

Cash for College Applying for Financial Aid

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What Will You Learn At This Workshop?

- Required financial aid application and deadlines
- Types and sources of financial aid
- Overview of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application

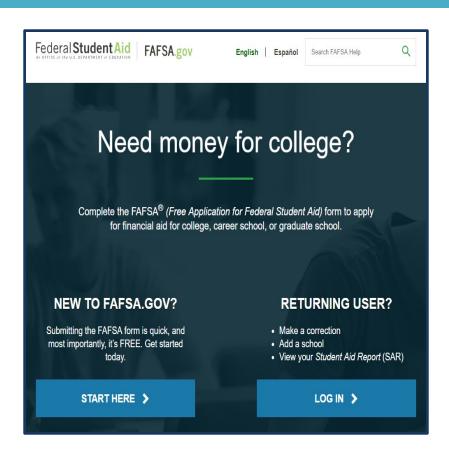








FOTW- FAFSA on the Web - www.fafsa.gov



Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- You must apply and qualify for financial aid every academic year
- You must be a United States Citizen or Green Card Holder (permanent legal resident)
- You must have a High School Diploma, GED or pass the CHSPE (CA HS Proficiency Exam)
- Male students age 18-25, must register with Selective Services (<u>www.sss.gov</u>)
- To keep your financial aid, you must maintain good academic standing



myStudentAid mobile app

You will find:

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- myFAFSA
- Manage FSA ID profile
- myFederalLoans
- Information for FSA contact centers



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California Dream Act Applicationwww.caldreamact.org



Check out our California Dream Act information & resources



The California Student Aid Commission has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity and confidentiality of student records. The California Student Aid Commission has not now, or in the past, shared any information which would indicate a student's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. The California Student Aid Commission also adheres to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

Pursuant to section 502 of the California Penal Code and Public Law 99-474, Title 18, United States Code unauthorized access to applicant information will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

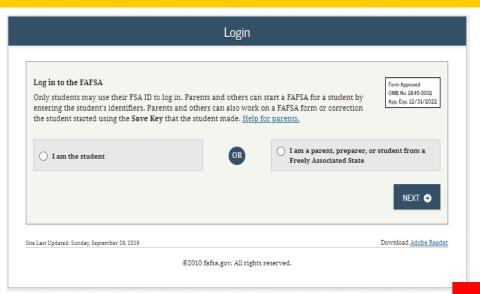
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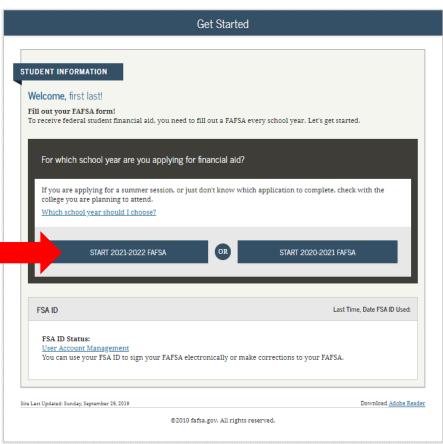
Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Meet the requirements of AB540
- Attend California schools for 3 years
- Graduate from a CA high school or the equivalent (GED or CHSPE)
- Attend a qualifying CA college or university, and
- If applicable, complete an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as student is eligible



Getting Started on the FOTW











The FOTW A Seven-Section Online Form

- **Section I Student Demographics**
- **Section 2 School Selection**
- **Section 3 Dependency Status**
- **Section 4 Parent Information**
- **Section 5 Parent Financials**
- **Section 6 Student Financials**
- **Section 7 Sign and Submit**

