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# **Financial Aid Information Night**

2020-2021

# 2021 - 2022 FAFSA & Dream Act Applications

**Opening Date**



**Priority Deadline**

- **October 1st, 2020** → **March 2nd, 2021**

**PPY**

- **Stands for “Prior prior year”**

<b>School Year a student is attending college</b>	<b>Timeframe students can submit a FAFSA</b>	<b>Which year's income information is required?</b>
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	2019

# What is Financial Aid?

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Money that the federal or state government gives or loans students.

- **FAFSA** = Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) → Soon to be: [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov)
- **CA Dream Act** = Free Application for California State Aid for AB 540 eligible Students
  - Website: [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)

# Which Application Do I Submit?

- ☐ U.S. citizen **or**
- ☐ eligible non-citizen (like a legal resident)



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website header with the Federal Student Aid logo and navigation links. The main content area has a dark blue background with the text 'New To The FAFSA® Process?' and 'Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.' Below this is a 'Start Here' button. Further down, it says 'Complete the FAFSA® Form' and 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.' There is also a 'Returning User?' link with 'Correct info' and 'Add a school' options.

**FAFSA**  
(Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid)  
**www.fafsa.ed.gov**

- ☐ No SSN (AB 540 status)
- ☐ DACA SSN
- ☐ TPS status, U Visa



The screenshot shows the CA Dream Act website. At the top is a banner with a woman's face and the text 'CA DREAM ACT'. Below the banner are two small notices. The main navigation area has three tabs: 'NEW FIRST TIME USER', 'RETURNING USER', and 'PARENT SIGNATURE'. Each tab has a list of links: 'New to the CA Dream Act? Start a new application' for the first tab, 'Renew your application' and 'Parent's saved application' for the second, and 'Request a parent PIN' and 'Forgot my parent PIN?' for the third.

**CA Dream  
Act Application  
(CADAA)**  
**www.caldreamact.org**

# Updated Look to FAFSA!!

The screenshot shows the studentaid.gov website. The browser address bar displays 'studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa'. The page header includes navigation links: 'UNDERSTAND AID', 'APPLY FOR AID', 'COMPLETE AID PROCESS', and 'MANAGE LOANS', each with a dropdown arrow. A search icon is also present. The main content area has a dark green background with the text 'Complete the FAFSA® Form' and a sub-header 'New to the FAFSA® Process?'. Below this, it states 'Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.' and provides a 'Start Here' button. For returning users, it says 'Returning User?' and offers links for 'Correct info | Add a school' and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR)', with a 'Log In' button. The footer section is titled 'FAFSA® Announcements'.

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FAFSA® Announcements

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# Parents can now start an application for their student!

## Login

### Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

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**I am the student**

OR



**I am a parent, preparer, or student from a  
Freely Associated State**

NEXT ➡

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# Mobile App

## myFAFSA (myStudentAid App)



# Seven Sections to Complete FAFSA

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**1- Student Demographics**

**2- School Selection**

**3- Dependency Status**

**4- Parent Demographics**

**5- Financial Information**

**6- Sign and Submit**

**7- Confirmation**



# Financial Aid- can help families pay.

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- Financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Ca DREAM Act application is used to calculate a family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- The EFC, in combination with the student's Cost of Attendance (COA), is used to determine financial aid eligibility (need).

**COA** - (Cost of Attendance)

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**EFC** - (Expected Family Contribution)

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**Student Need**

# Student Eligibility for Federal Student Aid

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1. **U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident**
2. **Have a Social Security Number**
3. **High school diploma, GED, or equivalent.**
4. **Demonstrate financial need**
5. **Register with Selective Service (Males only).**
6. **Enroll in an eligible degree or certificate program.**
7. **Maintain good academic progress.**

# Types of Financial Aid

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- **Grants = Free Money**
  - Cal Grant A
  - Cal Grant B
  - Cal Grant C
  - MCS & Chafee Grant
- **Loans = Borrowed Money**
  - Subsidized Loan
  - Unsubsidized Loans
- **Work Study = Work for your money**
- **Scholarships = Free Money**

# Cal-Grant A

2020-2021

Maximum Yearly Award Amount

**UC:** \$12,570

**CSU:** \$5,742

**Private:** \$9,084

- **GPA Minimum: 3.0**
- **Degree Requirements:**
  - Baccalaureate Degree
- **Pays tuition & fees for UP TO 4 years at eligible schools in California**
  - 48 semester units
- **CC Reserve for students attending Community College**
  - Community College Transfers Eligible

