Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) October Newsletter 2020
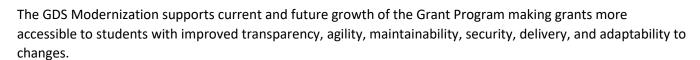
Purpose

The purpose of this GDSM Newsletter is to keep institutions, and the student support community abreast of our progress monthly through the final transition to the new system, and quarterly for improvements deployed throughout 2021.

GDSM Sponsor Message

Catalina Mistler, GDSM Project Executive Sponsor

We at the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), are pleased to provide you with a sneak peek at the new look and feel of the WebGrants for Institutions and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) in this edition of the GDSM Newsletter.

The GDS Modernization supports current and future growth of the Grant Program making grants more accessible to students with improved transparency, agility, maintainability, security, delivery, and adaptability to changes.

Project Management

The Q4 of 2020 release of CADAA and WebGrants for Institutions will complete the transition to the new GDS modernized unified platform. While GDSM made many improvements to underlying infrastructure as well as making the GDSM system accessible across popular browsers and devices, much of the interaction remains the same. This includes menus, forms, and screens that remain consistent with the legacy system. Some automation of some previously manual processes has been included to improve access.

New Look and Feel for Institutions

New vs. Current WebGrants for Institutions

CAL GRANT
- Enrollment
- GPA
- Student Info
- Roster/Reconciliation
- Data Transfer

MCS
- File Upload
- Student Award Summary
- Student Award Payment History
- Student Enrollment Data
- MCS Display Roster

CHAFEE
- Student Application Status
- Institution Demographics
- Student Lookup
- SSN Change
- Institution Reconciliation

CADAA
- Dream Act ISIR Search
- Dream Act Paper Signature Entry
- Dream Act New Application
- Dream Act Dependency Override

CMD GI BILL
- CMD GI Bill Application
- Student Maintenance
- Verify Student Roster
- Renewal Students Roster
- Reports
- Program Checkbook

SCHOOL INFO
- Transaction Status
- Contact Information
- Cost Estimate
- Transaction Status
- Txn Status Workload Management Report

NEW

ADMIN
- Add New Users
- Edit Existing Users
- Update Users
- User Access Report

ACCOUNTING
- Invoice Payment History - ISGP
- Chafee Accounting Deposit Entry
- MCS Accounts Receivable Transaction

OTHER
- File Upload
- Report Download
- Report Delete
- Student Lookup
- Web service Registration
- Table Edit

Once a user has logged into their account, they will be presented with the WebGrants "Home Page." The Home Page features central navigation to all CSAC programs, reducing the number of clicks needed to access any function within the application. WebGrants is accessible through most devices, browsers, and operating systems, and is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. Users can access the application from many common hardware and software applications as well as accommodate ability limitations. The WebGrants display is also dynamic in two ways. First, the WebGrants display will reorient itself depending on the device being used. A user's screen will only display the level of access in which they are granted.

California Student Aid Commission (GDSMTEST)
WebGrants System

Tools Help Sign Out

Welcome! SAADMIN
To the CSAC Portal Menu

The last time you logged on to this system was: 09/14/2020 08:02:31 pm
Number of failed attempts since your last login: 0

Please contact your School's System Administrator if you need access to additional screens.

Portal Menu
- WebGrants
- Chafee
- Table Edit
- California National Guard
- User Administration
- SB 70
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Error Logs
- CA Dream Act
- APLE

Account Information
- View Your Account Details
- Help With Your Account

Current

New Look and Feel for CADAA

The CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is excited to announce the new look of the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). As part of the Grant Delivery System Modernization project, many of the new features will include enhancements to navigation, compatibility, and accessibility.

The CADAA Application Form has three sections and four subsections:
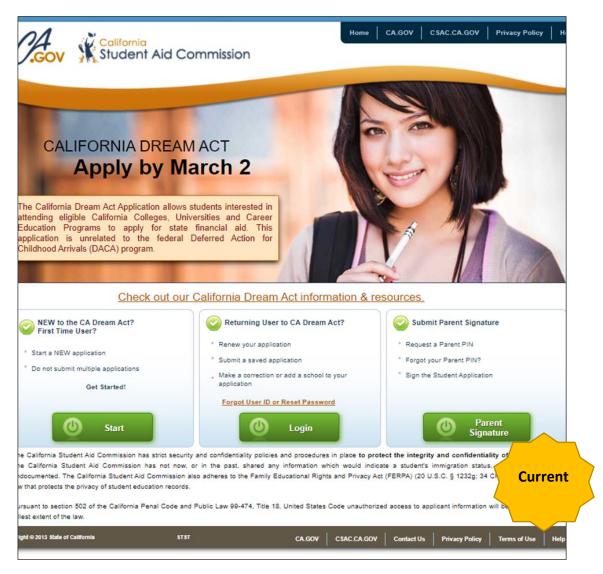
Sections:

1. Student
2. Parent
3. Sign & Submit

Subsections:

1. Demographics
2. School
3. Dependency
4. Financial

New vs. Current CADAA

Coming Soon

In the November Newsletter, we will cover the first-time login instructions for CADAA and the institutions. This will be the most important part of getting started.

What to Expect

Program Developments	What to Expect
CADAA	CADAA will have the same easy to use look and feel as the Student Landing Page, including increased visibility throughout the approval and award process. The CADAA will also be scalable for use on tablets and cell phones.
WebGrants for Institutions	Institutions will have a new and improved look and feel on the WebGrants for Institutions page. The current functionality is preserved with some improvements in the presentation.
Added Functionality	Continuous program improvements will be the priority and focus through and beyond 2021 made possible by the transition to modern technology.

Program Developments	What to Expect
Training	CSAC is in the process of updating our e-learning capabilities for high school counselors, administrators, financial aid administrators, and students. Using one of the leading eLearning authoring tools and best practices in eLearning design, this platform will transform projects into a responsive and rapid eLearning alternative for internal and external stakeholders. Some of the key features include: • On demand learning • Converts existing training materials into eLearning courses • Creates a new look and feel to the training modules • Offers interactive features for your training modules

Added Functionality Updates

The GDSM development continues once programs are moved to the new unified platform. Below are some of the enhancements added to WebGrants for Students released in the 4th quarter of 2019.

Enhancements Implemented	
WebGrants for Students	
September 2020	• Award Status Card now displays the link to Cal Grant Appeals G-18 Form that shows how to submit an appeal. Many of the students need a little additional information about submitting an appeal. This link navigates students to the G-18 form page on the CSAC website.
July August 2020	• School of Attendance Card now displays the amounts for students who are in a pending status based on the school • A Link was added to the Cal Grant Award Amount FAQs Sheet for students to get more information about the award amounts at specific campuses.

GDSM Key Benefits

The Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project provides an easily accessible, one–stop shop for applying and managing the grant application and funding process. Through the GDSM Project, CSAC is completing development of a system that:

♦ exemplifies current architectural methods
♦ integrates multiple programs
♦ reduces processing from staff
♦ accommodates changing demands from legislative, regulatory, and operational requirements
♦ provides interfaces to current technologies

Project Timeline

WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS

Delivered 4rd Quarter 2019

CHAFEE - Delivered 1st Quarter 2020

CMD GI Bill (formerly CNG) - Delivered 3rd Quarter 2020

CADAA / WEBGRANTS 4 INSTITUTIONS

Est. Delivery 4th Quarter 2020

PRIORITIZED ENHANCEMENTS

Quarterly Releases throughout 2021

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