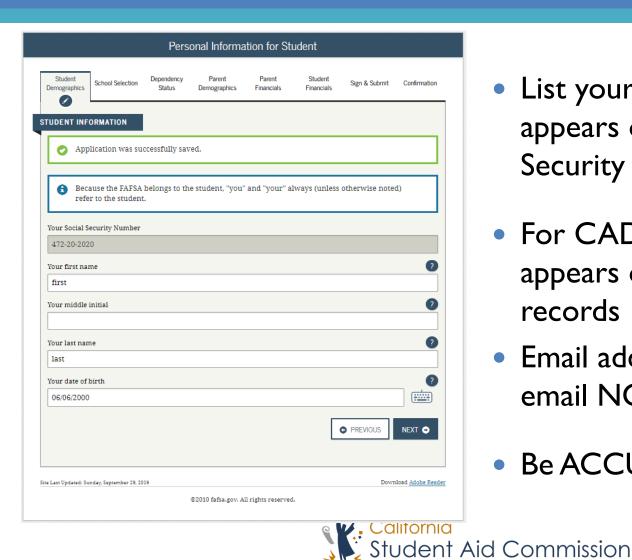
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The CA Dream Act has very similar sections!
However, the log-in process and submission process are slightly different.



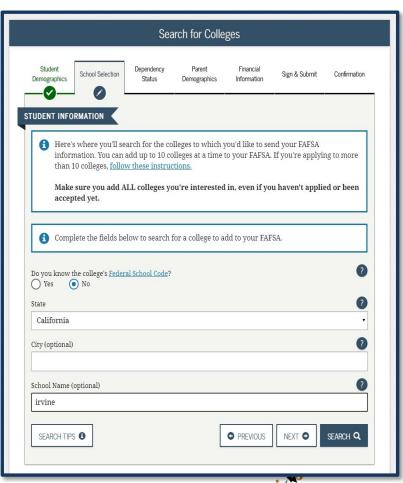


Section I – Student Demographics



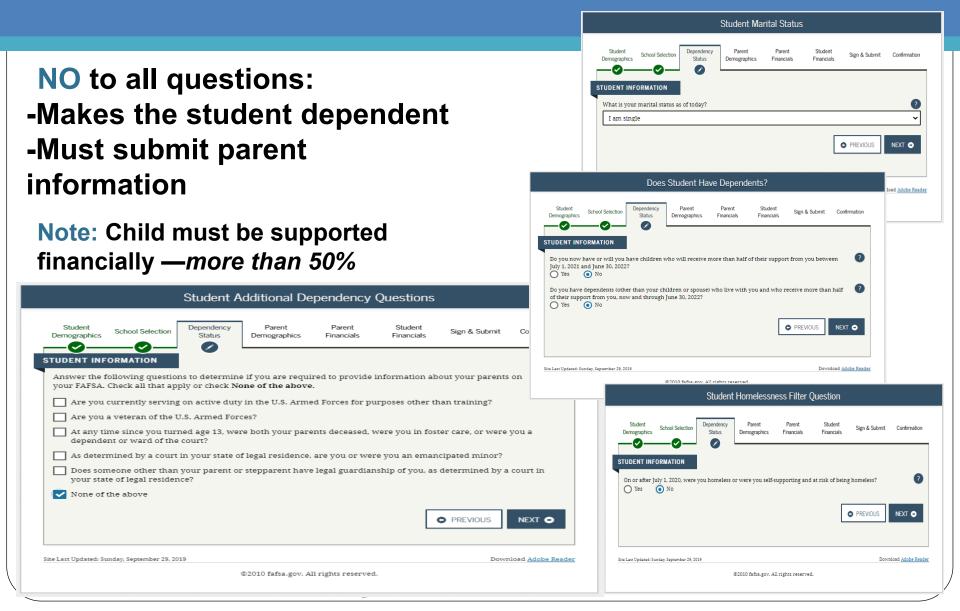
- List your name is it appears on your Social Security card
- For CADAA list name is it. appears on school records
- Email address (personal email NOT school email)
- Be ACCURATE!

