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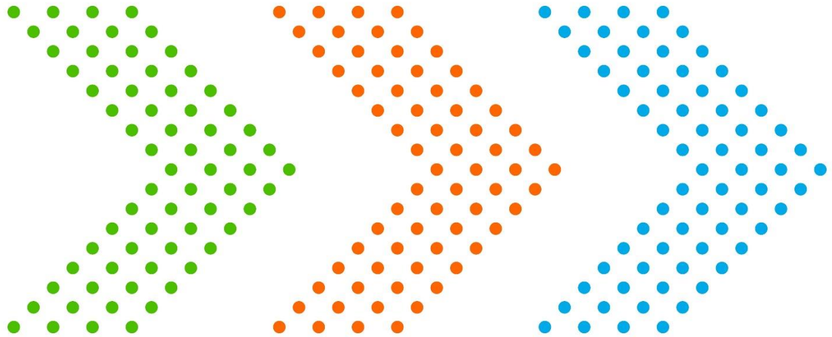
2023-24 Workshop Links, Resources and Zoom events

- PDF copies of both PowerPoint presentations
- Link to recorded workshop
- Links to additional online resources
- Excel spreadsheet that lists the link to every resource and website in this presentation

August 28th	Virtual Workshop
September 11th	Virtual Workshop
September 25th	Virtual Workshop
October 16th	Virtual Workshop/Beginners
October 30th	Virtual Workshop/Experienced
January 9th	Virtual CADAA line-by-line
January 17th	Virtual FAFSA/CADAA Updates
February 5th	Virtual FAFSA/CADAA Updates
February 22nd	Virtual FAFSA/CADAA Updates

Today’s Agenda

1. California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
2. All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act Update
3. Cal Grant Reform Beginning 2024-2025
4. Commission Programs & Other Information
5. California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI)
6. High Schools: Working with the Student Aid Commission
7. CSAC Resources



The 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

AB 540/SB 68

Who Are Our Undocumented Students?

Undocumented Students are foreign nationals for whom any of the following is true:

Someone who entered the country without inspection nor proper permission

Someone who entered the country with a legal visa but overstayed their visit limit

Someone who has or previously had Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) status

Someone still in the process of legalizing their immigration status in the U.S.

Remember, our undocumented students come from dozens of countries all around the world

CA Dream Act Application – The Challenges

- More than half of California's undocumented students in postsecondary education (53%) do not fill out a California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Among undocumented students in postsecondary education who do fill out a CADAA, only 30% ultimately enroll and receive state financial aid
- Only 14% of California's estimated undocumented student population in postsecondary education receives financial aid to support their higher education goals

Undocumented Student Affordability Workgroup

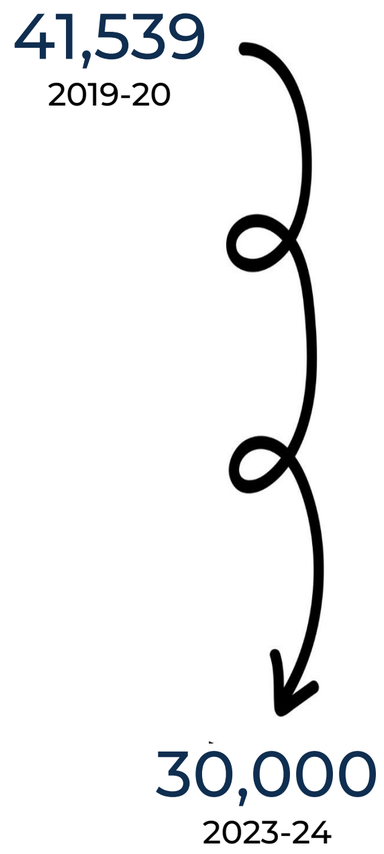
https://www.csac.ca.gov/undocumented-student-affordability-report

https://youtu.be/UXJ9HHy3G7g

California Dream Act Applications Submitted

Year-over-Year Change 2019-20 to 2023-24

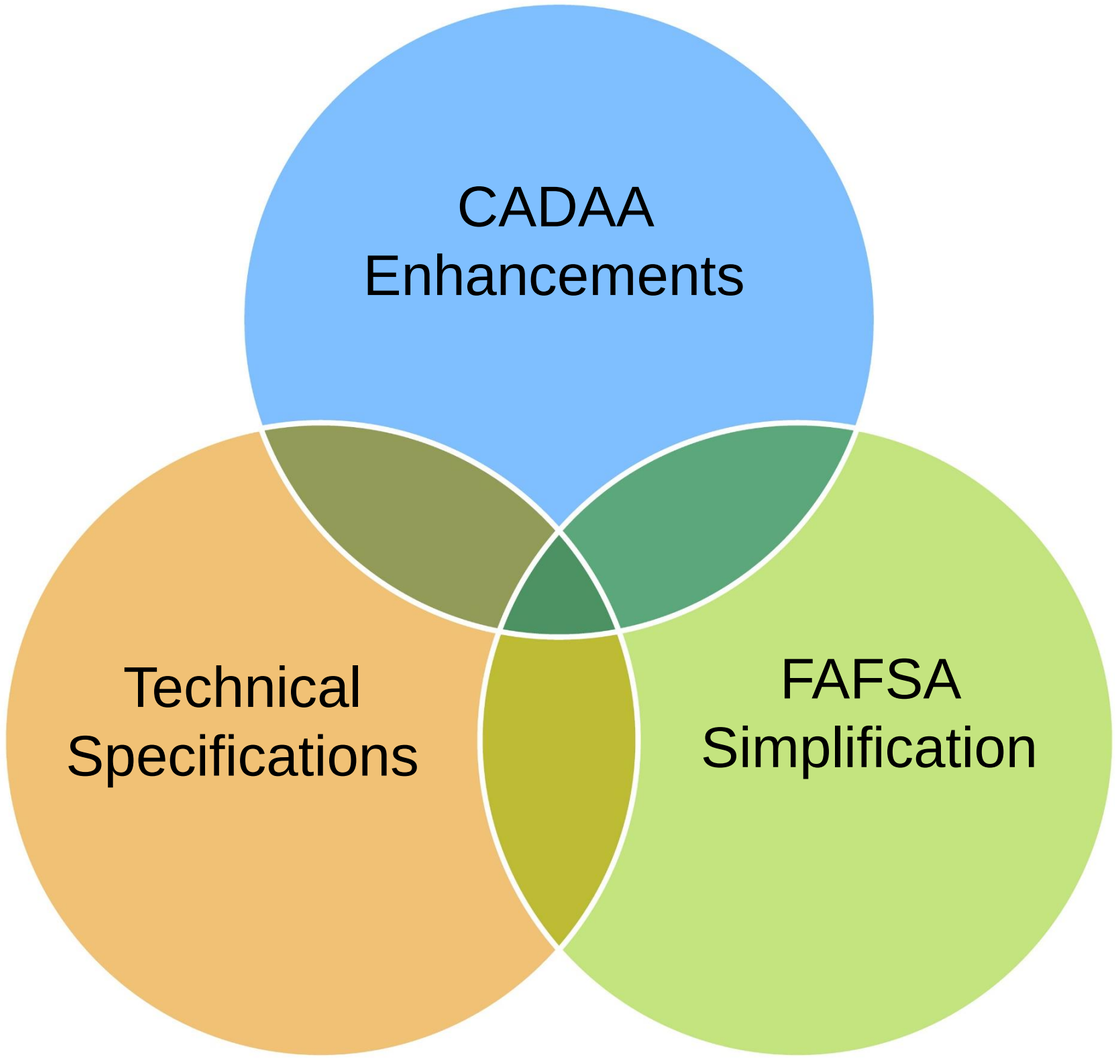
2023-24	Received before March 2nd	24,645
	Received after March 2nd	5,355
	Total Applications Submitted	**30,000**
2022-23	Received before March 2nd	28,376
	Received after March 2nd	3,305
	Total Applications Submitted	**31,681**
2021-22	Received before March 2nd	32,303
	Received after March 2nd	3,228
	Total Applications Submitted	**35,531**
2020-21	Received before March 2nd	35,150
	Received after March 2nd	5,407
	Total Applications Submitted	**40,557**
2019-20	Received before March 2nd	35,791
	Received after March 2nd	5,748
	Total Applications Submitted	**41,539**



Percentage of change for CADAA applications submitted
2019-20 vs 2023-24 = -27.78%

*California filers only

Dream Act Application - Updates For 2024-2025



Why is the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) Changing?

