



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: 2015-16 Online California Dream Act Application

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the 2015-16 California Dream Act Application (DA) will be available on January 1, 2015.

- The 2015-16 DA has been updated and enhanced to make the application easier for students to understand and for parents to sign:
 - Question 23a has been added to assist students in registering for Selective Service.
 - Question 31 has been added to assist students in learning about loans available for CSU and UC Dream students as established in Senate Bill 1210 (California DREAM Loan Program).
 - The Cal ISIR Initial Report and Correction Report have been combined into one Cal ISIR Report.
 - Access determination logic is enhanced to assist students in filling out the correct application (DA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
 - During the school correction process, dependency questions left blank by students no longer need to be filled in by schools.
 - Application help text and Student Aid Report (CalSAR) text have been clarified for greater understanding.
 - The parent pin process has been streamlined.
 - The resource page link is easier to find from the main page; resource organization has been updated on the resources page.
 - Mouse hover-overs have been added to increase information available.
 - Assembly Bill (AB) 540 information has been updated to include the AB 2000 changes as reported in [GSA 2014-39](#).

Webinars regarding the new DA will begin in January 2015. To access 2015 webinar information, please visit the Commission's website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>. Once you have registered, a confirmation email will be sent to you with login instructions and teleconference information; retain this confirmation, as you will need it to join the training session.

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