Section 2 – School Selection



- Search feature- by name or school code
- Can list up to 10 colleges at a time
- Once Student Aid Report (SAR) is processed, can remove & add additional colleges

Section 3- Dependency Status Questions

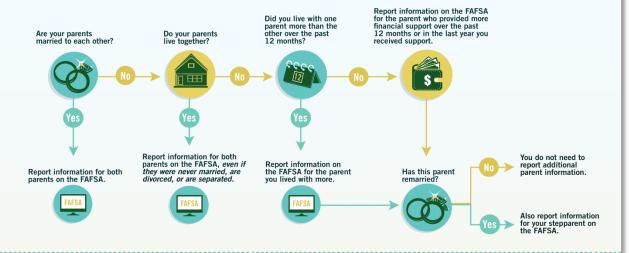


Whose info goes on a FAFSA?



Dependent students are required to report parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:













If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

1 If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency

Federal Student Aid

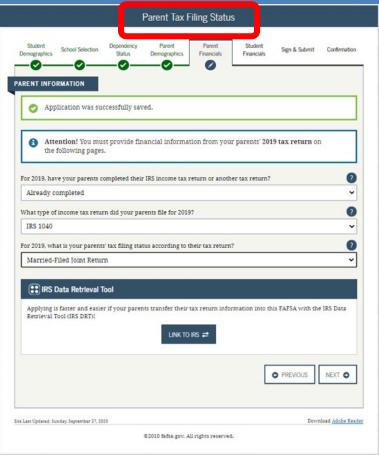
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Section 5 - Financial Information



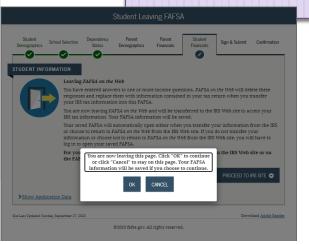
Tax Return Filers

- ✓ Select "Already Completed" or "Will File"
- ✓ Select "tax filing" status

Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool!!

Non-Tax Return Filers

✓ Select "Will not file"





