OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

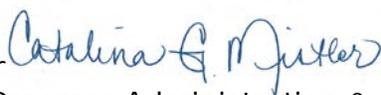**February 22, 2019**   **GOM 2019-06**

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
           High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **Cal Grant Deadline Reminder**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds high schools and colleges of the upcoming **March 4, 2019 Cal Grant filing deadline** for the 2019-20 academic year.

- In compliance with section 6707 of the California Government Code, when a state deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, applications can be accepted through the next working day. In 2019, the next working day is March 4, 2019.

- Students applying for a 2019-20 Cal Grant must file a 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2019-20 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by **March 4, 2019**.

- In addition to the FAFSA or the CADAA, the Commission must also receive a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) by the same deadline. GPA records can be uploaded into WebGrants in batches or keyed individually.

- Once the GPA records are successfully received by the Commission, a confirmation of the GPA submission is provided by the system.

- We encourage all high school and college administrators to use the WebGrants reports to help students complete their applications to meet the Cal Grant deadline. For NON-SSN GPA uploads, use the NON-SSN GPA Status Report to see a comprehensive list of your students and their application status.

Race to Submit Dashboard

- High schools are encouraged to use the Race to Submit Online Dashboard Tool (Dashboard) to track the number of FAFSAs and CADAAs completed by their senior class between October 1, 2018, and the March 4, 2019 Cal Grant deadline.

- The Race to Submit Dashboard and Leaderboard use the California Department of Education's (CDE) certified October census senior enrollment data.

- Current enrollment numbers are from October 2017. The Commission anticipates receiving the October 2018 senior enrollment data from CDE later this month and updating the Dashboard prior to finalizing the ranking of the schools.

If your students need help with completing their financial aid application, they can find remaining Cash for College workshops at https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/.

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