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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: April 2 Deadline Reminder and Cal Grant GPA Submission**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools and colleges of the upcoming **April 2, 2024, filing deadline** for the 2024-25 Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs. However, students should keep in mind that some colleges may have an earlier financial aid application deadline for their institutional aid.

### Financial Aid Applications

- To maximize award consideration in the Cal Grant and MCS programs for the 2024-25 award year, students should submit a 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by **April 2, 2024**.
- Requests for postponement of the April 2, 2024, application deadline for FAFSA or CADAA submissions due to a qualifying event pursuant to [California Education Code Section 69513.2](#) must be submitted no later than 10 business days after the occurrence of the qualifying event in question, or, if the qualifying event is ongoing, no later than 10 business days after the conclusion of the qualifying event. [An application for deadline postponement](#) and additional information are available on the [Commission's website](#).

### Cal Grant GPA Submission

- In addition to the FAFSA or the CADAA, the Commission must receive a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) by the **March 2, 2024\*** deadline for consideration in the Cal Grant program. GPA records can be uploaded into WebGrants in batches or keyed individually.
- High schools can reference the [GPA Tools](#) page on the Commission website for GPA calculation instructions, user guides and templates. Live webinars will be offered in February; to register please visit the [live webinars](#) page for dates and times. Recorded [training videos](#) are available for those who cannot make the live webinars.

- Colleges can reference the [Resource Documents](#) page on the Commission website for GPA calculation instructions, as well as the [Technical Documents](#) page for user guides and templates for both SSN and Non-SSN GPA submission.
- Once the GPA records are successfully received by the Commission, a confirmation of the GPA submission is provided by the system.
- Please do not upload GPAs through secure file transfer.

If your students need help with completing their financial aid application, they can register for a [live webinar](#) offered by the Commission, or attend a [Cash for College workshop](#) in their community (or virtually).

*\*Due to March 2, 2024, falling on a Saturday, Cal Grant GPAs submitted through March 4, 2024, will be considered on-time.*

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