*Students w/ dependent children (under the age of 18) can qualify for an increased access award.*



# Cal Grant B

2019-2020

Maximum Yearly Award Amount

**1st year:** \$1,656 Access Award

**2nd-4th year:** \$1,656 + tuition and fees same amounts as Cal-Grant A

- **GPA Minimum: 2.0**
  - Lower income and asset requirements than the Cal Grant A.
- **Degree Requirement:**
  - Minimum 1 year program (At least 24 semester units)
  - Certificate, Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- **Award Coverage:**
  - Access Award for 4 years
  - Pays tuition and fees in years 2, 3 & 4 at eligible schools in California
  - Can be renewed up to 8 years with current or former Foster Youth

*Students w/ dependent children (under the age of 18) can qualify for an increased access award.*

# Cal-Grant C

Maximum Yearly Award Amount

**CC:** \$1,094

**CSU/UC:** N/A

**CTE:** \$2,462 + \$547

- **Minimum GPA : No Minimum**
- **Degree Requirements:**
  - At least 4 months in length up to 24 months
  - Occupational or technical program
- **Award Coverage:**
- **CCC Up to \$1,094**
  - Books/Supplies
- **Eligible private/vocational schools up to \$2,462 in tuition/fees**
  - + \$547 for books/supplies
- **Must be used at eligible schools in California**

*Students w/ dependent children (under the age of 18) can qualify for an increased access award.*

# The Student Success Completion Grant

A maximum of \$1298 per year for students enrolled in 12-14 units/term.

A maximum of \$4000 per year for students enrolled in 15+ units/term.

Attendance at a California  
Community College

- **Minimum GPA : 2.0**
- **Receive the Cal-Grant B or C**
- **Have sufficient unmet financial need**
- **Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP)**
- **Maintain full time attendance (12 units +)**

# Middle Class Scholarship

UC Max award: \$5,028

CSU Max award: \$2,298

## Enrollment Requirements

- Must be enrolled at a UC or CSU
- Must be enrolled at least ½ time
- 1st Undergraduate Program
- Income less than \$184,000
- Assets less than \$184,000

*Only for students who have less than 40% of their UC or CSU fees covered by grants and scholarships*



# Chafee Grant

Up to \$5,000 per academic year

**\*Portable award**

**(Eligible Schools outside of CA)**

Assists current and former Foster Youth

## Enrollment Requirements

- Dependents or wards of the court, living in foster care for ***at least 1 day between the ages of 16 and 18.***

## Must Complete:

- **FAFSA or DREAM act**
- **Chafee Grant Application** ( one-time)

Chafee Grant can be renewed until the age of 26  
*(Pre-2018 Previous limit was 23 years age)*

# Major Financial Aid Programs

Program	Who can apply	Annual awards up to..	Application deadline	Forms required	Eligibility requirements
Cal Grant A	undergraduates	CSU: \$5,472 UC: \$12,240	March 2	Verified GPA	3.0 High school GPA
Cal Grant B	undergraduates	\$1,672 (first yr) Fees/Tuition plus 1,672 in 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> year	March 2	Verified GPA	2.0 high school GPA, financial need
Cal Grant C	Technical and career students	\$1094 for books \$2,462 tuition for non-CCC	March 2	Verified GPA	Financial need
Federal Pell Grant	undergraduates	\$6195	March 2	Fafsa.ed.gov	Financial need (EFC and COA)
FSEOG	undergraduates	\$4,000	March 2	Fafsa.ed.gov	Financial need (EFC and COA) not all colleges offer it
University of California Student Aid	UC undergraduates/ Graduate	\$14,000	March 2	Fafsa.ed.gov	Financial need
State University Grant	Undergraduates/ graduates	Full system- wide fees	March 2	Fafsa.ed.gov	Financial need
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	For students whose parent or guardian was in U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11 *Must not qualify for Pell Grant *Must be under 24	Up to \$5311.71	March 2	Fafsa.ed.gov	Financial need Special family circumstances

