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The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is requesting your help to inform California Dream Act students of the important need to ensure that their online CA Dream Act Application has been submitted correctly.

The 2013-14 online California Dream Act Application (CA Dream Act Application) is active and available at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). Students eligible under Assembly Bill (AB) 540 and AB 131 can apply for Cal Grants and other state financial aid benefits using this application.

The online CA Dream Application was initially released on January 14, 2013 and required temporary halting of the online version for further re-programming and testing. The Commission reached its operating system limit within minutes of the application going live-online. During unexpected downtime, no student was blocked from applying for the CA Dream Act as the Commission immediately placed a notice on its website enabling students to submit their name and email address to receive an electronic notification when the online application became active and available. In addition, the paper CA Dream Application has been available since January 1, 2013.

All available staffing and technological resources were garnered to re-release the online application which took place on January 23, 2013. We are pleased to report that the CA Dream Act online application system is functioning effectively and thousands of students are successfully submitting applications.

In order to best guarantee the security and integrity of each student's application data, approximately 1,000 students who applied during the early stages of the online application period (when system re-programming was deemed unavoidable) were alerted that their original application was deleted to protect their security: notification was sent only to those students who were required to resubmit their online application.

Students can return to the CA Dream Act online application website at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>, click on "Retrieve My Application" and utilize the same USER ID and Password that they initially created to check the current status of their application.

**Students should be made aware that the submission deadline for the CA Dream Act Application and Cal Grant program is March 2, 2013. Students requiring a paper CA Dream Act Application may download one by visiting [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org).**

The California Student Aid Commission is committed to student success. We will continue to review any issues that applicants may encounter and closely monitor the application submission process to ensure accuracy. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please contact [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov) or call us at 1-888-224-7268.

*\*The CA Dream Application can be used by students attending California public college and universities to apply for state funded grants such as the University of California (UC) Grant, the State University Grant, and the Community College Board of Governor's Fee Waiver.*

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