



Applying for Financial Aid 2022-2023



Need money for college?

Complete the FAFSA® (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

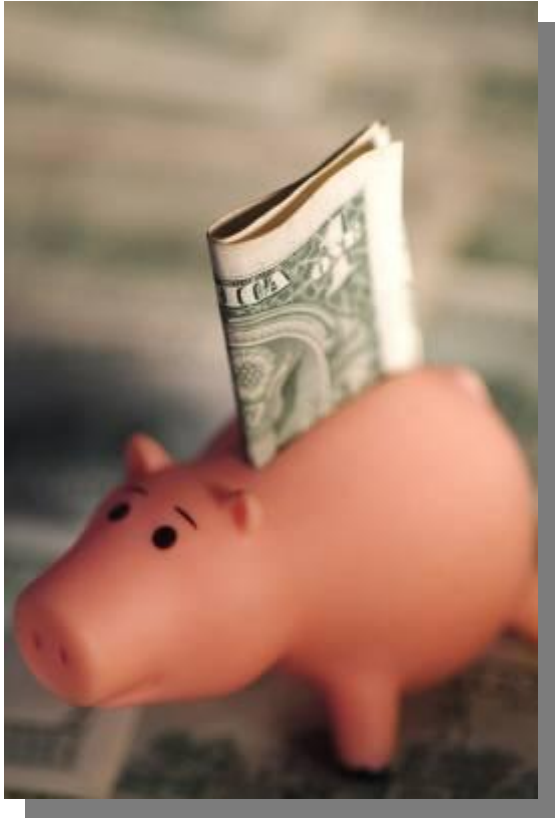
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Types of Financial Aid



- **Gift Aid** - Grants or scholarships that do not need to be earned or repaid
- **Work** - Money earned by the student as payment for a job on or off campus
- **Loans** - Borrowed money to be paid back, usually with interest

Sources of Financial Aid



- **Federal government**
- **State government**
- **Colleges and universities**
- **Private agencies, companies, foundations, and employers**

Cal Grants



Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards – for high school seniors and recent high school grads, and transfer students

- with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 for high school students and 2.4 for transfer students
- family income and assets below the state ceilings
- who demonstrate financial need
- Awards recipients with up to \$12,570 for tuition and fees

Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards – for high school seniors and recent high school grads

- with a GPA of at least 2.0 for high school students and 2.4 for transfer students
- who come from disadvantaged or low income families
- whose family income and assets are below the state ceilings
- who demonstrate financial need
- Awards recipients with stipend of about \$1,656 per year for up to four years for living expenses. In addition, it also includes up to \$9,084 for tuition and fees

Cal Grants (Continued)



● **Cal Grant C Entitlement Awards – for high school seniors and recent high school grads**

- This is for vocational/technical/occupational programs that are at least 4 months in length
- No GPA requirements
- family income and assets below the state ceilings
- who demonstrate financial need
- Special consideration for priority occupations & long-term dislocated workers
- Awards up to \$2,462 for tuition and fees and \$547 for books, tools and supplies at any eligible private for profit or private nonprofit institution
- Use up to \$1,094 at any CCC

Income Ceilings 2021-22



**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
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<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
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$40,500	\$40,500
Married, no other dependents	\$46,300	\$46,300

2021-22 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students ¹	\$85,500
Independent students	\$40,700

¹ For dependent students, the asset ceiling is the lesser of the asset ceiling for dependent students or the asset ceiling for independent students.

Eligibility for Cal Grants

- **To be eligible for a Cal Grant, the student must also:**
 - **Be a U.S. citizen, or Eligible non-citizen**
 - Or be eligible for an exemption under Assembly Bill (AB) 540 (including AB 540-eligible Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students)
 - **Be a California resident**
 - **Attend an eligible, accredited California college or university at least half-time in 2021-22 (for A & B)**



Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)



- **Undergraduate students with family incomes of up to \$184,000 and net worth of assets of up to \$184,000 who:**
 - **Submit 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application by March 2, 2021**
 - **Attend a UC or CSU**
 - **Are U.S. citizens, Permanent residents, or have AB 540 status, and**
 - **Are California residents**
- **Annual award amounts:**
 - **To be determined by the California Student Aid Commission**

California Chafee Grant



- The California Chafee Grant program provides up to \$5,000 annually to current and former foster youth for college or vocational training at any accredited college in the U.S., based on available funding
- To be eligible, foster youth must be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18 and not have reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year
- Current or former foster youth are encouraged to apply during their senior year of high school as early as October 1
- To apply, foster youth must complete:
 - 2021-22 FAFSA or CADAA
 - California Chafee Grant Program Application



