental Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Funding

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update regarding the 2021-22 Supplemental Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Funding previously announced in [GSA 2021-15](#).

Foster Youth Stimulus Funds

The Commission announced the following augmentations from the federal COVID relief package (HR 133, P.L. 116-260).

The federal COVID relief package that passed in December 2020 included \$400 million in additional funding for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (Chafee) with a minimum required allocation to the Chafee Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program of \$50 million. California received \$6,000,004 for the Chafee ETV program.

The maximum Chafee award for 2021-22 will be temporarily increased to \$6,500. Students may receive additional money for each term in which they received a payment. The student must have enough unmet need and additional payments will not exceed \$1,500 for the academic year.

Student Eligibility for Chafee Award Increases

- Students attending a four-term institution will receive an additional \$375 for each term in which they were paid.
- Students attending a three-term institution will receive \$500 for each term in which they were paid.
- Students attending a two-term institution will receive \$750 for each term in which they were paid.

These additional payments will be issued in the next few weeks using the current data entered on the institution's payment roster. Financial Aid Officers do not need to take extra steps to request this funding.

The Commission realizes that these funds are coming late in the academic year. Please work with the student in getting them this additional funding. If payments are mailed to the student, the Commission recommends sending the payment via certified mail.

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 **30 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

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

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