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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **Save the Date! Financial Aid for All Symposium & Race to Submit Award Ceremony**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to invite you to celebrate the winners of the 2021-22 Race to Submit on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will highlight the accomplishments of the 24 schools with the highest financial aid application completion rates in the State of California. This will also be a great opportunity to start the important conversation around the new requirement for local educational agencies to ensure their high school seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

We hope you can join us to explore some of the strategies that school counselors and local educational agencies can use to reach students and help them prepare to successfully apply for financial aid. Learn some of the best practices that the Race to Submit winners will be ready to share at the event. In addition to the award ceremony, participants will be able to take advantage of two informative mini sessions on the following topics:

- Financial Aid Completion Requirement for Local Educational Agencies: overview of its legislative mandate starting with the 2022-23 school year and what you can do to start preparing today.
- California Dream Act: updated application, common scenarios, special circumstances, and resources for students.

[Register today](#) for this celebratory event. **We look forward to seeing you!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual California College Affordability Summit will take place in the Spring of 2022 and will continue to explore ways to increase financial aid awareness and college affordability for all students.

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