- The CADAA is designed to align, as much as possible, with the FAFSA
- With the updated FAFSA means the new technical specifications must be mirrored in the CADAA for proper processing of the SAI (Student Aid Index)
- These updates also give CSAC the opportunity to make other enhancements to the CADAA

California Dream Act Application: Proposed Changes

- Add CADAA training video to login/registration page
- Add notification of skip logic as FYI for students
- Update AB 540 criteria, requirements to qualify
- Re-word grade level question
- Make Help & Hints button more visible or display automatically
- Consistency with use of capitalization and pronouns throughout the form
- Embed AB 540 affidavit within online CADAA
- Supplemental Help & Hints on all tax return questions with visual aids
- Build parental signature into original submission, eliminate separate PIN creation process
- Create a CADAA Demo/Simulator
- Improve account registration process

Complexity vs Priority

Who Can Apply?

- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- U Visa Holders

Selective Service

Since 2021-22, California colleges are no longer required to verify registration of Selective Service. Note: Registration remains a federal requirement for males 18-25 years of age.

What is AB 540?

AB 540, signed into law on October 12, 2001, authorizes any student, including undocumented students who meet specific criteria to pay in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities

AB 540 is available to U.S. citizens, those with legal permanent resident status, undocumented immigrant student and non-immigrant students holding an approved “T” or “U” Visas.

What is SB 68?

SB 68 expands AB 540 to enable students to count years spent at a California Community College and Adult School towards AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, it allows the completion of an associate degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) to meet the degree or unit requirements.

These new eligibility criteria expand possibilities for students educated in California to qualify for in-state tuition and state-based financial

AB 540 Requirements

Option A

3 years of high school coursework **and** 3 years of total attendance at any of these schools in California:

- **Elementary School**
- **Middle School**
- **High School**

Option B (SB 68)

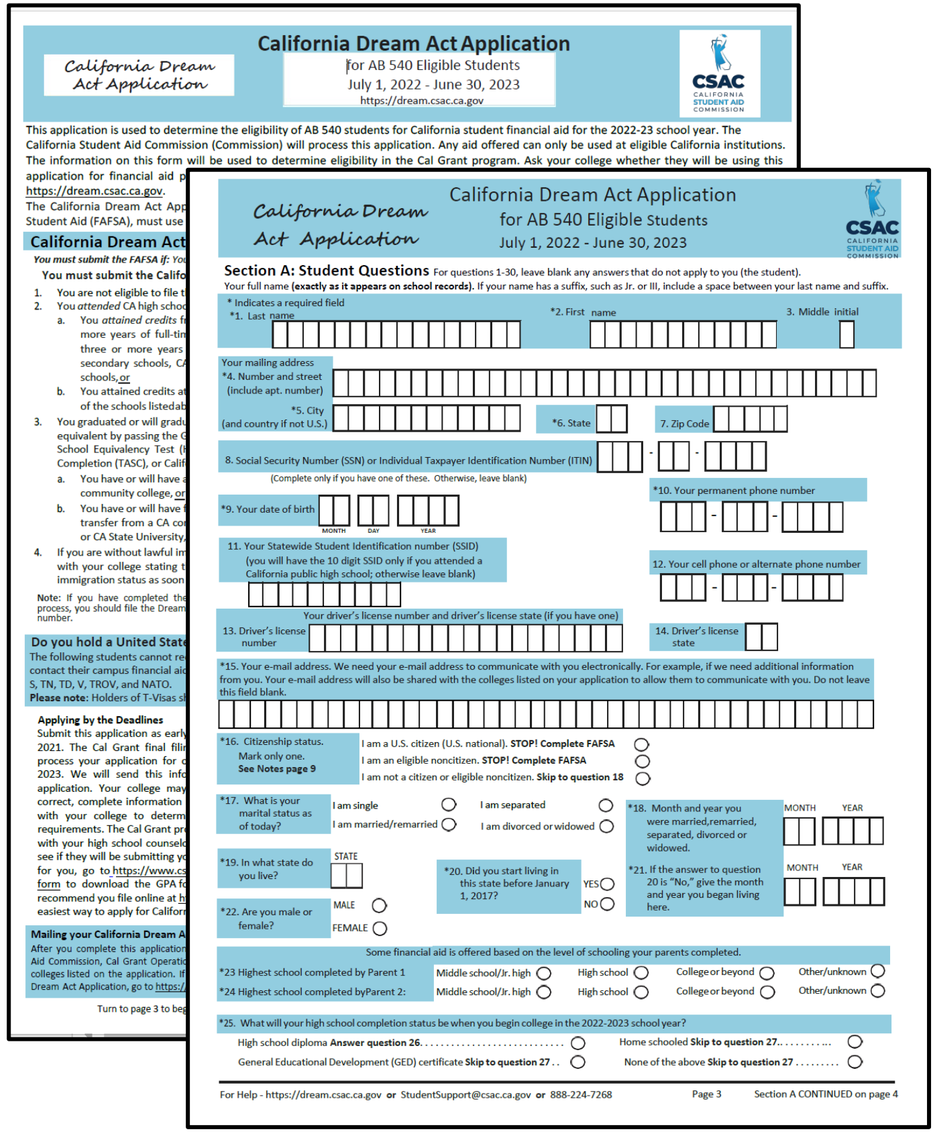
3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California:

- **High School**
- **Adult School**
- **Community College**

Fulfill one of the following

- Graduate from a California high school
- Obtain a certificate of completion, GED, HiSet or TASC in California
- Attain an Associate degree from a California Community College
- Fulfill minimum transfer requirements for a UC or CSU

Resources for the CADAA



California Dream Act Application

for AB 540 Eligible Students

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

https://dream.csac.ca.gov

CSAC California Student Aid Commission

This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2022-23 school year. The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) will process this application. Any aid offered can only be used at eligible California institutions. The information on this form will be used to determine eligibility in the Cal Grant program. Ask your college whether they will be using this application for financial aid p https://dream.csac.ca.gov. The California Dream Act App Student Aid (FAFSA), must use

California Dream Act

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   b. You attained credits at of the schools listedab
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   a. You have or will have a community college, or
   b. You have or will have f transfer from a CA co or CA State University,
4. If you are without lawful im with your college stating t immigration status as soon

Note: If you have completed the process, you should file the Dream number.

Do you hold a United State

The following students cannot re contact their campus financial aid S, TN, TD, V, TROV, and NATO.

Please note: Holders of T-Visas sh

Applying by the Deadlines

Submit this application as early 2021. The Cal Grant final filin process your application for C 2023. We will send this info application. Your college may correct, complete information with your college to determ requirements. The Cal Grant pr with your high school counselo see if they will be submitting yo for you, go to https://www.cs form to download the GPA fo recommend you file online at h easiest way to apply for Californ

Mailing your California Dream A

After you complete this application Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operati colleges listed on the application. If Dream Act Application, go to https:/

Turn to page 3 to beg

California Dream Act Application

for AB 540 Eligible Students

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

CSAC California Student Aid Commission

Section A: Student Questions For questions 1-30, leave blank any answers that do not apply to you (the student).

Your full name **(exactly as it appears on school records)**. If your name has a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between your last name and suffix.

* Indicates a required field

*1. Last name | *2. First name | 3. Middle initial

Your mailing address

*4. Number and street (include apt. number)

*5. City (and country if not U.S.) | *6. State | 7. Zip Code

8. Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

(Complete only if you have one of these. Otherwise, leave blank)

*9. Your date of birth MONTH DAY YEAR

*10. Your permanent phone number

11. Your Statewide Student Identification number (SSID) (you will have the 10 digit SSID only if you attended a California public high school; otherwise leave blank)

12. Your cell phone or alternate phone number

Your driver's license number and driver's license state (if you have one)

13. Driver's license number | 14. Driver's license state

*15. Your e-mail address. We need your e-mail address to communicate with you electronically. For example, if we need additional information from you. Your e-mail address will also be shared with the colleges listed on your application to allow them to communicate with you. Do not leave this field blank.

