



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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GSA 2022-09

TO: High School Counselors  
Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2022-23 Application Deadline Postponement Request**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information to schools and institutions for requesting postponement of the application deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) submissions, pursuant to [California Education Code \(CEC\) Section 69513.2](#).

**Institutions and schools may request a deadline postponement to allow students within the applicable district, region or area of the state to submit their 2022-23 FAFSA or CADAA applications after the March 2, 2022 deadline.**

The Commission may grant an additional 30 calendar days beyond the March 2, 2022 deadline for students who were unable to submit their 2022-23 FAFSA or CADAA application due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or other "qualifying event" as defined in CEC Section 69513.2.(d).

For your ease and convenience, the Commission has created a form which may be used to request a deadline postponement. This form can be submitted instead of a letter. The form encompasses all the necessary aspects of the deadline postponement outlined below. The form is available on our website at: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/forms>

To request a deadline postponement, please complete the attached form, or submit a letter on official letterhead, by **March 7, 2022**, that includes all of the following items:

- A description of the qualifying event and how it impacted students' ability to submit their financial aid applications by the March 2 deadline.
- A list of any financial aid outreach events that were canceled or delayed due to the qualifying event.
- Data showing that there has been, or is likely to be, a reduction in the number of students who have completed a financial aid application from the previous year (if available).
- **Must be signed** by the superintendent of a school district or community college district, or by the president or chancellor of a Cal Grant participating institution.

In order to be considered at the March 9, 2022 meeting described below, requests for deadline postponement must be **received by March 7, 2022**. The Commission will hold a public hearing during its March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to address any requests received. The Commission will release another GSA on March 10<sup>th</sup> to announce the Commission's decision on the appeals. If the request is approved by the Commission, all students within the applicable district, region or area of the state who have filed a FAFSA or CADAA between March 3, 2022 and April 1, 2022 will be deemed to have filed on-time applications.

Please submit the letter or form as an attachment to [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov) and title the email "Application Deadline Postponement Request."

**Need to contact us?**

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
- E-mail: [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov)

Enclosure: 2022-23 Application Deadline Postponement Request Form

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