



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: **2019-20 Online California Dream Act Application**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the release of the 2019-20 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) on **October 1, 2018**, to align with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The CADAA can be found on our Dream Act web portal located at dream.csac.ca.gov.

Updates to the 2019-20 CADAA

- Small changes to the landing page layout
- Expansion of AB 540 language per changes to Education Code § 68130.5
- Updates to the confirmation page for added visibility of missing parent signature
- Text changes to the *Help & Hints* for added clarity

Selective Service Requirement

- Registration with the U.S. Selective Service System is still a requirement for all male students between the ages of 18 and 25 to receive state financial aid.
- Students without a social security number can register using the paper registration form and mailing it directly to the U.S. Selective Service System. Paper registration forms can be obtained at any U.S. Post Office. The Selective Service registration card arrives by mail within 2-3 weeks.
- Male students who are not yet 18 years of age at the time they complete their CADAA, are not required to register during this application year; even if they turn 18 within that same year. They will be required to register the following academic year.

Application Support

- 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).
- The 2019-20 CADAA documents, forms and other resources can be found on the Commission's [website](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

- Phone support for students filing the CADAA is available at (888) 224-7268 or at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. Students should provide their Dream Act ID when corresponding with the Commission. Spanish speaking staff are available to assist students and parents in understanding the application process.

As a reminder, undocumented students who meet the requirements per California Education Code, as amended, commonly known as AB 540, are eligible to apply through the CADAA to receive state financial aid consideration. Meeting AB 540 requirements also allows students to qualify for in-state tuition.

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