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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 CA Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of 2023-24 applications for the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Program. The DSIG program will begin accepting applications on July 1, 2023 and will continue accepting applications through June 30, 2024 or until the 1,667 awards are exhausted.

DSIG Program Overview

The DSIG Program encourages California Dream Act Applicant (CADAA) Students with a Cal Grant B award, or with a Cal Grant A award that met Cal Grant B eligibility, to perform community or volunteer service. The Commission will award up to \$4,500 per academic year (up to \$2,250 per semester or up to \$1,500 per quarter) to 1,667 eligible students. The grant will be available to the student for up to 8 semesters or up to 12 quarters while they have an active Cal Grant A or B award. Students must also meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards and complete any necessary verification for their Cal Grant award. Reference [GSA 2022-57](#) to review enhancements to the DSIG eligibility and award amounts implemented in the 2022-23 academic year.

Qualifying Community or Volunteer Service Organization

A qualifying community or volunteer service organization, defined below, must be established for a minimum of two years before the first date on which a participating student begins performing service hours.

- A nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Any federal, state, or local government entity
- Any school on the Cal Grant Eligible Schools list on the CSAC website
 - Additional registration is not required for on-campus community or volunteer service organizations affiliated with a Cal Grant eligible school, such as outreach, student services, and multi-cultural organizations.

How Do Students Apply?

Students will need to complete and submit the 2023-24 Grant Application, found on [the DSIG Program website](#). Financial Aid Administrators will help students verify their eligibility to participate in the DSIG program by validating the Grant Application and the Payment Request form. Students submit the completed form to dsig@csac.ca.gov. Students will need to reapply annually for continued participation in the program.

Overview for Students

Visit the [Overview for Students Webpage](#) for information, Frequently Asked Questions, and additional program details.

Overview for Institutions

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