

# JOIN US!

## FREE California Community Colleges Cash for College “Train the Trainer” Workshops

*with Special Focus on Helping American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN)  
Students Complete the FAFSA and navigate the tribal grant/scholarship process.*



Prospective American Indian and Alaska Native students’ experiences with higher education are characterized by marked disparities compared to other groups of students. Historical trauma as a result of the U.S. government’s policies in American Indian education has resulted in a mistrust of offices and figures of authority. This workshop is designed to provide training in the financial aid process for those trusted individuals already working within the American Indian and Alaska Native community. Participants will also learn about some of the barriers currently faced by AIAN students. Please join us in helping prospective American Indian and Alaska Native students apply for financial aid and other resources to help make their educational and career goals a reality at one of California’s 116 community colleges.

### What is the Financial Aid “Train the Trainer” Program?

The Train the Trainer program provides the training and resources for community partners to host financial aid workshops and assist AIAN students and families in completing their financial aid applications. Participants will also learn how students can enroll at a California community college.

Participants complete training and become eligible to conduct financial aid workshops on behalf of their organization with members of their community in order to increase AIAN enrollment in one of the 116 California community colleges throughout the state.

### Who should attend the workshop?

Those interested in assisting current or prospective AIAN students get financial aid to help pay for college, like:

- Tribal Youth Council Coordinators
- AIAN Community Based Organizations
- Tribal Education Offices
- American Indian Veterans’ Associations
- Tribal Charter Schools
- AIAN Student Unions/Alliances/Clubs

### Why is this important?

- \$2.6 billion in financial aid for higher education went unused nationally in 2018, including \$354 million in Pell Grant funds that do not need to be repaid.
- The opportunity to find a job doubles if students attend or graduate from a California community college compared to those who graduated or failed to complete high school.
- For every dollar students spend on their California community college education, they gain \$5 in lifetime earnings.

### What will you learn?

- How students and families can apply for financial aid
- The deadlines for filing the FAFSA
- How to be an effective financial aid workshop presenter
- What grants and other financial aid are available for AIAN students

### Register TODAY for an upcoming FREE Workshop.

Friday, February 4, 2022  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
[Register here](#)

You **MUST** complete the FREE Train the Trainer Workshop to qualify to receive training materials and conduct Cash for College workshops. If you have any questions please contact Joely Proudfit at [jproudfit@naqcom.com](mailto:jproudfit@naqcom.com) or (951) 816-3301.