

# CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION



## Application Conversion Form (G-55)

This form is used to reprocess a student for a Cal Grant, Chafee Grant, or Middle Class Scholarship using the correct financial aid application, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA). **Student must complete all fields. Please provide a detailed, written explanation and attach a copy of two forms of identification (i.e. California Identification Card, California Driver License, Employment Authorization Card, Social Security Card, Student ID or etc.). If the student completed a FAFSA using a DACA Social Security Number (SSN), please provide a copy of the DACA SSN.** Email your completed form to [Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov) and paste **Encrypt G-55 Application Conversion Form** in the subject line. Please see the back of this page for more information.

1) Please convert \_\_\_\_\_ application from a \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Students Name) **Application 1** **Application 2**  
(FAFSA or CA Dream Act) (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)

### **REASON FOR APPLICATION CONVERSION**

Please check one that applies:

- Student completed CA Dream Act, but student gained citizenship or permanent residency
- Student completed more than one CA Dream Act
- Student completed both CA Dream Act and FAFSA
- Other (Please Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) **Application 1**

- FAFSA  CA Dream Act

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name M.I.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
SSN/DACA SSN/Dream Act ID

### **Application 2**

- FAFSA  CA Dream Act

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name M.I.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
SSN/DACA SSN/Dream Act ID

4) Please Place Copy of Photo ID (**Required**)

- CA ID
- School ID
- Government Issued Work Authorization ID

Copy of SSN or ITIN Card (**Required**)

5) Please provide a detailed explanation:

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Students applying for financial aid in California must complete either the FAFSA or the CADAA depending on the students' citizenship status. During the release of the California Dream Act Application for state financial aid, the federal government began the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The DACA program will issue students a Social Security Number (SSN) to use for employment purposes only. The DACA SSN should not be used for financial aid purposes.

Students may assume that having a DACA issued SSN qualifies them as a U.S. Citizen or an eligible non-citizen to complete the FAFSA. DACA students who filed the FAFSA instead of the California Dream Act Application may have not been considered for a Cal Grant based on their response to the FAFSA citizenship question. The DACA program does not change a student's immigration or national citizenship status, but allows students to be protected. Undocumented students who meet AB 540 requirements that are in the DACA program should complete the CA Dream Act Application.

### **REASONS FOR APPLICATION CONVERSION:**

**Student completed FAFSA using DACA SSN:** An undocumented student who completed the FAFSA using an SSN issued through the DACA program but should have completed the CA Dream Act Application.

**Student completed California Dream Act Application, but student gained citizenship or permanent residency:** An undocumented student who completed the CADAA but has gained naturalized citizenship or became a permanent resident as a green card holder. This student is now eligible to complete the FAFSA.

**Student completed more than one CA Dream Act Application:** An undocumented student who completed more than one California Dream Act Application. The applications should be merged into one application.

**Student completed both the CA Dream Act Application and FAFSA:** A student who completed both the CADAA and the FAFSA. The California Student Aid Commission will determine whether student will be eligible under either the CA Dream Act or the FAFSA.

**Provide a completed copy to your Financial Aid office and email your completed Application Conversion Form to:** [Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov) and paste ***Encrypt G-55 Application Conversion Form*** in the subject line.