To apply for a Chafee Grant, go to:
www.chafee.csac.ca.gov

Assembly Bill (AB) 540 (Firebaugh, 2001)



- Created the first state authorized benefit for undocumented students in California – exemption from non-resident tuition at public postsecondary institutions
- Criteria:
 - Attended a CA high school for 3+ years
 - Graduated from a CA high school or the equivalent
 - Enrolls in a public CA college or university
 - If the student is without lawful immigration status, student must file an affidavit with the institution stating that he/she has filed an application to legalize status or will file as soon as eligible

California Dream Act Application...



★ Let's get started! What is the purpose of your visit?

Before starting the application, dependent students should have their parents' financial information ready. To determine what questions you and your parents may have to enter, please look at the [Dream Application Worksheet](#). We will only use parent information if we determine you to be a dependent.

Announcements:



- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Tuesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- To apply for a Cal Grant, the 2014-15 Dream Act Application is due by March 2, 2014, which falls on a Sunday. The Cal Grant deadline is extended to the next business day.



New California Dream Act Application

Select this option if you:

- * Have never filed a California Dream Application
- * Want to start a new California Dream Application
- * Are ready to get started



Start Dream
Application



Provide a Parent Signature

Select this option if you:

- * Need to request Parent PIN
- * Forgot your Parent PIN
- * Need to sign your child's application



Sign Student
Application



California Dream Act Application Login

Select this option if you want to:

- * Continue or renew your CA Dream Application
- * Update or correct current CA Dream Application
- * View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...



Login To
Application

Getting Ready



- **General student information (name, SSN/Permanent Residency Card, DOB, driver's license)**
- **Parent(s) information (name, SSN/Permanent Residency Card/ITIN, DOB)**
- **Student and Parent**
 - **2020 W-2 and 1099 Forms and records of money earned and other taxable benefits**
 - **2020 federal income tax form (even if not yet completed)**
 - **Records of untaxed income**
 - **Current bank statements**
 - **Business, farms, and other real estate records**
 - **Records of stocks, bonds, and other investments**
- **Parent(s) marital status + marital date**
- **Household size & number in college**
- **College information**
- **Signature (FSA ID for FAFSA; Parent PIN for CADAA)**

FAFSA Checklist



Make sure to use this worksheet as a reference when you are filling out your FAFSA application!



Use _____ income taxes.

FAFSA/Dream Act Checklist

Apply for the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov or Dream Act at dream.csac.ca.gov

Due March 2nd of every year

Save this checklist in a safe spot. You will need to use the same information every year that you apply for FAFSA/Dream Act. Because this is federal/state information, it is incredibly difficult to retrieve if it is lost.

- Your name as shown on your Social Security card: _____
 - Alien Registration Number or ITIN # (for non-citizens): _____
- Student Social Security Number: _____
- Student Driver's Licence Number (if you have one): _____
- Personal email, not your JSHS email: _____
- Alien registration Number if You Are an Eligible Noncitizen: _____
- Highest level of education of your mom in this country: _____
- Highest level of education of your dad in this country: _____
- Bring your parent's income taxes
- Bring your income taxes, if filed with the IRS
 - If you did not file, how much did you make from working? _____
- Month/year your parents got married/remarried/separated/divorced/widowed? _____
- Mom's birthday: _____
- Mom's Social Security Number: _____
- Dad's birthday: _____
- Dad's Social Security Number: _____
- Mom's email address: _____
- Dad's email address: _____
- Do you or anyone in your family receive any of the following:
 - Medicaid
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Free or Reduced School Lunch
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- What is your current balance of cash, checkings, and savings accounts? _____
- What is your parent's current balance of cash, checkings, and savings accounts? _____
- Indicate which colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- FAFSA -Save Key (you will be doing this on FAFSA Night): _____

You will be creating this information during FAFSA Night or you can do it from home: Use fsaid.ed.gov

- Student's FSA ID: _____
- Student FSA Password: _____
- Mom or Dad FSA ID: _____
- Mom or Dad FSA Password: _____

Account created on the CA Student Aid Commission website: (Only if you signed up for FAFSA workshop via link sent by Ms. Murrillo)

Workshop Username: _____

Workshop Password: _____

FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



- Internet application used by more than 99% of students and parents to complete electronic FAFSA at:
- Sophisticated online edit checks and skip logic help avoid errors
- Online help is available for each question
- Student and one custodial parent should get a Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID) to sign FAFSA at:

www.fafsa.gov

www.fsaid.ed.gov



Login Using FSA ID

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.](#)

Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001.
App. Exp. 12/31/2019.

