



SPECIAL ALERT

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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: **2021-22 Application Deadline Postponement Request - REVISED**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information for requesting postponement of the application deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) submissions, pursuant to [California Education Code \(CEC\) Section 69513.2](#).

Institutions may request a deadline postponement to allow students to submit their 2021-22 FAFSA or CADAA applications after the March 2, 2021 deadline.

The Commission may grant an additional 30 calendar days beyond the March 2, 2021 deadline for students who were unable to submit their 2021-22 FAFSA or CADAA application due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or other "qualifying event" as defined in CEC Section 69513.2.(d).

To request a deadline postponement, please submit a letter by **April 1, 2021**, that covers the following items:

- A description of the qualifying event and how it impacted the students' ability to submit their financial aid applications by the March 2 deadline.
- A list of any financial aid outreach events that were canceled or delayed due to the qualifying event.
- Data showing that there has been, or is likely to be, a reduction in the number of students who have completed a financial aid application from the previous year (if available).
- **Must be signed** by the superintendent of a school district or community college district, or by the president or chancellor of a Cal Grant participating institution.

For your ease and convenience, the Commission has created a form which may be used instead of drafting your own letter. The form encompasses all the necessary aspects of the deadline postponement outlined above. The form can be accessed in the forms section on our homepage found here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/forms>

The Commission will hold a public hearing to address any requests received. Once a letter or form is approved by the Commission, all students who have filed a FAFSA or CADAA between March 3, 2021 and April 1, 2021 are deemed to be on-time applications.

Please submit the letter or form as an attachment to schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov and title the email "Application Deadline Postponement Request."

Need to contact us?

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
- E-mail: schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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