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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: **March 2 Deadline Reminder**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools and colleges of the upcoming **March 2, 2023 filing deadline** for the 2023-24 Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs.

- To maximize award consideration in the Cal Grant and MCS programs for the 2023-24 award year, students should submit a 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2023-24 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by **March 2, 2023**.
- In addition to the FAFSA or the CADAA, the Commission must receive a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) by the **same** 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 throughout the month of February; to register please visit the [live webinars](#) page for dates and times. For information on the new "Financial Aid Application Status Report" for high schools, please view the 2 videos on the [Training Videos](#) website.
- 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.

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).

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