# Major Financial Aid Programs

Program	Who can apply	Annual awards up to..	Application deadline	Forms required	Eligibility requirements
FTSS	Community College Cal Recipients	\$1000	March 2	Verified GPA	12 or more units
CCCG	Community College Students	\$1500	March 2	Verified GPA	30 units in a year
Dreamer Grant	Filed a DREAM Act	Varies	March 2, review with Fin Aid office	Verified GPA	9 or more units



# How to Apply for Cal-GRANT



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GPA

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# Cal Grant Income and Asset Ceilings

## CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

### FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS

and

### RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

#### 2021-22 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
<b>Dependent students and</b>		
<b>Independent students with dependents other than a spouse</b>		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$127,700	\$70,100
Five	\$118,400	\$65,000
Four	\$110,400	\$58,100
Three	\$101,700	\$52,200
Two	\$99,200	\$46,300
<b>Independent students</b>		
Single, no dependents	\$40,500	\$40,500
Married, no other dependents	\$46,300	\$46,300

#### 2021-22 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

Dependent students <sup>1</sup>	\$85,500
Independent students	\$40,700

# Federal Work Study

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- **Part-time employment while you are enrolled in school**
- **Available to**
  - Undergraduate,
  - Graduate, and professional students with financial need
- **For full-time or part-time students**
  - Average 15-20 hrs
  - On and off Campus opportunities
- **Administered by schools *participating* in the Federal Work-Study Program**

# Subsidized Stafford loans

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- **Undergraduate Students**
- **Must have financial need**
- (Current interest is a) **2.75 % fixed interest rate for undergraduate students. Interest rates may vary every year.**
- **Awards are up to \$5,500**
  - Depending grade level and dependency status
- **The federal government pays the interest while student is in school:**
  - Must be enrolled half time or more
  - Grace period of 6 six months after graduation, withdrawal, or enrolled in less than half time.

# Unsubsidized Stafford loans

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- **Undergraduate students**
- **Graduate and professional degree students**
- **For eligible students, regardless of their financial resources.**
- (Current interest is at) **2.75% Interest rate for Undergraduates**
  - The student is responsible for paying interest that **accrues** at the time loan is processed.
  - It's to student's advantage to pay the interest while attending school in order to avoid loan debt increase.



# Federal Parent PLUS Loans

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- For parents who are borrowing money to pay for their undergraduate students college costs.
- Interest rate is fixed at (Current interest) 5.30 % depending on the loan program and college/university student attends.
- Amount borrowed depends on credit eligibility and college costs.
- Can borrow the total amount of undergrad study minus any aid received.

# Private Loans

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- **Loan to be considered if grants and Federal student loans do not cover all college costs.**
- **Loan amount and interest rate are based on credit eligibility of student and/or parents.**
- **Interest rate is higher than federal student loans.**

# When Completing the FAFSA...



# Important things to know:

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- **Student Demographics:** Name MUST match the Social Security Card.
- **School Selection:** Students who applied to CSU's, UC's and Private schools should include top school for each system.
- **Emancipated Minors:** select yes **ONLY** if the student can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today, she/he is an emancipated minor.
- **2021-2022 School year:** Your student will be filling out the 2021-2022 FAFSA, because that is the year they will **start** COLLEGE, not their senior school year.
  - Make sure you don't submit 2020-2021 unless students are attending college during summer and need financial aid assistance.

# Foster Care

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- **Foster Care:** Select **YES\*** if at any time since the student turned 13, he/she was in foster care even if the student is no longer in foster care today due to:
  1. Adoption (even for a day)
  2. Reunification
  3. Reached the age of majority (18yrs)

**\* Note: Documentation will be required**

# Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth:

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Select YES if any time after July 1, 2020, the student **meets all three criteria:**

**1. “Homeless”**

Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. Includes living in shelters, motels, cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.

**2. “Unaccompanied”** Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

**3. “Youth”** Under 24 years of age

# Professional Judgment and Student Dependency Status

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**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

# Professional Judgment and Dependency Status

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The following do **NOT** qualify as “**Unusual Circumstances:**”

- Parents refuse contribution to education
- Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification
- Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purpose
- Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency



# Special Circumstances

- **If your student and family have unusual circumstances such as**
  - Loss of a job
  - Decrease in salary
  - Death or serious illness in family
  - Change in your housing plans for the school year
  - Any other circumstances that reduce the family's ability to pay for education expenses.
- **If your 2020 income has change from 2019 Please **contact the financial aid office** at the college you plan to attend AFTER you have completed the FAFSA/CADAA.**
  - The financial aid office will advise you on how to proceed; Professional Judgment can be utilized to enhance/alter Financial Aid.
- **You must have documented proof to demonstrate increased financial need.**

