



# 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: **2024-25 California Dream Act Application - Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

### 2024-25 CADAA Submission Rates

To date, 17,073 students have started a CADAA application and of these, the Commission has received 12,938 completed applications. To maximize award consideration in the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs for the 2024-25 award year, students should submit a CADAA by the state priority deadline of **April 2, 2024** as communicated in [GOM 2024-06](#).

### 2024-25 Paper CADAA

The English version of the paper 2024-25 CADAA has been finalized and posted to the [CADAA Information & Resources page](#). For faster processing, the Commission recommends that students submit their CADAA online. When that is not possible, a paper CADAA can be submitted, and the Commission will use the postmark date for purposes of meeting the state priority deadline.

### 2024-25 CADAA Verification

Since its inception in 2013, the percentage of CADAA's that are selected for verification has remained at 20%. As announced in [GSA 2023-69](#), the Commission will reduce the percentage of applications that are selected for random verification to 10% starting in 2024-25. For CADAA verification, schools should continue to follow the same federal VI Standard Verification.

### AB 540 Affidavit

As originally announced in [GSA 2023-47](#) and [GSA 2023-69](#), the Commission has integrated the nonresident tuition exemption form (i.e. AB 540 affidavit), within the CADAA application. This was made possible via the passage of [Assembly Bill 1540](#), which requires the California State University (CSU) and the California Community Colleges (CCC) - and requests that the University of California (UC) and Independent Colleges – to accept the AB 540 affidavit provided by students to the Commission and share the affidavit with any department(s) within the

institution that require an affidavit. Considering these changes, the Commission is working on the following deliverables:

- **AB 540 Affidavit Search Screen:** Institutions will be able to search and print affidavits completed by students on the CADAA.
- **AB 540 Report:** Institutions will be able to pull a report that will include an all-inclusive list of students who have listed their school on the CADAA and have completed an affidavit on the CADAA.
- **AB 540 Affidavit for Students:** a copy of the student's AB 540 affidavit will be included with the student's CADAA Submission Summary (i.e. Cal SAR).

### Upcoming Deliverables

The following completion dates are only estimates and subject to change.

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Completion Date (Estimate)</b>
Delivery of Cal ISIRs to institutions	Late March 2024
Opening of CADAA Corrections for Institutions*	Late March 2024
Release of Spanish Paper CADAA	Late March 2024
Availability of AB 540 screen/AB 540 Report	April 2024
CSAC Begins Processing Paper CADAAs	April 2024
State Priority Deadline	April 2, 2024

**\*Note:** Online CADAA corrections by students have been enabled since the 2024-25 CADAA launch.

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