



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 Online California Dream Act Application Release**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the early release of the 2017-18 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to align with the new early Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on **October 1, 2016**. The CADAA can be found on our Dream Act web portal located at www.caldreamact.org.

Updates to the 2017-18 CADAA will include the following:

- Adjustments to the landing page layout and information and resources page
- Improvements in the student application skip logic
- Additional clarification added to application questions

Application Support

- Complete instructions for CADAA, including online support for each question, are available at www.caldreamact.org
- Phone support for students filing the CADAA is available from the Commission's Customer Relation staff at (888) 224-7268, or questions can be emailed to caldreamact@csac.ca.gov. Spanish language staff are available to assist students and parents in understanding the application process.
- The 2017-18 CADAA documents, forms and other resources are also available on the www.caldreamact.org home page under the Dream Act information & resources link for your use.
- Technical reference documents such as the Cal ISIR file specification and other documents can be found on the Commission's [website](http://www.csac.ca.gov).
- Institutions may now access a library of mini-training modules on the Commission's [website](http://www.csac.ca.gov) to watch on-demand.

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