



SPECIAL ALERT

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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 Online California Dream Act Application**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the 2023-24 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will open on **October 1, 2022**, in alignment with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Updates to the 2023-24 CADAA

- Increased total bytes from 4300 to 4600
- Standard year references updated and field renumbering
- Removal of gender question to align with FAFSA
- Changes to homeless youth determination to align with FAFSA
 - Field 164 (modified valid content for dependency override)
 - Field 170 (modified valid content for special circumstances flag)

Application Support

- [Technical reference documents](#) such as the Cal ISIR file specification and other documents can be found on the Commission's website.
- [The 2023-24 CADAA documents, forms and other resources](#) can be found on the Commission's website.
- Phone support for students filing the CADAA is available at (888) 224-7268 or at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. Students should provide their Dream Act ID when corresponding with the Commission.

As a reminder, undocumented students who meet the requirements per [California Education Code Section 68130.5](#), as amended, commonly known as AB 540, are eligible to apply through the CADAA to receive state financial aid consideration. Meeting requirements of Section 68130.5 also allows students to qualify for in-state tuition.

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