*16. Citizenship status. Mark only one. **See Notes page 9**

- I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). **STOP! Complete FAFSA**
- I am an eligible noncitizen. **STOP! Complete FAFSA**
- I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen. **Skip to question 18**

*17. What is your marital status as of today?

- I am single
- I am married/remarried
- I am separated
- I am divorced or widowed

*18. Month and year you were married,remarried, separated, divorced or widowed. MONTH YEAR

*19. In what state do you live? STATE

*20. Did you start living in this state before January 1, 2017? YES NO

*21. If the answer to question 20 is "No," give the month and year you began living here. MONTH YEAR

*22. Are you male or female? MALE FEMALE

Some financial aid is offered based on the level of schooling your parents completed.

	Middle school/Jr. high	High school	College or beyond	Other/unknown
*23 Highest school completed by Parent 1	◯	◯	◯	◯
*24 Highest school completed byParent 2:	◯	◯	◯	◯

*25. What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2022-2023 school year?

- High school diploma **Answer question 26**
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate **Skip to question 27**
- Home schooled **Skip to question 27**
- None of the above **Skip to question 27**

For Help - https://dream.csac.ca.gov **or** StudentSupport@csac.ca.gov **or** 888-224-7268 Page 3 Section A CONTINUED on page 4

CADAA Paper Application

RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED/DREAMER STUDENTS FILLING OUT THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

CADAA Video Trainings

Accessing the Application

Students and Parents

2023-24

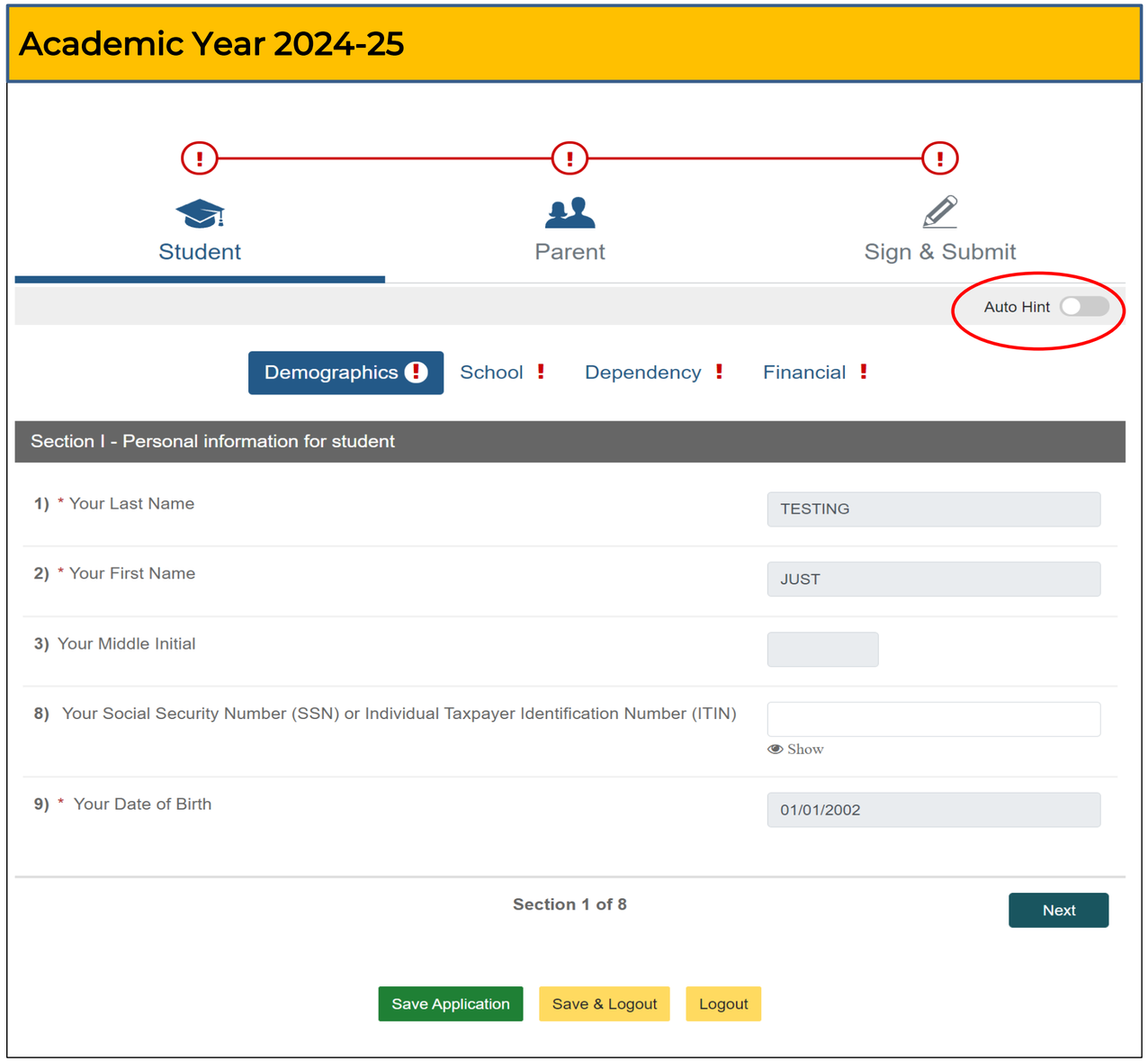
- 2023-24 English Paper Application
- 2023-24 Spanish Paper Application

2022-23

- 2022-23 English Paper Application
- 2022-23 Spanish Paper Application
- 2022-23 Dream Application Worksheet

CADAA Resources

- CDE and CSAC Joint Statement on the CADAA in Spanish
- California Dream Act FAQ's
- Parental Signature Form
- California Dream Act Application – Common Issues
- CA Dream Act Application Name/Date of Birth Change Request (G-19)



Completing the CADAA

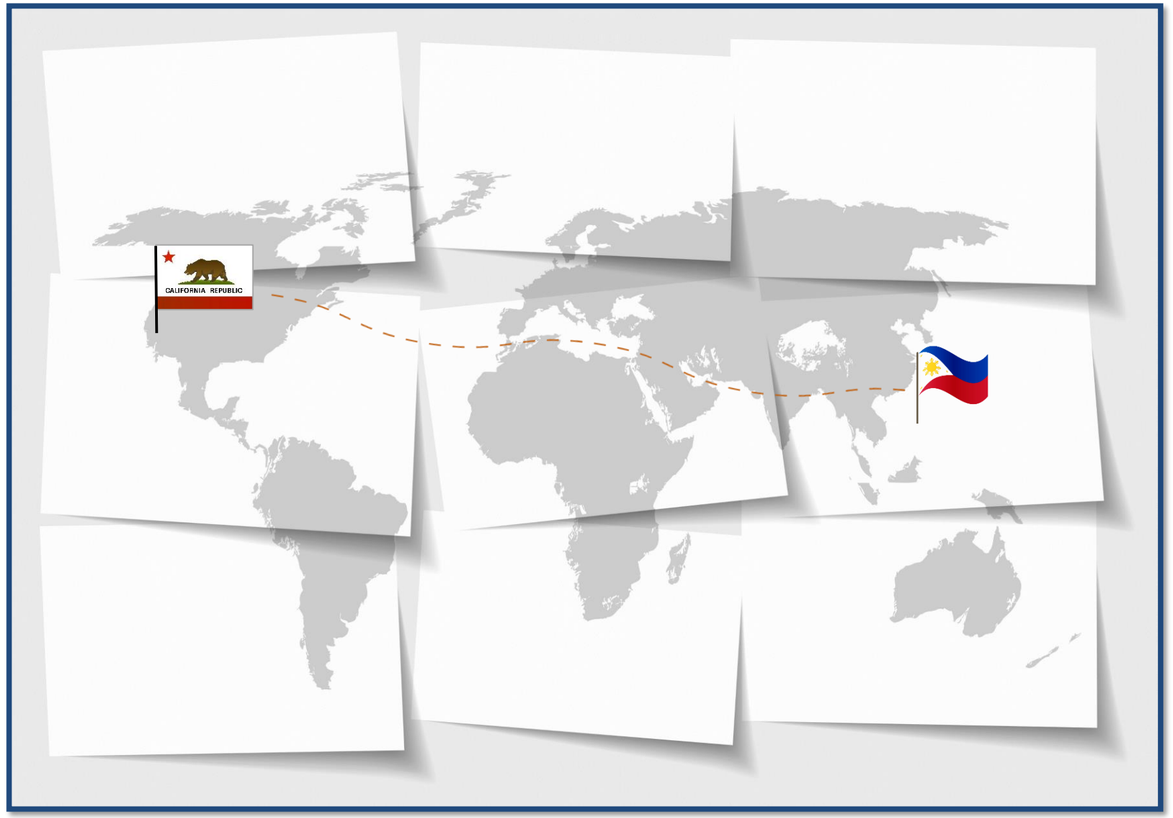
- Complete the sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen. The website will take the student through each section
- Click “Save Application” at the bottom of the page to save your responses. Click “Next” at the bottom of the page to go to the next section
- For detailed instructions and information about each question, click the information icon
- The answers to some questions will be prefilled with your registration information
- It is critical that students complete the application with their correct name and date of birth to avoid any unnecessary delays

