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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2023-24 CalFresh Benefits**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the start of the 2023-24 CalFresh notification process for eligible Cal Grant students.

2023-24 CalFresh Benefits

- Pursuant to the passage of Assembly Bill 214 on Post Secondary Education Student Hunger, the Commission is tasked with notifying Cal Grant recipients who meet eligibility requirements under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program about their potential eligibility for the CalFresh program.
- The Commission sends notifications to eligible Cal Grant recipients to inform them of their potential CalFresh eligibility and encourage them to apply to receive this benefit that could help offset some of their college expenses.
- The Commission processes and generates new letters to eligible students each weekend after Cal Grant tuition and fee payments are reported to us by the financial aid office at the student's school of attendance.
- Students with inquiries regarding the CalFresh notification should contact CalFresh at 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD). For additional questions regarding CalFresh eligibility and application process, please direct your students to your campus CalFresh office or the county office.

TANF Flag

- The TANF eligible flag field on the Display Roster screen in WebGrants will show a "Y" for TANF eligible students. For ineligible students, the field is null (blank).
- Campuses can create their own customized rosters and generate reports as needed.
- Including the TANF eligible flag field on the customized roster allows campuses to determine whether TANF eligible students have been paid or not.

- The field only exists on the Display Roster screen and has not been added to the Grant Roster file layout.

Need to contact us?

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Enclosure: 2023-24 CalFresh Notification

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