

Memorandum

Date: March 19, 2014
To: CASFAA Executive Council
From: Bryan Dickason - CSAC CASFAA Executive Council Liaison
Re: CSAC Update

2014-15 Dream Act Update

- 27,075 completed applications as of March 12, 2014
- 4,681 Entitlement Cal Grant awards for Dream Act applicants as of March 10, 2014
- Dream Act ISIRs (Cal ISIRs) are posted on a weekly basis on the WebGrants Report Download Screen.
- The 2013-14 application will remain open until June.
- More statistics on final page

Dream Act Demo site

The Commission has opened a Dream Act application Demo site. Financial aid administrators and high school counselors serving AB 540 students can increase their own understanding of the application and use it to demonstrate for students and parents.

Although the site contains all the features of the production version, it is purely used as a learning tool and the information submitted is not processed. Additionally, all users created and any transaction(s) will be deleted on a weekly basis.

The site is accessed at: <https://training.csac.ca.gov/>. The site will allow you to access pre-loaded test data or you can create a new applicant by creating your own user name and password. To use the demo site with pre-loaded test data you will need the following information:

Username: **DAUSER_0001** through **DAUSER_0050**
Password: **Training{user number}** (case-sensitive)

The password must correspond to the user (e.g., DAUSER_0001 password is Training0001)

Cal Grants and Specialized Programs Training

- The 2014 webinar schedule was released in January which includes sessions for the first six months of the year. The webinar sessions includes various topics from Cal Grant 101, reconciliation to grade point average submissions.
- Additional Dream Act Application training webinars have been scheduled for high school counselors and financial aid administrators.
- Staff has presented at several local outreach middle school and high school events providing Cal Grant and California Dream Act information.

WebGrants/Dream Act Webinars

Mar 12, 2014 9:00 am	CA Dream Act Live Online Chat
Mar 12, 2014 2:00 pm	Customizing Cal Grant Rosters
Mar 13, 2014 2:00 pm	Non-SSN GPA Matching and Edit Screens
Mar 18, 2014 11:00 am	Non-SSN GPA Matching and Edit Screens
Mar 19, 2014 3:00 pm	CA Dream Act Live Online Chat
Mar 26, 2014 9:00 am	CA Dream Act Live Online Chat

Grant Operations Memo GOM 2014-05

This memo outlines issues with unpaid Dream Act applicants. Some of the issues described are:

1. Colleges have requested verification documentation from students and the students are unclear how to verify their or their parent's income. Despite the fact that campuses provide verification forms for students, Dream Act students may require a little more assistance since they or their parents might not have filed tax returns. It is suggested that campuses review their verification procedures to make sure that the procedures cover the types of situations that a Dream Act applicant may be facing.
2. The college might not be aware that the student is an AB 540 eligible student. Many students who have been through the Deferred Action process have a valid SSN and may have filed the FAFSA application. These students may not immediately appear to the college to be AB 540 students. Campuses should review any federal ISIR records that are requesting a confirmation of the student's citizenship status. For more information on this topic please see Commission Grant Operations Memo [GOM 2013-28](#), issued October 14, 2013.
3. Dream Act Application Cal Grant awards may not be appearing on the college's Cal Grant roster. Students should be encouraged to go to www.webgrants4students.org to log-in and check if the Commission has the correct college listed.

SB 70

The deadline for reporting the data required by California Education Code (CEC) section 69433.2 (SB 70) was extended to **March 31, 2014** for all institutions. WebGrants access for posting opened **March 1, 2014**.

A new [SB 70 Institution Search](#) Web page allows searching of last year's enrollment data submitted by institutions for the 2011-12 academic year. A link to this search feature is also available at the bottom of the [main SB 70 Web page](#).

The file import specifications for enrollment, persistence, and graduation have not changed from last year and can be accessed at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1427>.

2013-14 Chafee Update

13/14 and 14/15 Chafee Applications and NARS are being accepted at this time.

We have a reduction of \$412,000 for 2013-14

- 3133 Awards offered as of March 11, 2014

- 1360 New, 1773 Renewal
- Chafee Priority Selection Criteria used
- Summer quarter payments are scheduled to process on May 20, 2014

Each week awards and payments cycles are processed utilizing the following priority selection criteria:

- Priority 1: Renewal students who have received a payment in a prior year
 - Priority 2: Students who are aging out of the program
 - Priority 3: Students with dependents
 - Priority 4: Students who had an unmet need of \$5,000 or higher
 - Priority 5: Submission date of completed application
- **Returned funds will be recycled**
 - Do not write “void” on check. This delays recycling of funds. We have to request another check to be reissued and it can often take up to 8 weeks for this process.

Funds returned with “Not Enrolled”, “Unable to locate” and “Revised NAR” reasons are placed in reserve for 21 days which allows for submission of school changes and revised NARS. Unreserved funds are used to offer additional awards based on the priority selection criteria.

Dream Act Application Statistics as of 3/7/2014

Section 1: Application statistics

Application Counts

On-time (met March 2nd deadline)	26,592	13,575
Late applications	268	113
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Total Dream Applications Submitted	26,860	13,688

Renewals

Segmental Choice

Segment	First Choice	Other Choices	Total
Community College	14,566	9,512	24,078
University of CA	2,898	9,150	12,048
CA State University	8,353	14,402	22,755
Private 2 Year	6	17	23
Private 4 Year	769	2,639	3,408
For Profit	265	518	783
Hospital Ed.	0	5	5

Section 2: Award Statistics

Awarded / Not Awarded Counts

Awarded Students

High School Entitlement Offers	4,280
Transfer Entitlement Offers	0
Cal Grant C Offers	0

Sub-total	4,280

Not Awarded Students

Processed, Not Awarded	237
Incomplete Dream App	4,088
Dream App Pended, FAFSA Filer	992
Complete Dream App, GPA Match	5,781
Complete Dream App, Partial GPA Match	680
Complete Dream App, No GPA Match	10,534

Sub-total	22,312

Total (Awarded + Not Awarded On Time)	26,592
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Awards by Segment

Segment	E1	E2	Cal C	Total
Community College	1,764	0	0	1,764
University of CA	478	0	0	478
CA State University	1,800	0	0	1,800
Private 2 Year	0	0	0	0
Private 4 Year	225	0	0	225
For Profit	13	0	0	13
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Total	4,280	0	0	4,280