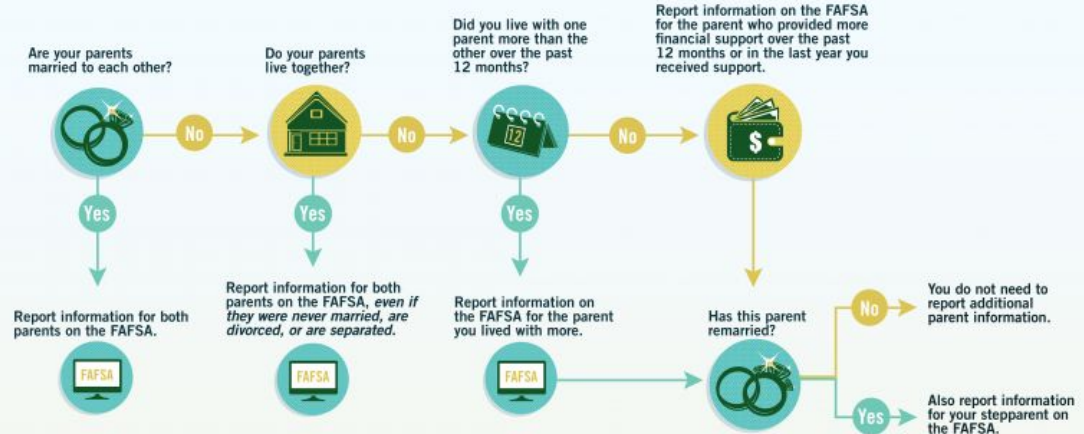
# Whose Information Goes on the FAFSA/ Dream Act Application?



# WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.<sup>1</sup> 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:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

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

<sup>1</sup> If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to [StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filing-out/dependency](https://StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filing-out/dependency)

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## The FAFSA & Dream Act applications now use relationship of parent to student, VS. Legal relationship between parents for basis of collecting info.

Relationship of student to parent	Includes both parents' incomes on the app?	Only Includes one parents' income on their app??
Parents married living together	Yes	No
Parents not married, living together	Yes	No
Parent is widowed, not married	No	Yes
Parents are divorced or separated, not living together	No	Yes ( Include the parent the student lived with most during the last 12 months. If equal time, include the income for the parent who provided most of the students' financial support during the last 12 months)
Parent and stepparent living together	Yes	No

<b>Foster Parents *</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, or aunts *	No	No

**“Parent”** means biological/adoptive parent- *gender of biological or adoptive parents is not relevant*

★ Students living with legal guardians, foster parents, or relatives are usually considered to be *independent* students

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



**Widowed  
Stepparent**



**Aunts or Uncles**



**Foster Parents**



**Grandparents**



**Older Brothers  
or Sisters**



**Legal Guardians**

# Responses on the 2021-2022 FAFSA & Dream Act Applications

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1. Never Married
2. Married or Remarried
3. Unmarried and both parents living together
4. Divorced or Separated
5. Widowed

**\* Note: You must know the date of when you were married, separated or divorced.**

# Signing and Submitting the FAFSA

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- FSAID ([www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov))
  - The FSA ID is a **username** and **password** used by students, parents, and borrowers
    - Log in to U.S. Department of Education websites
    - Electronically sign documents
    - Only 1 email can be used per account. Use your OWN email to create your account!
    - **You will use the same FSAID every year! Don't lose it.**
  - **Parents and students will need one to sign the FAFSA**
  - **Can be complicated to set up, get it done early!**
- IMPORTANT:** Parents who are not legal residents must mail in the signature page when FAFSA is submitted and when corrections are made!



