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State Financial Aid Deadline Extended to May 2, 2024

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 25, 2024 – The California Student Aid Commission (Commission), together with the Legislature and Governor Newsom, are pleased to announce that the state financial aid priority deadline has been further extended to May 2, 2024.

Today, Governor Newsom signed **Assembly Bill 1887** (Cervantes), and as an urgency measure, this bill takes effect immediately. As a result, financial aid applications submitted by California students intending to go to a four-year university by May 2, will be considered on-time for the Commission's administered financial aid programs, including the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship.

"Making the path to fulfilling our students' dreams of achieving higher education more affordable and accessible is among the highest duties of our state government, and **Assembly Bill 1887** being signed into law is a way to honor that duty," said **Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes**. "This new law will give California students more time to complete the FAFSA and gain access to the financial resources they need to begin their college careers in earnest."

"I extend my deepest gratitude to Assemblymember Cervantes, the entire Legislature, and Governor Newsom for working together to extend such an important financial aid deadline," said **Marlene Garcia, Executive Director of California Student Aid Commission**. "We are deeply appreciative for our policymakers coming together, along with all our partners across K-12 and higher education, in helping ensure students have the time and assistance to apply for financial aid."

Students and families can receive help filing out the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application at free Cash for College Workshops. High schools are encouraged to inform students and families about this extension and of resources available to them. College students who are looking to renew their financial aid are also encouraged to complete their financial aid applications by May 2 in order to have

access to all of the financial aid support available. To help inform students and families about all the resources available to them, we ask media members to:

- Share information of the extended financial aid application deadline for students planning to go to a four-year university.
 - *Students attending a community college have until September 2 to complete a financial aid application and be eligible for state aid.

- Share information on where students and families can get support completing their financial aid application by registering for one of our [Statewide Cash for College Webinars \(linked\)](#) or attending one of our [in-person Cash for College Workshops \(linked\)](#).
 - Upcoming Statewide Webinars:
 - Tuesday, 3/26 1:30pm-2:45pm
 - Thursday, 3/28 10am-11:15am
 - Tuesday, 4/2 6pm-7:15pm
 - Saturday, 4/6 10am-11:15am
 - Tuesday 4/9 5:30pm-6:45pm
 - Monday 4/15 6pm-7:15pm
 - Thursday 4/18 5:30pm-6:45pm
 - Wednesday 4/24 10am-11:15am
 - Thursday 4/25 6pm-7:15pm
 - Wednesday 5/1 6pm-7:15pm

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The [California Student Aid Commission](#) currently serves over 400,000 students and administers the state's \$3 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. Visit our website at www.csac.ca.gov or follow us on social media by clicking on our [Link Tree](#).