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## **Cal Grant/California Dream Act Application Deadline Extended to April 1, 2022**

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**SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022** -- The California Student Aid Commission today announced that pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) Section 69513.2, the Commission approved a 30-day extension of the March 2 application deadline for submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application. As a result, the FAFSA and California Dream Act financial aid applications submitted by California students by April 1, 2022, will be considered on time for Commission administered programs.

The Commission received 169 completed applications for deadline extension between February 17, 2022, and March 7, 2022. Applications named the COVID-19 pandemic as a qualifying event and demonstrated an adverse effect on the ability of students within the school district, community college district, or an area or region within the state, such as a city or county, to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by the established application deadline. Since a sweeping number of requests were received from every region across the state, the extension granted by the Commission on March 9, 2022, applies to all financial aid applicants within California.

“We are thrilled to be able to announce the extension of such an important financial aid deadline, said Executive Director Marlene Garcia. “We work every day to inform students and their families that financial aid is available to them whether they attend a two-year college, four-year university, or vocational school. This is especially important during these challenging times we are having to navigate, but we know

that together, we can help students and their families not only access a post-secondary education, but also afford one.”

For more information on applying for financial aid, please visit <https://www.csac.ca.gov/>. Please also consider following our social media platforms for more information on the deadline extension as well as other important updates. You can find our social platforms here, <https://linktr.ee/castudentaid>.

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*The California Student Aid Commission administers the state’s \$4 billion portfolio of student financial aid programs and services, including the Cal Grant, the Middle Class Scholarship, and the California Dream Act Application. The Commission serves as a resource for policymakers and the public on college affordability and financing issues, and advocates for policy changes to eliminate cost as a barrier to any qualified California student pursuing a higher education. Visit our website at <https://www.csac.ca.gov/> or follow us on Social Media by clicking on our Link Tree, <https://linktr.ee/castudentaid> .*