# www.fsaaid.ed.gov

## Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

*Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.*

\* Required

Create An FSA ID

Edit My FSA ID

E-mail

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Confirm E-mail

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Username \*

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Password \*

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☒ Numbers ☒ Uppercase Letters ☒ Lowercase Letters ☒ Special Characters ☒ 8-30 Characters ☐ Show Text

Confirm Password \*

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[Edit My FSA ID](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

# Tax information & verification

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## Terms of Agreement

- **Provide documents to verify accuracy of information**


Typical documents requested:


- Tax Transcript
- Household worksheet
- Proof of Citizenship and/or US Residency Status


- **IRS Data Retrieval Tool ( IRS DRT)**

- Enhance privacy for IRS DRT users
- Limit on information displayed to applicant
- Information encrypted and hidden from applicant's view
- Data viewable only by colleges receiving FAFSA results

# https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript



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Related Websites

# Confirmation page includes:

- **Confirmation**
- **Database Release Number ( DRN)**
  - Number used to facilitate communication with CSAC and FSA
  - Easy way to locate your FAFSA application
- **Eligibility Information**
- **University information**
- **The next steps**

# Federal Student Aid FAFSA



Confirmation Number:

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Data Release Number (DRN): #####

## Confirmation Page

**Congratulations, Student** Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.  
You should print this page for your records.



**Optional Feature - Transfer your parent's data into another FAFSA** - Does your parent need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click [here](#) and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide their signature again, but that's all.



**Optional Feature - Start your state application** - Click [here](#) if you want to apply for New York state-based financial aid (e.g. TAP).

# SAR

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- SAR report will be sent electronically from 3 to 5 days after submitting the FAFSA or CA Dream Act.
- The SAR (Student Aid Report) is a list of all answers on the FAFSA.
- With the SAR, corrections can be made to mistakes or as situations change (e.g. school change).
- **For students applying to more than 10 colleges/universities:**
  - Students are only allowed to list 10 schools on their FAFSA application
  - Students who are applying for more than 10 schools, should wait until they receive their SAR and then re-submit FAFSA with new schools.
  - Students must delete schools in order to add new school

# WebGrants 4 Students

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## NEXT STEPS:

- After submitting your FAFSA/CADAA make sure to create an account at **WebGrants for students** , as it is part of the eligibility process for Cal-Grants. This is REQUIRED to receive a Cal-Grant.
- If students are eligible they must “claim” their Cal-Grant on their WebGrants account

<https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>

# <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>

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## WebGrants 4 Students

[Login](#)[Create an Account](#)

WebGrants 4 Students has a new look and improved security to protect your information! Current users accessing this site on or after **12/16/2019** will be required to create a new password and three new security questions. You will only need to do this once. Click the "Login" button; click the option "Forgot Password" from the bottom of the sign-in screen; enter your user name. You can only recover your password by selecting "via email", doing the captcha and clicking submit. Create and confirm a new password; then select three security questions. Thank you for your cooperation; and enjoy the new site using virtually any device, operating system, and browser!



### WebGrants for Students Updates





# Scholarships

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- **Scholarships = FREE MONEY!!**
- **Merit based scholarships (academic performance)**
- **Need based scholarships (financial need).**
- **Scholarship funds come from:**
  - Colleges/Universities
  - Foundations, Companies
  - Individuals
  - Community-Based Organizations
  - Deadlines will vary depending on the scholarship.

**For Scholarship Support:**

**Scholarship Coordinator  
David De La Cuesta**

[delacuestad@mhusd.org](mailto:delacuestad@mhusd.org)

# Scholarships

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- **Involve a separate application process.**
  - Common Scholarship application **Due November 30, 2020**
    - School website/ Naviance account
- **Scholarships are usually released in Fall.**
- **Deadlines vary (from late fall to early spring).**
- **Personal Statement may be required.**
- **Letter of Recommendation (from teacher, academic counselor, mentor, supervisor, etc.) may be required.**
- **Transcripts may be requested.**
- **Finalists may be interviewed by panel.**

# AB 540 –California State Law Benefits and Limitations

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- **Allows specific non resident student to pay in state fees at UCs, CSUs. and CCCs**
- **Saves students thousands of dollars in college cost each year**
- **AB540 does not make a student:**
  - Eligible for federal financial aid or
  - A legal California resident

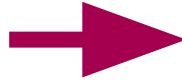
# AB 540-California State Law Eligibility/Requirements

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## 1. Time and Coursework

### Option A:

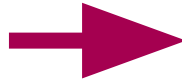
- 3 years HS credit and 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in California



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

### Option B (SB 68):

- 3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California



- High School
- Adult School
- Community College
  - Max 2 years may be applied towards the 3-year

# AB 540-California State Law Eligibility/Requirements cont'

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## 2. Degree or Transfer Eligibility

