



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **California Dream Act Application Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) updates institutions on the processing of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 California Dream Act Applications (CA Dream Applications).

2014-15 CA Dream Applications

- Must be submitted on or before the June 30, 2015 closing deadline.
- Paper applications must be **received** by the Commission on or before June 30.
- Institutions have until August 31, 2015 to make corrections.

2015-16 CA Dream Applications

- Approximately 29,617 on-time 2015-16 Cal ISIRs have been processed and are available in WebGrants.
- The CA Dream Application is used for various types of state financial aid, so not all applicants are eligible for a Cal Grant award.
- To be offered Cal Grant awards, applicants must have met the deadline and other requirements for the High School Entitlement, Community College Transfer Entitlement, or Cal Grant C programs.
 - To date, 6,642 CA Dream Act applicants have been offered High School Entitlement awards.
 - 974 Dream Act students have been offered Community College Transfer Entitlement awards.
 - Entitlement awards will continue to be processed weekly.
 - Cal Grant C award selections will be processed mid-July. The Cal Grant C Supplemental form is available in the awardees section of WebGrants for Students.

- Students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status should use the CA Dream Application rather than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- If you have students who filled out the wrong application, please contact the Commission's Institutional Support unit for assistance.

Training and Resources

- Commission staff continue to provide [free educational webinars](#) regarding the CA Dream Application for institutions.
- In addition to live webinars, institutions may now access a library of recorded webinar trainings, as well as new mini-training modules on the Commission's website to watch on-demand. Among the topics included are:
 - [2015-16 CA Dream Act Overview for High School Counselors](#)
 - [2015-16 CA Dream Act Overview for Financial Aid Administrators](#)
 - [2015-16 CA Dream Act Application Briefing](#)
 - [Dream Act Eligibility Requirements](#)
 - [2015-16 Dream Act Parent Pin Process](#)
 - [2015-16 CA Dream Application Enhancements](#)
- On the [CalGrants.org](#) website is a recorded webinar titled, "For CA Dream Act Filers: I've Applied for a Cal Grant, What's Next?"

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