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### **Don't miss the 2019 FAFSA/CADAA Deadline**

Financial Aid Applications Will Close for the 2019-2020 School Year on March 2, 2019

Sacramento, CA (2019) – The 2019-20 financial aid application season for California students to submit will close on March 2, 2019. Students who are planning on attending college this fall should complete either a FAFSA or a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the deadline.

To aid students who have questions about the FAFSA, CADAA or California financial aid options may call the California Student Aid Commission at 1-888-224-7268. In order to answer student questions about the applications or financial aid, the Commission is expanding its call center hours to Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 7:30 pm; Saturday, February 23, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

All California residents may be eligible for a Cal Grant or other financial aid programs at a University of California, California State University, a California Community College, or private universities. Students who do not have a social security number are encouraged to apply for California aid by completing the California Dream Act application since FAFSA requires a taxpayer identification number. The CADAA application can be found at [www.dream.csac.ca.gov/](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov/).

“One of the goals of the Commission is to have every person who is potentially eligible for California student financial aid submit a FAFSA/CADAA. Financial aid is such a fundamental step in helping students realize their dreams of a higher education,” said Dr. Lande Ajose, Chair of the California Student Aid Commission. “Everyone deserves a better quality of life and the Commission is driven to do our part by helping to make that dream a reality”.

More than 2.7 million applications were received during the 2018-19 cycle and over 1 million students filing after March 2. Don't delay, it is critical for students to apply now!

The Commission helps to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. Don't miss our all-important March 2, 2019 FAFSA/ CADAA deadline and submit your application today. Make it your goal to remind a student. Students should apply at [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov) or [dream.csac.ca.gov/](http://dream.csac.ca.gov/).

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*The California Student Aid Commission is the state's policy leader in the administration of financial aid for higher education, making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. California Student Aid Commission serves the needs of not only today's college students but tomorrow's students, guiding them through the application process. Information and tools are available online for the parents of tomorrow's college and career technical students, a fully staffed call center answers questions and the California Student Aid Commission provides workshops and funds grants to organizations that provide access opportunities for students who are first in their family to attend institutions of higher education. For more information on how the California Student*

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