- Graduation requirements from a California High School (or equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) or
- Earned an associate's degree from California Community College or
- Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

## 3. Non-resident Tuition Exemption

- Student files waiver (affidavit) with the college or university

# AB 131 Dream Act

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- **Allows undocumented students who meet AB 540 requirements to apply for and receive state aid and private scholarships.**
- **Signed into law September 2011**

## **Aid under CA Dream Act:**

1. UC Grants, State University Grants, CA College Promise Grant, Chafee Grant, EOP/EOPS
2. Cal- Grants
3. Middle Class Scholarship
4. Private scholarships administered by campuses

# California Dream Act

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Dream Act Application website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. Below this is a header section with the CA.GOV logo and the text "California Student Aid Commission". The main banner features a smiling young woman with dark hair, wearing a backpack and holding a pen, with the text "California Dream Act Application..." overlaid. Below the banner, there is a section titled "Let's get started! What is the purpose of your visit?" with a link to the "Dream Act Resources Page". An "Announcements" section follows, containing two bullet points about site maintenance and the application deadline. At the bottom, there are three main action buttons: "Start Dream", "Sign Student", and "Login To". Each button is accompanied by a list of options for users to select their purpose for visiting the site.

## Who can apply:

- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U visa holders

## Additional Requirements:

- Must be eligible to submit the non-resident tuition exemption
- Males 18-25 yrs. Old must register for selective service  
**(can register w/o providing SSN)**

# Available Aid for Dreamers in California

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- **Cal Grant**
- **Middle Class Scholarship**
- **Chafee Grant**
- **UC University Grant**
- **CSU State University Grant**
- **California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG waiver)**
- **Student Success Completion Grant**
- **Educational Opportunity Program Services (EOPS)**
- **Some work-study programs\*\* (check with the school)**
- **Private Scholarships**
- **Cal-Grant B Service Incentive Program (coming 2020-2021)**



# CA Dream Act is **NOT** the same as DACA

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- **DACA does not prevent students from applying to CA Dream Act Financial Aid**
- **DACA does not confer a new legal status for students**
- **California Students who have applied for or received approval for DACA should complete CA Dream Act Application and **NOT** the FAFSA**

# CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE

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- **Supplemental Form**
- **Online application for non-federal financial aid**
  - Institutional Aid from Colleges & Universities
- **Some private colleges/universities require the CSS PROFILE.**
  - Used by some for Early Decision Process
- **Initial fee is \$25 (one college/report)**
  - Additional reports are \$16.
  - PROFILE fee waivers available to eligible students –waiver will cover both the application and reporting fees for up to eight colleges.
- **Available October 1st**

<https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

## CSS Profile

[Home](#)

[Getting Started](#)

[Fee Waivers](#)

[Divorced or Separated Families](#)

[International Applicants](#)

Due to scheduled maintenance, CSS Profile will be unavailable from **Wednesday, September 26, 8:00 p.m. to Thursday, September 27, 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time**. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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[Apply for Fall 2019/Spring 2020](#)

[Apply for Fall 2018/Spring 2019](#)



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and Scholarships



Learn how to apply



View our Student Guide

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## Important Reminders

- ★ Students and parents must reapply for financial aid every year!
- ★ Please organize and save all of your documents/information to make this process easy for yourself.



# Federal Shopping Sheet

Cost of Attendance

Grants & Scholarships

Net Cost

Work

Loans

University of the United States (UUS)  
Student Name, Identifier

Download

Costs in the 2018-19 year

**Estimated Cost of Attendance** \$X,XXX / yr

Tuition and fees	\$ X,XXX
Housing and meals	X,XXX
Books and supplies	X,XXX
Transportation	X,XXX
Other education costs	X,XXX

**Grants and scholarships to pay for college**

**Total Grants and Scholarships** (DO NOT include any required amounts) \$X,XXX / yr

Grants and scholarships from your school	\$ X,XXX
Federal Pell Grant	X,XXX
Grants from your state	X,XXX
Other scholarships you can use	X,XXX

**What will you pay for college**

**Net Costs** \$X,XXX / yr  
(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

**Options to pay net costs**

**Work options**

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional) \$ X,XXX

**Loan Options\***

Federal Perkins Loan	\$ X,XXX
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	X,XXX
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	X,XXX

\*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

**Other options**

**Family Contribution** \$X,XXX / yr  
(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or by your institution.)

Payment plan offered by the institution  
Parent or Graduate PLUS Loans  
American Opportunity Tax Credit\*\*

Military and/or National Service benefits  
Non-Federal private education loan

\*\*Parents or students may qualify to receive up to \$3,000 by claiming the American Opportunity Tax Credit on their tax return during the following calendar year.