What if a Student's Parent(s) Live in Another Country?

- Even if a parent/contributor lives in another country, they are required to provide their income and assets

- When that is not possible because there is no contact with the parents, students should complete the application as much as they can and then contact their college's financial aid office **as soon as possible**

- The college financial aid office will evaluate the situation and inform the student if they can override the need for parent information



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DREAM ACT SERVICE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

WHAT TO KNOW FOR STUDENTS

Are you a California Dream Act student?

Were you offered a Cal Grant B?

Or offered a Cal Grant A and met Cal Grant B eligibility?

Are you interested in receiving an additional grant for community or volunteer service?

Register for the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) today!

WHAT IS IT?

The California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) encourages California Dream Act Application (CADAA) students with a Cal Grant A award that met Cal Grant B eligibility or a Cal Grant B award to perform community or volunteer service.

AWARD AMOUNT

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will award up to $4,500 per academic year (up to $2,250 per semester or up to $1,500 per quarter) to 1,667 eligible students. The grant will be available to the student for up to 8 semesters or up to 12 quarters while they have an active Cal Grant A or B award. Cal Grant A recipients must have met Cal Grant B eligibility.

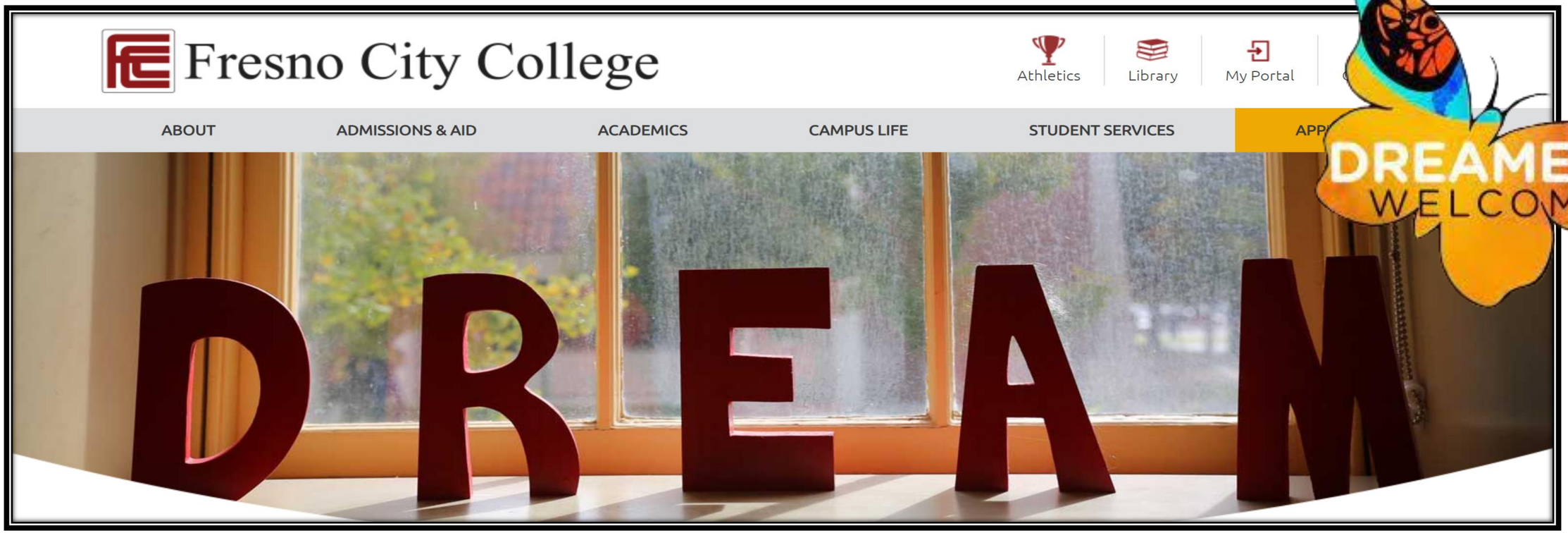
WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit us at www.csac.ca.gov/dsig to get more information about eligibility, application, service requirements & service organizations.

California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG)

- CA Dream Act Students
- Cal Grant B Awardees or Cal Grant B eligible
- Community or Volunteer Service
- Up to $4,500 per year
- On and Off Campus Opportunities
- 1,667 total awards

This poster and other information is available at www.csac.ca.gov/dsig



Undocumented Student Resources Map to college-based Dreamer resource centers

rb.gy/cwqgn

Connect your students to the Dreamer Resource Center or Undocumented Student Center at the college they hope to attend, or at any local college or university. Get to know what resources your local college or university offers undocumented or mixed status students.

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https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-undocumented-students/

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https://immigrantsrising.org/2021scholarships/

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https://getschooled.com/article/1320-scholarships-for-undocumented-daca-mented-students-get-that-money/

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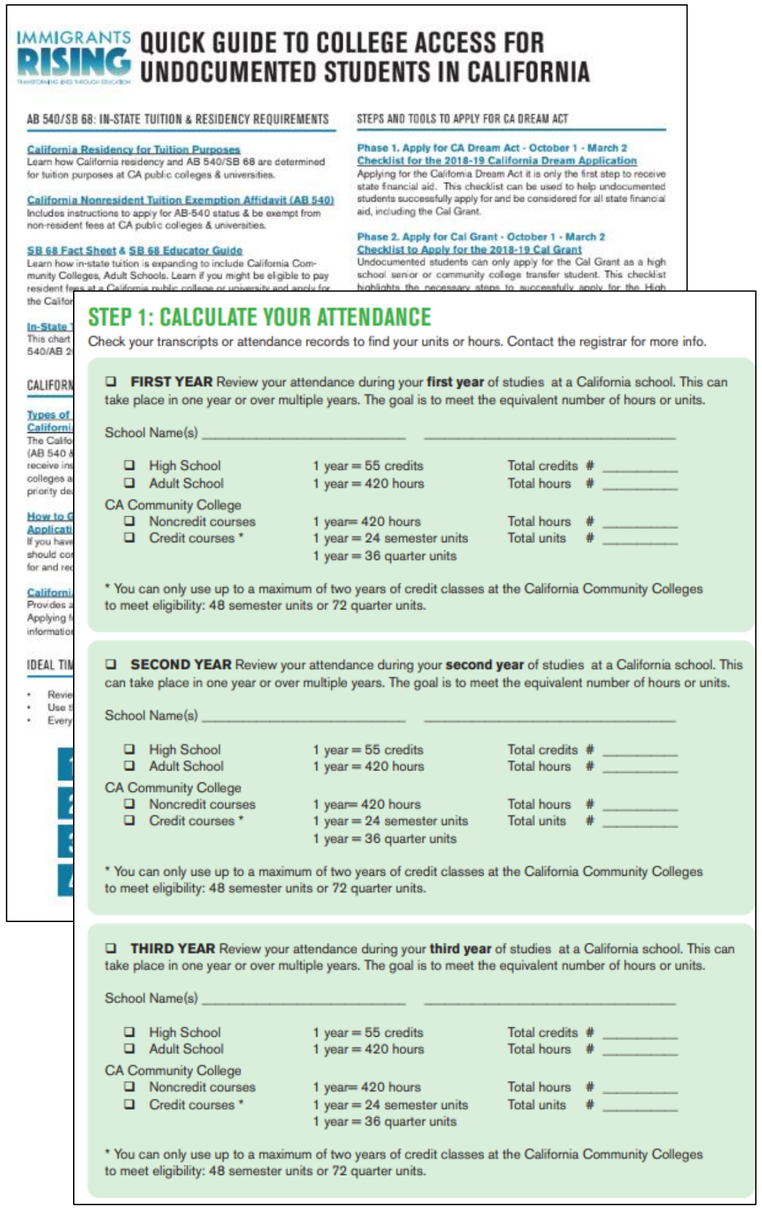
Scholarship Information for Undocumented Students



