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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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**GSA 2021-40**

TO: High School Counselors  
Financial Aid Administrators

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**SUBJECT: New California Dream Act Application**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the launch of the new online California Dream Act Application (CADAA) today, August 31, 2021, at 10 a.m. The CADAA will be unavailable from 8-10 a.m. while the site is updated.

Through the Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project, the Commission has been modernizing its legacy systems in order to process awards more efficiently and support student financial aid. In this next phase of the GDSM Project, the Commission is releasing the updated online CADAA for the 2021-22 academic year. The 2022-23 CADAA will open on October 1, 2021.

**[Visit the CADAA homepage at dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)**

### Highlights of the New Application

- Unified username and password for CADAA and WebGrants for Students accounts
- Accessible on mobile devices
- Mirrors the format of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) more closely
- Easier to navigate with categories, subcategories and sections
- Easier to identify errors with red exclamation marks and answer boxes
- Auto hint functionality

### Resources

The [California Dream Act Application - Grant Delivery System Modernization video](#) provides an overview of the new online CADAA, including the updated features and new look and feel.

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