

Financial Aid Administrator Online Training

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Title	Date	Time - PST	Description	Registration Link	Provider	Business Solutions
Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Overview	1/6/26	9:00 AM	This webinar is intended for financial aid staff at California public universities and community colleges that offer bachelor programs. Attendees will receive basic information and training on the new Middle Class Scholarship 2.0, including roster payment reporting and corrections, the recertify process, and a summary of available reports.	https://csac-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q_CqjapJQ6CHwP_oOzTRTq	California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)	
Recovering from your holiday spending	1/7/26	10:00 AM	The holidays are over, and the reality of our overspending is starting to appear on our credit card and bank statements. You may feel overwhelmed and have buyer's remorse. Now is not the time for panic and despair. The FAB team will discuss ways to get your budget back on track, create a plan to pay off that debt and to plan for the next holiday season.	https://ecmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gE3btL3wQjapNldJFyrymA	ECMC	
ScholarNet Features and Functionality for Schools	1/8/26	12:00 PM	ScholarNet is a proven, lender-neutral private student loan processing solution that automates loan certification and disbursement. Using a single platform, it instantly connects institutions with private student loan provider and their loan programs. With our outstanding service, many of our customers come for the technology – and stay for the people. Whether you're a new ScholarNet user, or you just need a refresher, this webinar will cover all the ScholarNet features and functionality a school may need to know.	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/af572fbb-6aa4-4da1-90c0-bf6e604b2891@5a5b9e61-20b2-4578-8f37-246881fa0d61	ScholarNet	Yes
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Elevating the Game of Virtual Trainings and Presentations	1/8/26	12:00 PM	In today's working world, the need for virtual presentation skills is ever-increasing, but where do you start? How do you develop this skill and put together a presentation that will not bore your audience? During this session, we'll reveal some of the tricks we have learned over the years for creating an informative and engaging virtual experience.	https://www.attigo.com/free-training-elevating-the-game-of-virtual-trainings-presentations-january08	Attigo by Ascendium	
FastChoice Features and Functionality for Schools	1/13/26	9:00 AM	FastChoice offers institutions the ability to provide students and parents a starting point to research and learn more about possible private loan options. Clear and consistent private loan information is made available to borrowers through a custom user-friendly website. Whether you are a new FASTChoice user, or you just need a refresher, this webinar will cover all the FASTChoice features and functionality you need to know.	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2e4aafd8-75f4-4112-bd06-99d85f8e3b60@5a5b9e61-20b2-4578-8f37-246881fa0d61	ScholarNet	Yes
Cal Grant Renewal Simplification Webinar	1/14/26	11:00 AM	In this one-hour webinar, we will provide an overview of upcoming changes to the renewal process and explain how these improvements will benefit both students and institutions.	https://csac-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mNQ877UYQJqaQ1acOMTgeQ	California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)	
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Changing How You Look at Change	1/14/26	9:00 AM	You know the saying—most people resist change. While this statement is accurate, it does not tell the full story. How well staff embrace and adapt to change depends on the approach. Change requires communication, collaboration, and commitment. These are the main ingredients of the change process. Join us to gain valuable insights and learn effective ways for managing change. Whether you're staff or leadership, this session will impact your approach.	https://www.attigo.com/changing-how-you-look-at-change-january14	Attigo by Ascendium	
Cal Grant 101	1/16/26	1:30 PM	This webinar is for anyone seeking more information about the Cal Grant program, and provides an overview of Cal Grants A, B and C; including newer programs such as the Community College Entitlement grant, Foster Youth Access Award, Students with Dependents, and the CA Dream Act Service Incentive Grant. Cal Grant program overview and eligibility requirements will be introduced.	https://csac-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_siD8dsPnR_6b5Q_2Xqg9stW	California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)	