IMMIGRANTS RISING QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE ACCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

AB 540/SB 68: IN-STATE TUITION & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

California Residency for Tuition Purposes
Learn how California residency and AB 540/SB 68 are determined for tuition purposes at CA public colleges & universities.

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)
Includes instructions to apply for AB-540 status & be exempt from non-resident fees at CA public colleges & universities.

SB 68 Fact Sheet & SB 68 Educator Guide
Learn how in-state tuition is expanding to include California Community Colleges, Adult Schools. Learn if you might be eligible to pay resident fees at a California public college or university and apply for the Califor

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STEPS AND TOOLS TO APPLY FOR CA DREAM ACT

Phase 1. Apply for CA Dream Act · October 1 · March 2
Checklist for the 2018-19 California Dream Application
Applying for the California Dream Act it is only the first step to receive state financial aid. This checklist can be used to help undocumented students successfully apply for and be considered for all state financial aid, including the Cal Grant.

Phase 2. Apply for Cal Grant · October 1 · March 2
Checklist to Apply for the 2018-19 Cal Grant
Undocumented students can only apply for the Cal Grant as a high school senior or community college transfer student. This checklist highlights the necessary steps to successfully apply for the High

STEP 1: CALCULATE YOUR ATTENDANCE

Check your transcripts or attendance records to find your units or hours. Contact the registrar for more info.

❑ **FIRST YEAR** Review your attendance during your **first year** of studies at a California school. This can take place in one year or over multiple years. The goal is to meet the equivalent number of hours or units.

School Name(s) _____ _____

❑ High School	1 year = 55 credits	Total credits # _____
❑ Adult School	1 year = 420 hours	Total hours # _____
CA Community College		
❑ Noncredit courses	1 year= 420 hours	Total hours # _____
❑ Credit courses *	1 year = 24 semester units 1 year = 36 quarter units	Total units # _____

* You can only use up to a maximum of two years of credit classes at the California Community Colleges to meet eligibility: 48 semester units or 72 quarter units.

❑ **SECOND YEAR** Review your attendance during your **second year** of studies at a California school. This can take place in one year or over multiple years. The goal is to meet the equivalent number of hours or units.

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❑ **THIRD YEAR** Review your attendance during your **third year** of studies at a California school. This can take place in one year or over multiple years. The goal is to meet the equivalent number of hours or units.

School Name(s) _____ _____

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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

Immigrants Rising has several different resources on their website for both you as educators as well as for students and their families.

- Students can find nearby Dreamer Resource Centers via the website
- Use the AB 540/SB 68 Attendance Worksheet which helps calculate to see if students qualify
- Subscribe for ongoing updates, quick guides, and to get access to the Educational Resource Binder

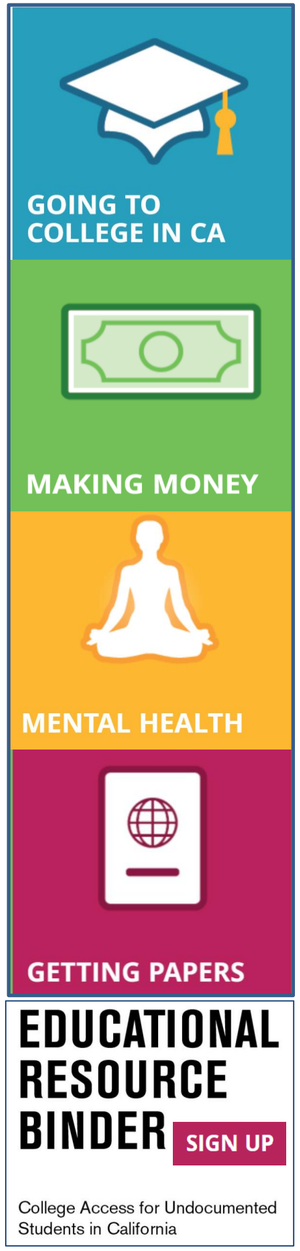
Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ

FREE Guide:
immigrantsrising.org/AB540FAQ

#FINDYOURALLY

Do your students have questions about AB 540 as an undocumented student?

They can check out the new systemwide AB 540 FAQ to get answers on the requirements, proof of eligibility, and more! Students can use this resource as they meet with a trusted counselor or educator to learn about the opportunities available to you in pursuing higher education.



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College Access for Undocumented Students in California

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Update

CSAC | ALL IN!
FOR FAFSA/CA DREAM ACT

All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act

- Started in the 2022-2023 Academic School Year with the Class of 2023
- High schools, continuation schools, and school districts (Local Educational Agencies) will ensure that all seniors in California complete a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) unless student has submitted an opt-out waiver
- Goal of "All In" is to expand access to financial aid to thousands of students who may have otherwise not been aware of these opportunities