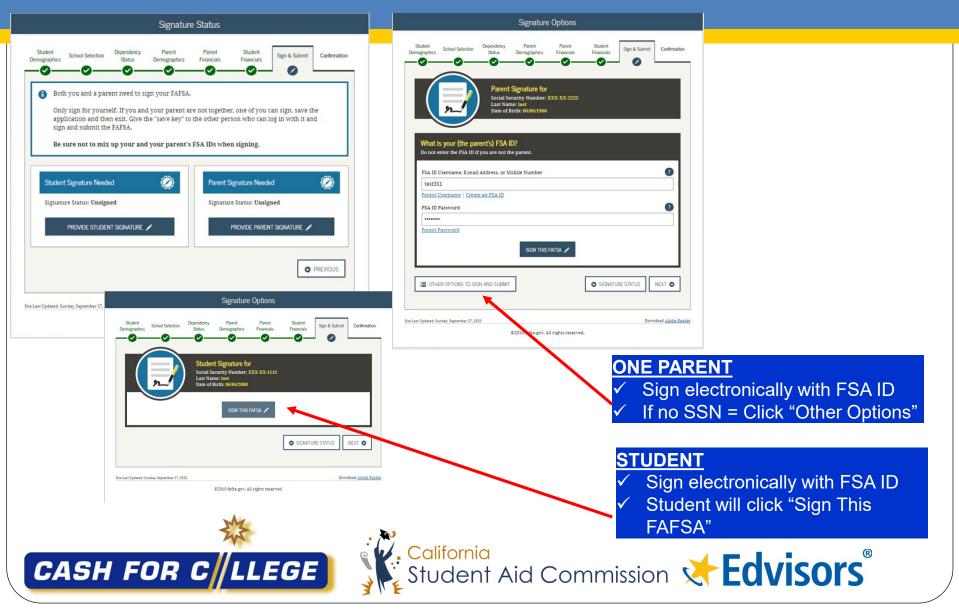








Section 7 – Signature Page

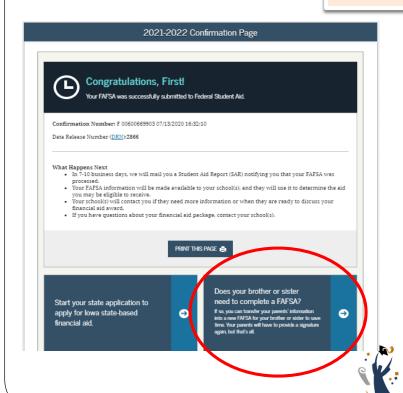


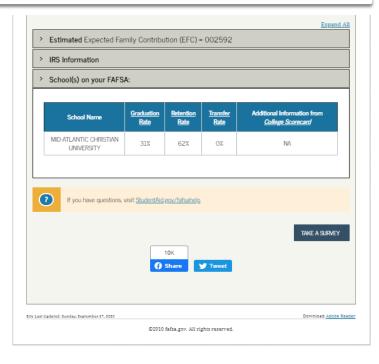
Confirmation Page

Review and KEEP!

- A copy will be sent via email don't delete it!
- Confirms date/time of submission
- □ Initial submission satisfies March 2nd Deadline
- □ Make sure <u>ALL</u> colleges are listed
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Federal Pell Grant Estimate
- Can transfer parent's info to another FAFSA

Student Aid Commission





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Types of Aid

Where \$ Comes From

State (California)

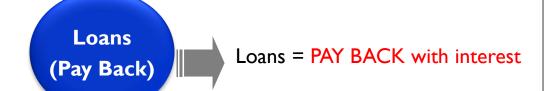
Federal Government

College Universities Organizations
&
Private
Companies

Free - Earn - Pay Back









Need-Based Aid—2020-2021 Federal Programs

Program	Award Amount	Notes
Pell Grant	Up to \$6,345	Lifetime Eligibility 600% (max)
FSEOG (grant)	Up to \$4,000	Priority to Pell eligible students
Work Study	Varies by school	On and off-campus employment
Subsidized Direct Loan	\$3500- \$5500 (undergrad level)	Interest subsidy during periods of enrollment of at least ½ time (150% max eligibility)







Need-Based Aid -2020-2021 California Programs

California Programs	Award Amount
Cal Grant A and B (new student tuition/fees)	Up to \$12,570 (UC) & \$5,742 (CSU); \$9,084 (Independents); \$4,000 (For Profit)
Cal Grant B Access Award	\$1,656 (at all schools) CC - additional grants for FT (12-15 units)
Cal Grant C	Up to \$2,462 at non CC + \$547 B/S \$1,094 at CC + additional grants for FT
Chafee Grant (Former Foster Youth)	Up to \$5,000
UC Student Aid	\$100 or more
California State University Grant	Covers full system-wide fees
California College Promise Grant (CCPG) – formally BOG	Covers all Enrollment Fees
Law Enforcement & Personnel Dependents Grant	\$13,665 (for up to four years)
California Dream Loan	Maximum \$4,000 each year
Middle Class Scholarship	Up to \$5,028 (UC) & \$2,298 (CSU)

Cal Grant A

Cal Grant B

Cal Grant C

At Least 3.0 GPA

At Least 2.0 GPA

No Minimum

GPA

Required

H.S. Seniors - Recent Grads:

- ☐ Meet <u>all</u> Requirements
- □ Submit by March 2: FAFSA or Dream Act + GPA Verification
- □ Cal Grant High School **Entitlement Award** Means...



Income/Asset Ceiling Limits:

■ www.csac.ca.gov

WebGrants for Students:

https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp







Scholarships

- College websites
 - ✓ SMCCCD (APPLICATION OPENS NOV. 1, 2020) https://smccd.academicworks.com/
- Outside searches
 - www.scholarshipexperts.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

Don't pay money to get money in searching for scholarships or applying for financial aid!







Special Circumstances/Professional **Judgements**

- Change in employment status
 - Dislocated workers/Loss of employment (i.e. COVID-19, EDD)
- Change in parent marital status
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
 - Elder care expenses
- Unusual dependent care expenses

The Financial Aid Office has authority to make a dependent student independent if unusual circumstances exist:

- An abusive family environment
- Abandonment by parents
- Inability to locate parents







Important Things to Remember

DEADLINE DATES – Do **NOT** Miss Them!

