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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: 2022-23 Verification Waiver

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update regarding changes to the administration of the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs for the 2022-23 award year in light of recent announcements from the United States Department of Education (USED).

Verification of Income and Assets

- The USDE announced temporary changes to the federal aid verification process for the 2022–23 award year. Verification of most Free Application for Federal Student Aid information has been waived for the 2022-23 award year.
- The Commission will follow the same V1 verification waiver for 2022-23 FAFSA and CADAA applicants.
- Institutions do not need to check off the “Verification Required” box on the CADAA for students selected for verification.
- Rules surrounding conflicting information have not changed and institutions must resolve any conflicting information per the 2017-23 Cal Grant Institutional Participation Agreement.

U. S. Selective Service Registration

As a reminder, verification of Selective Service registration is no longer a requirement for financial aid in California, as announced in GSA 2021-45. This change is in line with changes made by the USED in 2021. While Selective Service registration remains a federal requirement for males between the ages of 18 and 25, it is no longer considered a requirement to receive federal or state financial aid in California.

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