RACE TO SUBMIT

MISSION TO FAFSA AND CA DREAM ACT SUBMISSION

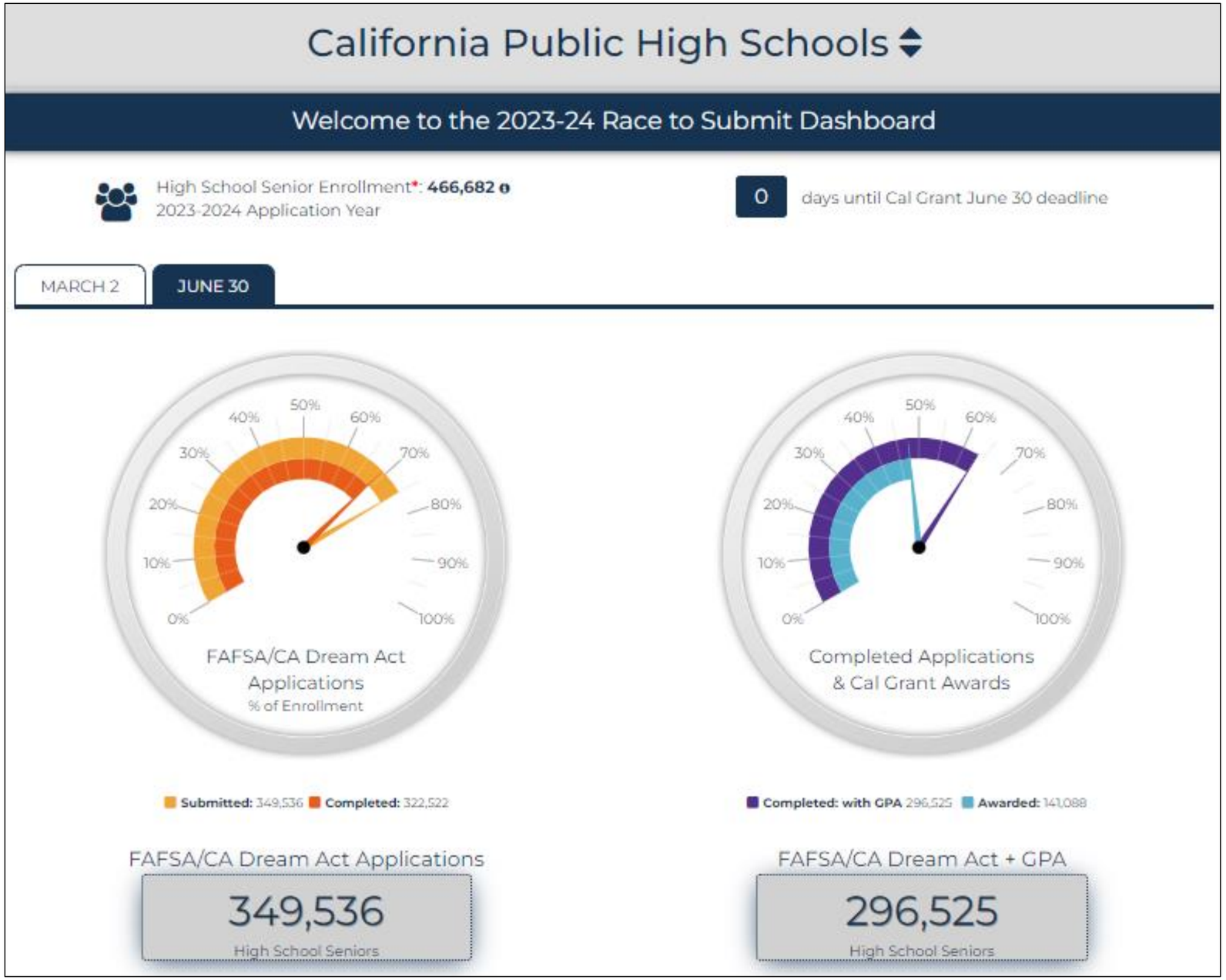
Class of 2023

74% submitted an application

69% completed their application

63% had a completed Cal Grant application (GPA + FAFSA/CADAA)

47% awarded Cal Grant



#FormYourFuture FAFSA TRACKER

315,561 FAFSAs submitted through June 16, 2023
57.2% of CA Seniors

	Rank	% of Seniors Completing
Tennessee	1	66.9%
Louisiana	2	66.5%
Illinois	3	62.2%
Washington, D.C.	4	62.2%
Texas	5	61.7%
Delaware	6	61.1%
Mississippi	7	58.3%
Connecticut	8	58.3%
Alabama	9	57.6%
New York	10	57.5%
California	11	57.2%
New Jersey	12	57.1%
Rhode Island	13	56.0%
Massachusetts	14	55.7%
West Virginia	15	54.9%
Kentucky	16	54.0%
Hawaii	17	52.4%
Ohio	18	52.3%
Georgia	19	52.0%
Maryland	20	51.5%
Virginia	21	51.1%
Maine	22	50.9%
Pennsylvania	23	50.8%
Iowa	24	50.6%
South Carolina	25	50.4%
New Hampshire	26	50.4%
North Carolina	27	49.7%
Nebraska	28	48.6%

	Rank	% Change
Maine	1	11.9%
California	2	11.3%
Puerto Rico	3	9.3%
Washington	4	7.6%
Washington, D.C.	5	7.5%
Idaho	6	7.0%
Kentucky	7	6.1%
North Carolina	8	5.9%
Alaska	9	5.9%
Nevada	10	5.5%
Arizona	11	5.5%
New Mexico	12	5.4%
Georgia	13	5.4%
Oklahoma	14	5.3%
Florida	15	5.1%
Maryland	16	4.7%
Montana	17	4.6%
Utah	18	4.4%
Missouri	19	3.7%
Oregon	20	3.5%
Connecticut	21	3.5%
South Carolina	22	3.4%
Michigan	23	3.4%
South Dakota	24	3.3%
Tennessee	25	3.1%
Colorado	26	2.9%
Delaware	27	2.8%
Minnesota	28	2.6%

11.3% increase in FAFSA applications compared to high school class of 2022 (31,963 additional FAFSAs submitted)

Through June 16, 2023

Best Practices: Alta Vista Innovation High School

Senior Enrollment Count: 139
Completed: 122

Changes made to increase submission rate:

- Different deadlines with tier statuses
- Gift basket based on tier
- Hybrid workshops to complete their applications

Alta Vista Innovation High School College and Career Team
Most Improved March 2nd Level 3

The team constantly encouraged each other. They took turns hosting workshops.

Incentives:

- Free Prom ticket
- Grad Nite ticket
- Class of 2023 swag items

innovation high
ALTA VISTA

Best Practices: Las Lomas High School

Senior Enrollment Count: 392
Completed: 263

Changes made to increase submission rate:

- Communicating consistently & vigorously
- Resources shared in Spanish & English
- Created a document explaining in very simple terms why every senior should submit a FAFSA or CADAA
- Published a FAFSA/CADAA reminder every week
- Held in-person application workshops

Las Lomas High School FAFSA/CADAA Team
Most Improved March 2nd Level 5

- Partnered with Diablo Valley College
- Reminded about importance of submitting an application at every gathering of parents and families
- Presentations to their emerging English learners, first-generation students and other groups.

Best Practices: Pittsburg High School

Senior Enrollment Count: 812
Completed: 526

Changes made to increase submission rate:

- Summer school students created their FSA ID
- In September, completed FSA IDs during Gov/Econ classes
- Tracked the CSAC Report with their Google form daily

Pittsburg High School College and Career Team Most Improved March 2nd Level 8

The team stayed motivated by checking the Race to Submit every Sunday and Thursday morning.

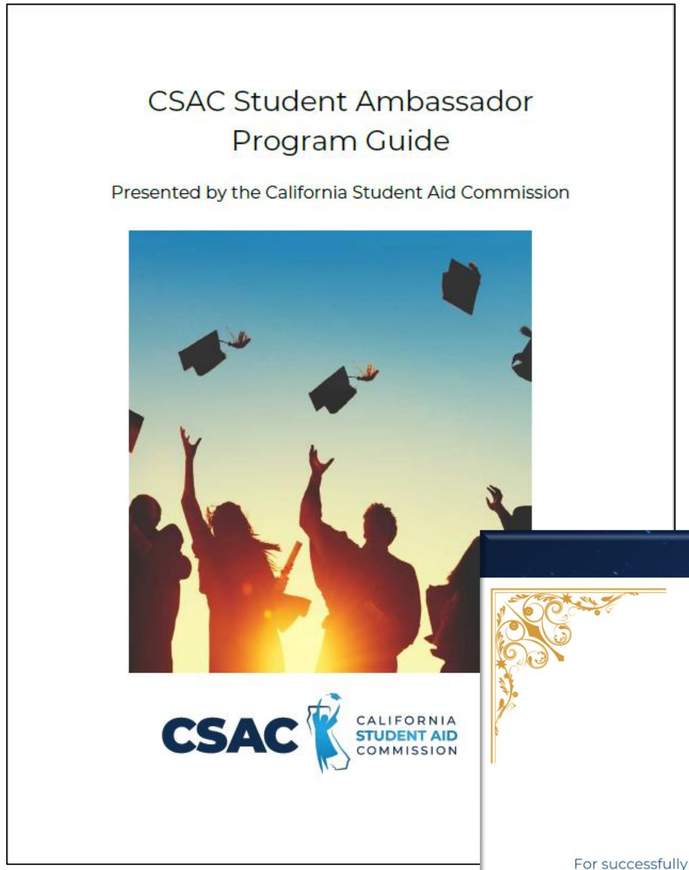
The class that completed the most applications received a pizza party!

CSAC Student Ambassador Program

El Camino Real Charter School: First cohort of Student Ambassadors

Presented to:

Math Analysis Class
Operation Smile Club
College Prep Club
11th Grade English
11th Grade AP Seminar Class
Book Club



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Cal Grant Reform

Cal Grant Reform

Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year

- Cal Grant Reform would make an additional 150,000 students eligible for aid starting in 2024-25. This would include about 109,000 community college students who would become newly eligible for awards to cover nontuition expenses like food and housing

- A GPA requirement would no longer be required for community college students

- 2022-23 budget included $500,000 for CSAC to begin implementing the Cal Grant changes

NOTE: Changes to the Cal Grant program will only occur if there is enough state revenue in 2024-25 to support the changes. There is a May 2024 “Revenue Trigger” that will determine if Cal Grant reform is enacted.

