



# 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: **State Financial Aid Deadline Extension to May 2 - Approved**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that **the state priority deadline for Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship has been extended from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024.** This extension was codified through the signing of Assembly Bill 1887 (Cervantes) by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 25, 2024. This bill takes effect immediately.

Students who submit a 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by **May 2, 2024**, will be considered on time for Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship consideration. Please note no additional extensions will be granted past May 2, 2024.

The Commission and our partners will continue to offer free Cash for College workshops and webinars throughout April and May to assist families and students completing a FAFSA or CADAA. These live webinars have financial aid experts available to answer common questions about applying for financial aid. [Cash for College webinars](#) are open for registration and in-person workshops hosted by our community partners can be found on the [Cash for College Workshop webpage](#). CSAC is providing an updated Social Media Toolkit with graphics, captions, and a flier announcing new webinars through the extended May 2 deadline.

FAFSA students with a parent contributor who does not have a Social Security Number (SSN) are facing unique and extensive barriers to completing a 2024-25 FAFSA. CSAC is offering specific webinars for these students and the financial aid professionals serving them. Please see the attached flyer for webinar dates between now and May 2. CSAC has also established an [email list specifically for students, families, and financial aid advocates](#) on this issue. The email list will provide timely updates, valuable resources, and essential information on efforts related to this issue as more solutions become available.

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Enclosure: CSAC Cash for College Webinars

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