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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **Cal Grant/California Dream Act Application Deadline Postponed to April 1, 2022**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) notifies all high schools and colleges that on March 9, 2022, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) Section 69513.2, the Commission approved a 30-day postponement of the March 2 application deadline for the Cal Grant and California Dream Act financial aid programs administered by the Commission. As a result, **Cal Grant and California Dream Act financial aid applications (including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)) from California students for 2022-23 completed by April 1, 2022, will be considered on time for priority consideration.**

The Commission received 169 completed applications for deadline postponement between February 17, 2022, and March 7, 2022. Applications overwhelmingly named the COVID-19 pandemic as a qualifying event and demonstrated an adverse effect on the ability of pupils or students within the school district, community college district, or an area or region within the state, such as a city or county, to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by the established application deadline. Since a sweeping number of applications were received from every region across the state, the postponement granted by the Commission on March 9, 2022, applies to all financial aid applicants within California regardless of if their high school or institution made an application deadline postponement request.

The Commission is now working to implement the deadline postponement for affected students in WebGrants. The requested Cal Grant/California Dream Act application deadline postponement will soon be applied to affected students and the extended April 1, 2022 deadline will be reflected in WebGrants for Students and WebGrants for Institutions. Additional updates about this process may be released as necessary.

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