Cal Grant Reform → Fewer Programs

Current Cal Grant Program
8 Awards

- **High School Entitlement Cal Grant A & B**
- **Community College Entitlement Cal Grant A & B**
- **Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant A & B**
- **Competitive Cal Grant A & B**

New Cal Grant Program
2 Awards

- **Cal Grant 2 for Community College**

$1,648 award tied to CA Consumer Price Index for future increases

- **Cal Grant 4 for Four-Year College and Universities**

Tuition coverage at UCs, CSUs or current award amounts for private schools

Removes barriers based on when a student enters/transfers

Cal Grant Reform → Eliminating Barriers

Current Cal Grant Program

- **Different GPA requirements**
- **Time out of high school**
- **Transfer restrictions**
- **Award portability**
- **Community College Reserve**
- **Competitive Awards**

New Cal Grant Program

GPA requirements

- **Cal Grant 2 – None**
- **Cal Grant 4 – 2.0**

High School Entitlement (E1)

Awarding in January/February 2024

- Depending on timing of 2024-25 FAFSA release in December 2023
- Testing of ISIR uploads in GDS and new E1 process

Decrease confusion for students

- Provide maximum certainty to students
- Focus on prospective college freshmen

Cal Grant Reform (CG 2 & 4)

- May 2024 Revenue Trigger
- Will continue work in parallel to E1

2024-25 E1

Minor modifications to award process

1

January/February through May Revenue Trigger

Will only run E1 award process during this period. Awards will run on a weekly basis over the weekend.

2

Which students will get awarded?

- Traditional high school entitlement students who are eligible for both (legacy and CGR)
- Legacy only students will not get awarded during this window

3

No transactions

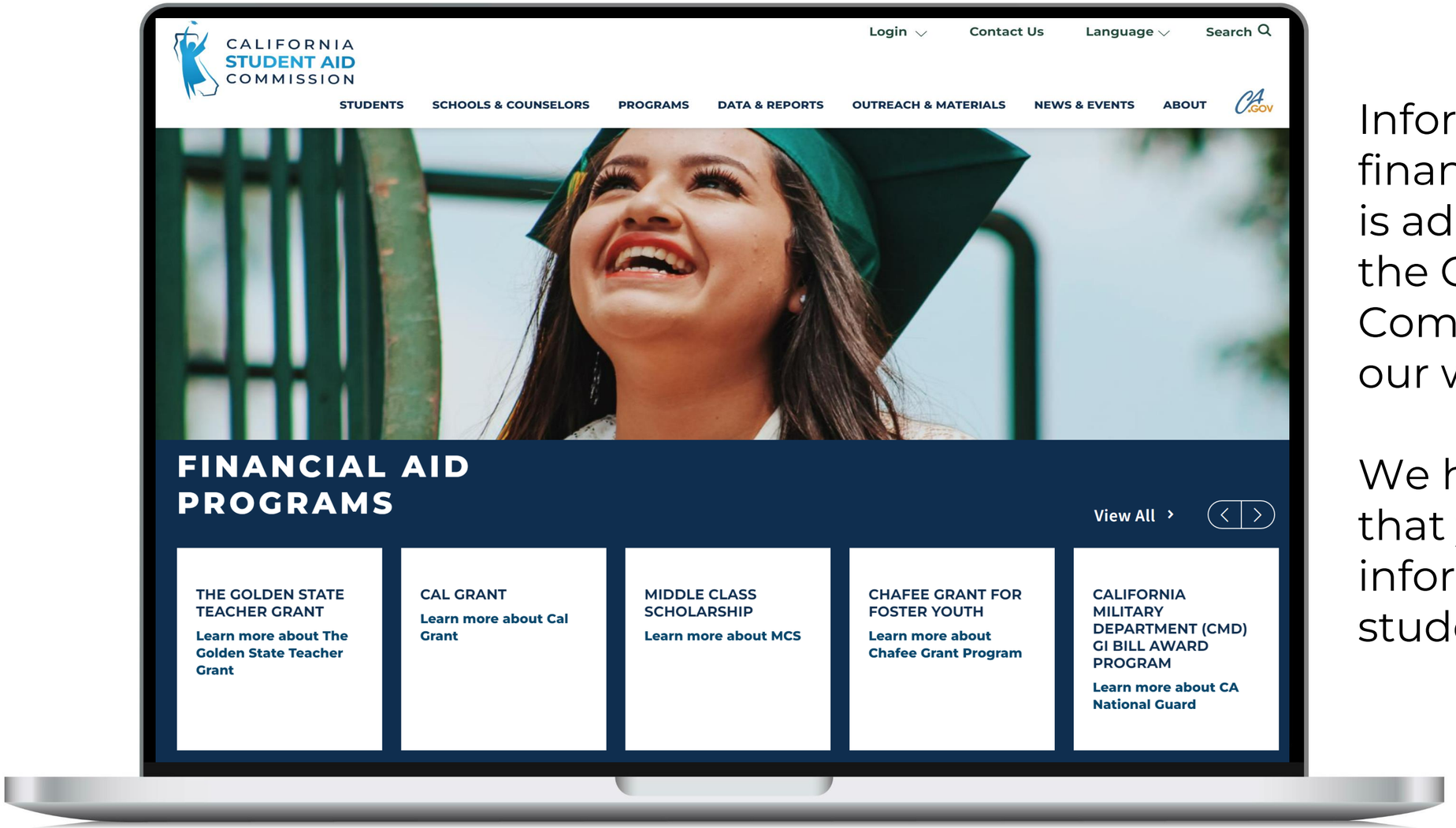
- Students and colleges will not be allowed to process any changes during this window
- No school confirmations or school changes

4

Cal Grant Rosters

- Exploring options with the CSAC team
- Award Status Extract

Commission Programs and Other Information



Information about every financial aid program that is administered through the California Student Aid Commission is available on our website.

We highly recommend that you make this information available to students and their families.

Commission Programs

Current Maximum Yearly Cal Grant A, B & C Awards

- Students receive Cal Grants for a maximum of 4 years/400% except for mandatory 5-year programs or teacher credential programs
- Cal Grants are only for undergraduate programs
- Must be used at a Cal Grant eligible college in California
- Cal Grants can be put “on hold” for up to 2 years
- Cal Grant reform, when enacted, will change Cal Grants to a simplified Cal Grant 2 and Cal Grant 4

A	Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	(Non WASC) For Profit	(WASC) For Profit
	CC Reserve to $6,000	$5,742	$12,570	$9,358	$4,000	$8,056

B	Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	(Non WASC) For Profit	(WASC) For Profit
	$1,648 Up to 2+ years	$5,742 + $1,648	$12,570 + $1,648	$9,358 + $1,648	$4,000 + $1,648	$8,056 + $1,648

C	Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	For Profit
	$1,094	N/A	N/A	B/S $547 T/F $2,462	B/S $547 T/F $2,462

Community College Entitlement Cal Grant

September 2nd deadline

- The **Community College Entitlement Cal Grant** greatly increased the number of students eligible for financial aid at California Community Colleges
- Eliminated more than half of competitive awards from 41,000 to 13,000 but added **TENS OF THOUSANDS** of additional Entitlement Cal Grant awards
- Beneficial to students who miss the March 2nd deadline but are planning on attending a **California Community Colleges**
- **E3** benefitted more than 125,000 students in the 2022-23 academic year

Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)

Students must meet the following requirements:

- **Complete a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by the priority deadline**
- **California resident attending a UC, CSU or CA Community College Bachelor's degree program;**
- **U.S. citizen, permanent resident or meet the requirements for AB 540 non-resident tuition exemption**
- **Meet certain income/asset and other financial aid standards; maintain satisfactory academic progress; not be in default on a student loan; and must not be incarcerated.**
- **Students may receive the MCS award for up to 4 years depending on education level when awarded**

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) provides undergraduate students, including students pursuing a teaching credential, with a scholarship to attend a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) or California Community College Bachelor's degree program. Students with family income and assets up to $217,000 may be eligible (2023-24 academic year).

