Application Deadline Postponement





The superintendent of a school district or community college district or the president or chancellor of an institution of higher education district may request a deadline postponement to allow students within their district, or region or area of the state, to submit their 2023-24 FAFSA or CADAA applications after the March 2, 2023 deadline, pursuant to California Education Code Section 69513.2. This form may be used to submit a request to the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) for postponement of the application deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) submissions.

Institution or District Submitting the Request

Lake Tahoe Community College

Affected Students (School district, community college district, or the area or region, such as a city or county)

Lake Tahoe Community College (Region 2) students and Lake Tahoe Unified School District students.

Description of the Qualifying Event

1. Provide a brief description of the qualifying event that is the basis for the request, <u>including how the event has had an adverse effect on the ability of pupils or students within the school district, community college district, or an area or region within the state, such as a city or county, to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by the established application deadline.</u>

Due to recent inclement weather, and a particularly severe blizzard on 2/26-2/28/2023, LTCC and LTUSD were forced to close both onsite and remote operations. Therefore, many students in our district have been unable to obtain in-person or remote assistance to complete the FAFSA and CADAA. Travel is still affected even now. These families may not have the technology at their home that would allow them to complete their application, or may be unable to connect to the internet due to the weather interference. In our area, which is mostly rural, cell phone signal and WiFi are not universally available, and many students rely on the ability to use technology on-site at their institution.

- 2. Provide a list of any financial aid outreach events, including, but not necessarily limited to, workshops or webinars sponsored by the commission, that have been canceled or delayed due to the qualifying event.
- The following scheduled events had to be canceled:
- 2/23/2023 Financial Aid Workshop at LTCC 4:00-6:00pm, canceled due to inclement weather
- 2/28/2023 One-on-One FAFSA/CADAA Assistance at Mt. Tallac High School 11:00am-1:00pm, canceled due to blizzard warning
- 3/1/2023 Lunchtime FAFSA Assistance for TRiO at South Tahoe High School 12:48-2:00pm, South Tahoe High School is still closed due to unsafe driving conditions and to allow more time for snow clearing
- 3. If available, provide 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.

According to the Race to Submit dashboard for El Dorado County, completed financial aid applications are down over 17% in 2023 compared to this time in 2022 (at which time we had also submitted a deadline postponement due to the 22% decrease over the prior year, 2021, when we were still in a pandemic).

4. Additional comments (if any):

We have been working very hard on Outreach this year. We have partnered with South Tahoe High School and meet High School Seniors where they are, instead of always expecting them to come to the College for help. Even with the aforementioned cancellations, we have more than doubled our outreach event presence since last year (16 events between 8/1/21-3/2/22, 33 events between 8/1/22-3/2/23).

Contact Information and Signature

This request must be signed by either the superintendent of a school district or community college district or the president or chancellor of a California institution of higher education that is eligible to receive state funds for student financial assistance.

Superintendent, President, or Chancellor Name:

Jeff DeFranco

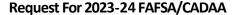
Email Address: defranco@ltcc.edu	Phone Number: (530) 541-4660,219
Signature: Jeff Del Anco (Mar 3, 2023 13:43 PST)	March 3, 2023

Please submit the completed request as an attachment to schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Need to contact us?

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

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If a request is granted by the Commission, financial aid applicants within the school district, community college district, or the area or region predominately affected by the qualifying event who have filed a FAFSA or CADAA between **March 3, 2023 and April 1, 2023** will be deemed to be ontime applicants.

Instructions:

Institution or District Submitting the Request: List the full name of the school district, community college district or California institution of higher education submitting the request.

Affected Students: Name the school district, community college district, or an area or region within the state, such as a city or county, in which the qualifying event had an adverse effect on the ability of pupils or students to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by the established application deadline.

Description of the Qualifying Event: The Commission may grant an additional 30 calendar days beyond the March 2, 2023 deadline for students who were unable to submit their financial aid application, including the 2023-24 FAFSA or CADAA, due to disruptions caused by a "qualifying event" as defined in Section 69513.2.(d) of the California Education Code:

For purposes of this section, a "qualifying event" is any event or extenuating circumstance outside of the control of the pupils or students in an affected school district, community college district, or area or region that, in the judgment of the commission, has had an adverse effect on the ability of students within the district to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by an established statutory deadline. The qualifying event shall have occurred or been ongoing during the period for which financial aid applications were available to submit for the following academic year, and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any of the following types of events:

- (1) A natural disaster.
- (2) A state of emergency declared by the Governor or the President of the United States.
- (3) A labor action.
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- 4. Additional comments: Please use this section to provide any other relevant information or comments. Attach additional documents if necessary.

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March 3, 2023

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Lake Tahoe Community College (Region 2) is requesting a FAFSA/CADAA deadline postponement due to a particularly severe blizzard in our area on 2/26-2/28/2023. LTCC and LTUSD were forced to close both onsite and remote operations. Even now, travel is still affected due to the volume of snow (photo attached). Therefore, many students in our district have been unable to obtain in-person or remote assistance to complete the FAFSA and CADAA. These families may not have the technology at their home that would allow them to complete their application, or they may be unable to connect to the internet due to the weather interference. In our area, cell phone signal and WiFi are not universally available, and many students rely on the ability to use technology on-site at their institution.

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Thank you for your consideration,



Mar 3, 2023

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This is the US Forest Service road leading into the LTCC campus. Luckily the main entrance was fully cleared by our awesome Maintenance staff.