Submit your FAFSA or CADAA by March 2nd (Cal Grant Priority)

Do Not Miss - March 2nd Deadline!

- Cal Grants A/B
- State University Grants (CSU)
- UC Grants (UC)
- Middle Class Scholarship (CSU/UC)
- Submit/Re-new every academic year until you graduate!



- Submit required documents on time
- Accept/decline your awards
- ■Make sure all your tuition is paid by the payment deadline date don't get dropped!
- If planning to live on campus, make sure all deposits are submitted by deadline date

If Unsure, Don't Assume! Do Your Research and Ask Questions!

Male Students: Selective Services www.sss.gov

Go See The Financial Aid Office at Your New College

Next Steps

- □ Student Aid Report (SAR) Federal Aid/FAFSA
 - Review and Make Corrections if necessary
 - Filers (with a valid email address) get an email from Federal Student Aid with subject "FAFSA Results..."
- WebGrants for Students: State Aid
 - Create an account: <u>www.webgrants4students.org</u>
 - Check the status of Cal Grant, CA Dream Act or Chafee Grant Application
 - Review California Aid Report (CAR)
- Be PROACTIVE Check Student Portal, To Do List & Email weekly!
- Verification Documents Submit on-time!
- □ If unsure Don't Assume Ask Questions!
- Scholarships if you meet eligibility requirements, apply to <u>ALL</u>!



Need Help...

FAFSA on the Web – Live Help/Chat:

- □ https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)



Cal Grant and CA Dream Act:

- ☐ California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
- ☐ Phone: 1-888-CA-Grant (1-888-224-7268)
- WebGRANTS for Students: https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp

Special/Unusual Circumstances

- ☐ Contact/speak with Financial Aid Office
- ☐ Ask about "professional judgment" process

Remember:

It maybe an overwhelming process, but we are here to help!

Need Additional Help???

Need help filling out or renewing your FAFSA, Dream Act or California College Promise Grant Application?

Financial Aid Workshop Hours:

Mondays - 1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. tinyurl.com/MondaysFA

Thursdays - 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. tinyurl.com/ThursdaysFA

Come prepared! You will need the following:

- FSA/User ID and password for yourself and/or parents
- \$ 2019 Tax Return (1040 or W2's) for yourself and/or parents

Contact us: (650) 738 - 4236 skyfaoffice@smccd.edu







2021-2022 FAFSA & Dream Act Application

Hosted by Karen Chadwick

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID? JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Presentation ONLY with Q&A via Chat Box

Wednesday, October 14th 7:00pm-8:00pm

/:00pm-8:00pm Click: https://smced.zoom.us/j/93164106146?from=msft

We will be providing:

- A presentation on the application process, timelines, types of financial aid, and scholarships
- Resources for Foster Youth and Homeless Youth
- Our collection of brief, informational videos on Financial Aid TV

Financial Aid Workshop with Live Q&A

Wednesday, October 21st 3:00pm-4:00pm

Click: https://smccd.zoom.us/j/92779297141?from=msft

We will be assisting students with filling out a FAFSA or DREAM Act Application. Please click RSVP to attend.

Click here to fill out a FAFSA if you are a U.S Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident/Eligible Non-Citizen.

You MUST have following ready in order to attend the October 21st workshops

- Create a FSA ID first
- SSN (if you + parent(s) have one)
- Alten Registration Number (if you are not a U.S Citizen)
- 2019 Tax Returns and/or W-2 Forms
- Any records of untaxed income received such as: SSDI, child support, TANF, IRA payments, 401(k), or military allowance

Click here to fill out a DREAM Act Application if you are an AB540 or Undocumented Student

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Pollow us on Instagram @osmfinatd for the latest updates on financial aid:

Bmail us at osmfinancialaid@smood.edu







Have Questions?

- You may contact our office via email at skyfaoffice@smccd.edu
- You may leave us a message at (650)738-4236
 - All messages must include your Full Name, a brief message and if you are a student at Skyline, please provide us your G#.