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

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.
Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers.](#)

The student's FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address ?

[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

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Section 5: IRS Data Retrieval

- This question asks if parents have completed their IRS income tax return
- If parent(s) answer “Already completed,” they will be given the option to transfer their 2019 income tax information directly from IRS records to the FAFSA
- If parents indicate that they have recently filed their 2019 taxes, they may not be able to access their IRS data if they have filed taxes electronically within the last three weeks or by mail within the last eleven weeks
- Instead, they should use their actual 2019 IRS tax return to complete the FAFSA so the student does not miss any important financial aid deadlines

PARENT INFORMATION

Application was successfully saved.

Attention! You must provide financial information from your parents' 2016 tax return on the following pages.

For 2019, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return? ?

Already completed ▼

For 2019, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return? ?

Married-Filed Joint Return ▼

Did your parents file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2016? ?

Yes No

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

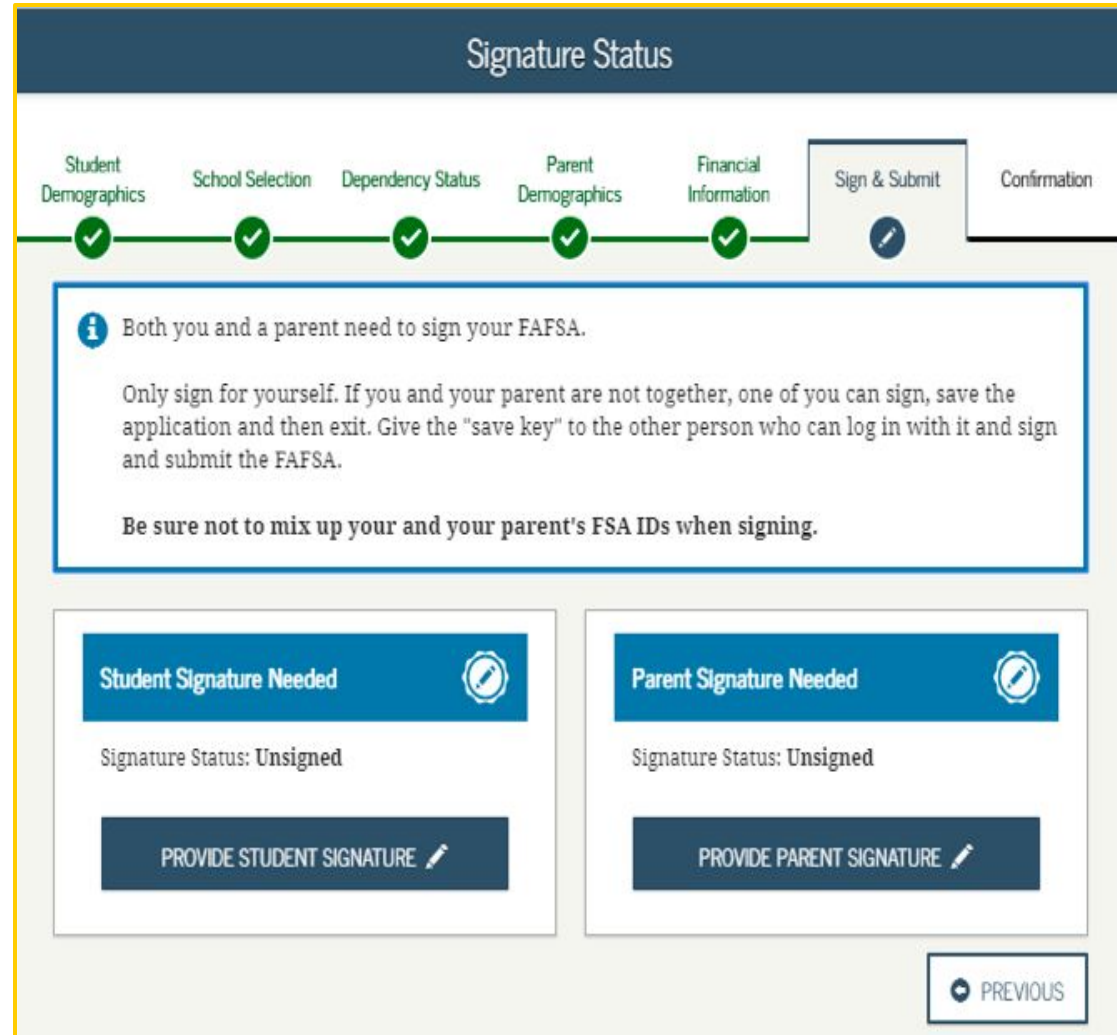
Applying is faster and easier if your parents transfer their tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!

