



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High school Counselors
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: New CADAA Option for Mixed Status Families

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the [2024-25 California Dream Act Application](#) (CADAA) will be made available to an additional cohort of students effective April 9, 2024.

New CADAA Option for Mixed Status Families

In response to an unprecedented financial aid cycle that has particularly impacted students from “mixed-status families” (U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens whose FAFSA contributor(s) do not have a social security number), the Commission is enabling the 2024-25 CADAA as an option for first-time applicants who cannot complete the FAFSA due to having a “non-SSN contributor”.

This new CADAA option for first-time applicants who continue to experience challenges in successfully completing the FAFSA, will help in the following ways:

- Provides an alternative to students from mixed status families to meet the fast-approaching May 2, 2024 state priority deadline for Cal Grant and Middle-Class Scholarship award consideration. The Commission will honor the CADAA submission date even if the FAFSA is completed later.
- Successful completion of the CADAA will generate a Student Aid Index (SAI) that colleges can use for preliminary financial aid eligibility determination. This information could help students and their families in making college enrollment decisions.

It is important to note that FAFSA-eligible students and their non-SSN contributors who opt for this CADAA option, **should continue to pursue the StudentAid.gov account creation and identity verification process to successfully complete the 2024-25 FAFSA so they can maximize their financial aid opportunities. The CADAA does not provide access to federal student aid.**

The CADAA has traditionally been the pathway for qualified individuals – including undocumented students – to receive California state and institutional financial aid, such as Cal Grant, the Middle-Class Scholarship, and other non-federal

financial aid programs. California is one of 17 states that provides state-based financial aid to undocumented students.

The Commission is offering a series of webinars for K-12 educators, financial aid professionals, as well as for students and families to provide additional guidance on this new CADAA option.

Upcoming Webinars

New CADAA for Mixed Status Families for K-12/College Access Professionals

- Thursday, April 11 @ 9:30-11am- [Register for this webinar](#)
- Friday, April 12 @ 3:00 – 4:30pm – [Register for this webinar](#)

New CADAA Option for Mixed Status Families for College Financial Aid Administrators

- Monday, April 15 @ 3-4:30pm- [Register for this webinar](#)
- Tuesday, April 16 @ 9:30-11am- [Register for this webinar](#)

Non-SSN Support (including New CADAA Option for Mixed Status Families) for Students & Families

- Tuesday, April 9 @ 5:30pm-6:45pm- [Register for this webinar](#)
- Monday, April 15 @ 6pm-7:15pm- [Register for this webinar](#)
- Wednesday, April 24 @ 10am-11:15am- [Register for this webinar](#)

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