



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: **Cal Grant Deadline Reminder**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools and colleges of the upcoming **March 2, 2020 Cal Grant filing deadline** for the 2020-21 academic year.

- Students applying for a 2020-21 Cal Grant must file a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2020-21 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by **March 2, 2020**.
- In addition to the FAFSA or the CADAA, the Commission must also receive a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) by the **same** deadline. GPA records can be uploaded into WebGrants in batches or keyed individually.
- Once the GPA records are successfully received by the Commission, a confirmation of the GPA submission is provided by the system.
- We encourage all high school and college administrators to use the WebGrants reports to help students complete their applications to meet the Cal Grant deadline. For NON-SSN GPA uploads, use the NON-SSN GPA Status Report to see a comprehensive list of your students and their application status.

The Race to Submit Dashboard

- High schools are encouraged to use the [Race to Submit Online Dashboard Tool](#) (Dashboard) to track the number of FAFSAs and CADAA's completed by their senior class between October 1, 2019, and the March 2, 2020 Cal Grant deadline.
- Current enrollment numbers are from October 2018. The Commission anticipates receiving the October 2019 senior enrollment data from CDE in February and updating the Dashboard prior to finalizing the ranking of the schools.
- For more details on the Race to Submit campaign, please refer to [GSA 2019-35](#).

If your students need help with completing their financial aid application, they can find remaining Cash for College workshops at <https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>.

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