[LINK TO IRS ↔](#)

Section 6: Signature Page

Sign and Submit

- **Recommend that students and their parents sign the FAFSA electronically using their FSA IDs**
- **Remember to read and mark “Agree” to the student Terms of Agreement**
 - **Use federal and state student aid funds for college costs**
 - **Not be in default on a federal student loan or made arrangements to repay it**
 - **Not owe money on a federal student grant or made arrangements to repay it**



The screenshot shows the 'Signature Status' page of the FAFSA application. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The first five steps are marked with green checkmarks, while 'Sign & Submit' is marked with a pencil icon. Below the progress bar, a blue-bordered box contains an information icon and the text: 'Both you and a parent need to sign your FAFSA. Only sign for yourself. If you and your parent are not together, one of you can sign, save the application and then exit. Give the "save key" to the other person who can log in with it and sign and submit the FAFSA. Be sure not to mix up your and your parent's FSA IDs when signing.' Below this box are two panels. The left panel is titled 'Student Signature Needed' and shows 'Signature Status: Unsigned' with a 'PROVIDE STUDENT SIGNATURE' button. The right panel is titled 'Parent Signature Needed' and shows 'Signature Status: Unsigned' with a 'PROVIDE PARENT SIGNATURE' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'PREVIOUS' button with a left-pointing arrow.

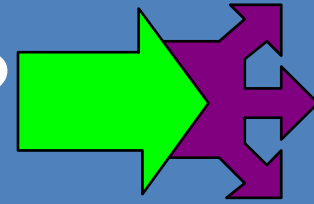
Special Circumstances



Contact the Financial Aid Office if there are circumstances which affect a family's ability to pay for college such as:

- **Loss or reduction in parent or student income or assets**
- **Death or serious illness**
- **Natural disasters affecting parent income or assets such as the recent California wind storms, wild fires, floods, or mudslides**
- **Unusual medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance**
- **Reduction in child support, Social Security benefits or other untaxed benefit**
- **High unreimbursed dependent costs for a special needs child**
- **Financial responsibility for elderly grandparents, or**
- **Any other unusual circumstances that affect a family's ability to contribute to higher education**

What Happens Next?



Students and the colleges the student listed receive Student Aid Report (SAR) from federal processor



Students who complete FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form receive California Aid Report (CAR)



Students and families review SAR and CAR for important information and accuracy of data



Colleges match admission records with FAFSA and other required financial aid forms to determine aid eligibility



Colleges provide notices of financial aid eligibility to admitted students who have completed all required financial aid forms



Always contact the college or university you plan to attend for important deadlines and additional information

Federal Verification



- **Some students may be required to verify the information reported on the FAFSA**
- **If selected for verification, the tax information of federal tax filers will be verified through**
 - The IRS Data Retrieval Process, or
 - IRS Tax transcripts if requested by the college or university
- **Non-tax filers selected for verification may be asked to provide**
 - Signed statements confirming that they did not file a 2019 federal tax return and were not required by IRS to do so
 - Copies of W-2s, 1099s or other income documentation from each employer , if any income was earned from work
- **All selected aid applicants will also be asked to verify certain demographic data listed such as**
 - Household size and number in college
 - Enrollment History for transfer students
 - Identity Confirmation

Check Your Cal Grant



By opening a WebGrants4Students Account, a student can:

- Check Cal Grant award status 24/7
- Confirm student's high school graduation as required
- Make changes to Cal Grant school choices
- View how much a Cal Grant is worth at different California colleges and universities
- View Cal Grant payment history
- Create a WebGrants account at:
www.webgrants4students.org

If You Need Help at Any Time

- **FAFSA on the Web – Live Help**
- **Phone 1-800-4-FED-AID
(1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691**
- **TTY (hearing impaired): 1-800-730-8913**
- **FSAID problems: 1-800-557-7394**
- **Email the U.S. Department of Education
at:
FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov**



