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Student Aid Commission Praises Gov. Newsom's Executive Order

"Governor's commitment to access and equity showcased"

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 20, 2020 – Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order easing certain administrative requirements for verifying Cal Grant eligibility, allowing for continued access and equity for California's students.

The executive order extends the deadline by which Cal Grant applicants must verify their Grade Point Average (GPA) to September 2, 2020. This extended deadline applies to students that submitted a financial aid application by the pertinent deadline but do not yet have a verified GPA on file. Additionally, it waives the verification of Selective Service registration for students applying for financial aid via the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years.

California Student Aid Commission's Executive Director, Marlene Garcia, said, "Together, these changes significantly reduce the burden on students and schools to verify certain onerous requirements while offices are closed in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis."

Executive Director Garcia said the Commission is also encouraging new Cal Grant applicants to self-certify their high school graduation in the event that their school is unable to do so due to school closures. Students can log onto their WebGrants 4 Students account to determine the next steps in accessing their Cal Grant award or call (888) CA GRANT for assistance.

The Governor's executive order can be found [here](#).

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The California Student Aid Commission administers the state's \$2.8 billion portfolio of student financial aid programs and services, including the Cal Grant, the Middle Class Scholarship, and the California Dream Act Application. The Commission serves as a resource for policymakers and the public on college affordability and financing issues, and advocates for policy changes to eliminate cost as a barrier to any qualified California student pursuing a higher education.

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