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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **California Dream Act Application Update for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Repeal**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) in response to the announcement by the federal government to terminate the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

On September 5, 2017, a statement from the Commission was released. This statement urged congress and the president to find a permanent resolution in support of DACA. The statement highlighted:

- DACA status is not required to be eligible for California college admission or financial aid in California.
- Eligible students are still able to receive state and campus-based financial aid as well as the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver program available through community colleges.
- CADAA is only used to determine eligibility for state financial aid and is **not** shared with the federal government or used for immigration enforcement purposes.

The statement can be found on our News Releases web portal located at http://www.csac.ca.gov/NEWS/csac_daca_statement.pdf.

Please refer to [GSA 2017-04](#), for additional information. This communication summarizes a joint letter that was sent out by the Commission and the California Department of Education.

The 2018-19 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and FAFSA opens October 1, 2017, and the Cal Grant deadline is **March 2, 2018**. After the March 2 deadline, students can continue to fill out the CADAA for other state financial aid such as institutional aid, fee waivers, grants and scholarships. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. The CADAA can be accessed at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>.

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