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Preparing for OBBBA: Implications for Financial Aid Operations and Student Success	1/20/26	11:00 AM	With OBBBA poised to shift key components of federal aid, financial aid leaders are preparing for impacts that will extend to students campuswide. Potential shifts to loan limits, PLUS/Grad PLUS eligibility, institutional accountability, graduate vs. professional student classifications, Workforce Pell, and loan repayment models could reshape both policy and practice. Join a panel of experienced financial aid experts as they break down what these anticipated changes could mean for your institution. Our speakers will offer practical insights, planning strategies, and critical considerations to help colleges and universities evaluate operational impact and support informed decision-making. This timely session will equip campus leaders to understand the potential effects of OBBBA on financial aid administration, institutional operations, and student outcomes and identify proactive steps to stay ahead of evolving federal requirements.	https://www.collegeaidservices.net/webinars/	College Aid Services	
Hitting the Mark with a Goal-Setting System	1/20/26	12:00 PM	Goals give us meaning and a sense of purpose by defining where we want to go. However, setting goals is only part of the equation. Achieving them is another matter. The missing piece often lies in the system that supports goal attainment. It's the actions, habits, and resources required to reach the destination. Attend this session to gain valuable insights for creating an effective goal-setting system. We'll share key strategies to help you hit the mark, such as establishing a framework, sustaining motivation, automating decisions, and turning routines into habits.	https://www.attigo.com/hitting-the-mark-with-a-goal-setting-system-january20	Attigo by Ascendium	
Level Up Your Customer Service for 2026	1/21/26	11:00 AM	Create positive impressions by understanding the importance of customer service and improving skills to deal with difficult scenarios. Learn ways to improve service delivery beyond just "what's expected" so that your customer walks away feeling like they not only had an exceptional experience, but a memorable one.	https://citizensbank.webex.com/webappng/sites/citizensbank/webinar/webinarSeries/register/88b424edfcb54904a948933bdf4d914b?adobe_mc=TS%3D1764014178%7CMCMID%3D50216379073951906980539262871094638183%7CMCORGID%3D4C3BoC3755C3822E7F000101%52540AdobeOrg	Citizens Bank	
Making plans for National Financial Capability Month	1/21/26	10:00 AM	April is National Financial Capability Month. Are you ready? It's not too early to prepare! Join us as we discuss how you can take advantage of an entire month of promoting financial literacy on your campus and with your students.	https://ecmc.zoom.us/join/register/WN_DB9gS7-SRqmM2HCtGvKdA	ECMC	
Let's Talk: Competing Priorities: A Discussion About Maintaining Training as a Priority	1/22/26	9:00 AM	Blue Icon hosts Let's Talk to give you the opportunity to engage with peers, learn from presenters and each other, share information, and discuss best practices.	https://www.nasfaa.org/blueicon_lets_talk	Blue Icon Advisors (NASFAA)	
Cal Grant Payment Codes & Scenarios	1/22/26	1:00 PM	This webinar explains the different payment codes, as well as some common, and not-so-common disbursement scenarios that institutions may encounter. Newer financial aid staff who assist with payments and those would like a refresher should attend this webinar.	https://csac-ca.gov.zoom.us/join/register/WN_UHIErWK9QL6WBdYHTILpAw	California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)	
CalKIDS - California's Children's Savings Account Program	1/22/26	11:00 AM	CalKIDS is a California state program that helps children and families save for college or career training after high school. Children born in California starting on July 1, 2022, and eligible low-income public school students are awarded CalKIDS Scholarship Accounts with an initial seed deposit in it. Learn about this scholarship that millions of CA children are receiving.	https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_h31ENJCgRgWbwi_DtFw-JA#/registration	ScholarShare Investment Board	
Building a Strong Succession Plan	1/22/26	9:00 AM	Succession planning is critical for the continuity and success of any organization. Knowing your talent pool, coaching and mentoring, and understanding short and long-term needs are only a fraction of what is needed. A strong succession plan also outlines critical actions for ensuring a smooth transition of leadership. During our time together, we'll share ways to create a robust succession plan that contributes to long-term success and sustainability.	https://www.attigo.com/building-a-strong-succession-plan-january22	Attigo by Ascendium	
Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Overview	1/29/26	9:00 AM	There is still time in the school year for students to participate in the 2025-26 DSIG program! This informational webinar for high school staff and college Financial Aid Office staff provides an overview of the Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG). The DSIG program allows eligible Cal Grant awardees who filed the California Dream Act Application to earn financial aid money via volunteer/community service.	https://csac-ca.gov.zoom.us/join/register/WN_oC3YjQv_RYxYqRyDUXjNsA	California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)	
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