**Graduation Rate**  
Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years  
33.8%  
Low Medium High

**Repayment Rate**  
Percentage of borrowers entering into repayment within 9 years of leaving school  
30.4%  
5.8% National Average  
This institution

**Median Repayment**  
Students who borrow at UUS typically take out \$X,XXX in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for the amount is approximately \$X,XXX per month. Your borrowing may be different.

**Review your loans**  
To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to:  
[www.studentaid.gov/repay](http://www.studentaid.gov/repay)  
[www.studentaid.gov/repay](http://www.studentaid.gov/repay)

**For more information and your state:**  
University of the United States (UUS)  
Financial Aid Office  
123 Main Street  
Anytown, ST 12345  
Telephone: (123) 456-7890  
E-mail: [financialaid@uus.edu](mailto:financialaid@uus.edu)

Graduation Rate

Loan Default Rate

Median Loan Amt.

## Fixed Cost of Attendance

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- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses
- **Every College has a “Net Price Calculator” on their website**

## Variable Costs

- Choice of residence and meal plans (if on campus)
- Books
- Supplies
- Transportation
  - Commuting or visits home
- Personal Items
- Social expenses

# California College Promise Grant

Formerly known as the “BOG”

- Waives enrollment fees for California residents:
  - Eligibility varies per college
  - Must be a first-time to college student
  - Must be enrolled full time (at least 12 units)
- Students must fill out the FAFSA or CDAA and a supplemental form at their community college to apply
- Schools may implement the promise grant differently, check in with the college's financial aid office

# CASH FOR COLLEGE

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## What are Cash for College events?

- **FREE financial aid application workshops**
- **Financial aid experts are available to assist students and their families complete their financial aid application.**
- **Open to students and parents**
- **Over 1000 held throughout California last year!!**





# Important Dates

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- **October 1, 2020: Financial aid FAFSA/ DREAM act application available to submit.**
- **March 2, 2020: Priority filing period deadline to apply for Cal Grants**
- **Cash for College events**

# Cal- SOAP Cash For College Events Fall 2020

10/22/2020	10/24/2020	11/12/2020	11/14/2020	12/03/2020	12/05/2020	12/10/2020
5:00-7:00 pm	9:30-11:30 pm	5:00-7:00 pm	9:30-11:30 pm	5:00-7:00 pm	9:30-11:30 pm	5:00-7:00 pm
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# Helpful websites

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- FAFSA: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- FSAID: [www.fsaidth.ed.gov](http://www.fsaidth.ed.gov)
- Cal Grants: <http://www.csac.ca.gov>
- Ca Dream Act: [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)
- [www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov)
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Scholarships:
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - <https://www.raise.me/>
  - [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org),
  - <http://www.chegg.com/>
  - <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>
  - <http://www.e4fc.org/>
  - <https://studentsrisingabove.force.com/students/s/>
- Every College has a “Net Price Calculator” on their website

# Promise Program

- \* The Gavilan Promise Program is designed to provide first-time college students with access to an affordable higher education, and to increase college going and completion rates in our service area.
- \* Recently became a 2 year program, beginning in 2019-2020.
- \* **Free Tuition-** waives tuition (12+ units).
- \* **Textbook Grant-** Fall & Spring terms.



GAVILAN COLLEGE



# Promise Eligibility

- \* First-time to college students
- \* CA resident OR AB 540 status
- \* Complete Gavilan CCCApply application
- \* File fully processed FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application
- \* Complete online orientation
- \* Enroll in, & complete at least 12 units (Fall & Spring terms)





# Promise Timeline, Fall 2021

- \* Awards will be made on a first-come, first served basis dependent on availability of funds beginning in May 2021 when Summer & Fall registration begins!
- \* Academic Progress- complete 12+ units with GPA of 2.0 or higher each term (Fall & Spring).
- \* Students who meet academic progress during 1<sup>st</sup> year may be eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal.



# STAY CONNECTED!



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Questions?

Thank you!

