



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **Reminder: March 2 Cal Grant Deadline – Submission Rates Down**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools and colleges of the upcoming **March 2, 2022 Cal Grant filing deadline** for the 2022-23 academic year.

Submission rates have decreased for both the 2022-23 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). As of February 19, 2022 the Commission had received 1,128,486 FAFSA applications, a 16% decrease from the same date in 2021. CADAA applications have decreased 18.5% with only 15,064 submitted. There are **6 days** left before the March 2, 2022 deadline. Let's all work together to encourage the students of California to complete their FAFSA and CADAA before the priority deadline passes.

If your students need help with completing their financial aid applications, they can register for our CSAC Statewide Cash for College Webinars or find other Cash for College workshops at <https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>.

Upcoming CSAC Statewide Cash for College Webinars:

- Tuesday, March 1, 2022: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM [Register for this workshop](#)
- Students applying for a 2022-23 Cal Grant must file a 2022-23 FAFSA or 2022-23 CADAA and have a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) by **March 2, 2022** to receive consideration for all applicable grant programs.
- High school counselors are encouraged to visit the [GPA Tools](#) webpage for information about high school GPA calculation, the Non-SSN GPA Upload Guide and templates, and live and recorded [Trainings for High School Counselors](#). Please note there are recorded versions of our Uploading High School GPAs and GPA Reports & Matching webinars since all live trainings on these topics prior to March 2, 2022 have concluded.
- We encourage all high schools and college administrators to use the WebGrants reports, such as the Non-SSN GPA Status Report, to help students complete their applications to meet the Cal Grant deadline. Please refer to the [GPA Matching and](#)

[Editing Reference Guide](#) for more information about accessing the Non-SSN GPA Status Report and matching GPAs to students' financial aid applications.

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