2023-24 MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP INCOME CEILINGS	
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse	$217,000
Independent students	
Single, no dependents	$125,000
Married, no other dependents	$144,000

Students with Dependent Children (SWD)

For students attending any Cal Grant eligible school with a child 18-years-old or younger, whom they support 50% or more.

- Cal Grant A & B yearly maximum award: **$6,000**
- Cal Grant C yearly maximum award: **$4,000**
- Go to **csac.ca.gov/students-dependents** for additional information

CSAC | GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

www.csac.ca.gov/gstg

The Golden State Teacher Grant Program (GSTG) program will award up to **$20,000** in Golden State Teacher Grants for students who are currently enrolled in an approved teacher preparation program. Participants must commit to work at a priority school in California for 4 years within 8 years of completing their program.

Foster Youth Access Award

Cal Grant B for Foster Youth

Foster youth can qualify for a new or increased Access Award to help cover the cost of attendance.

- Age requirements: in foster care **on/after age 13, and under 26** years of age at the start of the academic year (July 1st)
- Available at California public colleges or private, non-profit institution.
- Award amount varies, based on enrollment level

Cal Grant A & B Access: Up to $6,000
Cal Grant C Books & Supplies: Up to $4,000

High School Entitlement Application Window
Extended to foster youth who are under age 26, when they *submit a high school GPA*

Maximum Eligibility (duration)
Provides up to 8 years of full-time enrollment

High School Entitlement Application Window
Foster youth under age 26 on July 1st of the award year. Must submit high school GPA.

Application Deadline for HS Entitlement
September 2nd for foster youth attending a **CCC**

Chafee Grant

For students who were a ward of the court or living in foster care, for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18.

- Pays up to $5,000 annually to help foster youth pay for college or career/technical or vocational training
- Eligible participants must complete a one-time Chafee Grant Application but should also complete either the FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application
- Students can get assistance with the application at a **Cash for College** event
- Be a current or former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18

Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP)

The Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP) offers eligible students at public colleges and universities the opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment. Eligible students should be from an underrepresented background and meet all the program criteria.

Please see the LAEP website at **www.csac.ca.gov/laep** for full program information or contact laep@csac.ca.gov.

#CaliforniansForAll College Corps Program

- A state of California offered program
- Up to 6,500 undergraduate students who complete a year of service (450 hours) will receive $10,000 plus potential academic credit
- AB 540 Dreamers are eligible to participate but must first apply for the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant program
- **45 colleges and universities** are currently part of the program roll-out

www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov

Students Can Also Consider Vocational, Occupational or Technical Programs

- Trade schools or community college vocational training courses can provide some students with an alternative to four-year college programs
- Potentially lower tuition costs and shorter degree pathways are benefits of trade schools or community college certificate programs
- Career-focused, practical training can help students pursue in-demand jobs
- Hundreds of Career Education Certificates and career focused Associate Degree programs are available and Cal Grant eligible
- Cal Grant C can help pay for certificate courses and **does not require a GPA**

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With 116 colleges across the state, you have flexible access to a college education no matter where you live, or might want to live. From tuition assistance to help developing a personalized academic plan, there are many student support services designed to provide you with the help and college experience you need to succeed.

I CAN

get the support I need to succeed

The California Community Colleges offers programs for all students regardless of background or circumstances. Whether you're planning to go to college after your military service, as an undocumented student, or as a current or former foster youth, you can access resources to reach your higher education goals.

Visit ICanGoToCollege.com to enroll today

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California Community Colleges

Alternative Sources of Financial Assistance

Students can look for private scholarships. There are many websites that allow you to search for available merit scholarships including Fastweb.com and similar sites.

fastweb
A MONSTER COMPANY

Students may want to consider working part-time at a company that offers some or all college tuition assistance, tuition reimbursement, access to partner university networks or other free educational programs.

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T-Mobile
THE Coca-Cola FOUNDATION
BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL

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Financial Aid Tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu

Fall 2023

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California College Guidance Initiative

Who We Are

- **Manager of CaliforniaColleges.edu**, the State of California's official college and career planning platform
- A **legislatively-designated**, authorized service provider to all California school districts (California Education Code 60900.5)
- A crucial component of **California's Cradle-to-Career System**, as established by AB 132 and funded by Proposition 98

Who We Are Not

- A vendor
- A grant-funded program

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Why We're Here

- To **smooth the path** to college and career for all California students
- To **support educators** as they work in service of their students and communities
- To ensure **equitable outcomes for all students**, especially the underserved

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What We Do

CaliforniaColleges.edu is free to all public school districts that serve 6th-12th grade students in California.

- **We provide college and career planning tools** to students and educators through CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- **We connect California systems**, including integrations with all three public higher education systems (**CCC, CSU, UC**) and the California Student Aid Commission (**CSAC**).
- **We partner with school districts** to bring high school students' transcript data to CaliforniaColleges.edu.

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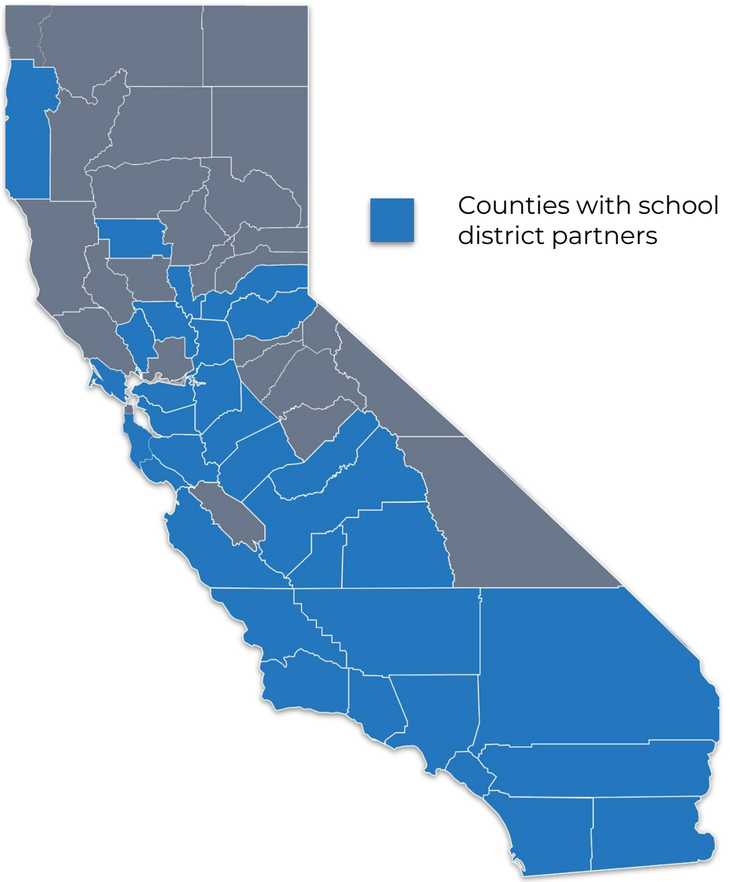
CCGI Partner Districts

More than 50% of California's high school students are enrolled in a school district that has partnered with CCGI.

Our Partner Districts include nearly **200 school districts** and serve more than **1 million 9th-12th grade students** in California.

And each year, our partner list continues to grow!



▼ See who our Partner Districts are ▼

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What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

The Official College & Career Planning Platform of the State of California

What We Provide Students	What We Provide Educators
Career interest assessments and career exploration tools	College & career planning tools all in one place
College and major search tools	Data and reporting features
Financial aid lessons	Ability to track students' college & financial aid application statuses
College and financial aid application integrations	**Partners Districts Only:** UC Course Management Portal (CMP) and SIS alignment support to ensure students receive correct a-g credit for high school coursework in their college applications
Partners Districts Only: CSU and UC Eligibility Tools	
Partners Districts Only: Cal State Apply course import	**Partners Districts Only:** CSU and UC eligibility reports to track "a-g" progress and inform interventions to help students meet admissions requirements
Partners Districts Only: UC Application course import (Coming Fall 2024)	

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When students launch college and financial aid applications directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu, students and educators can track their progress.

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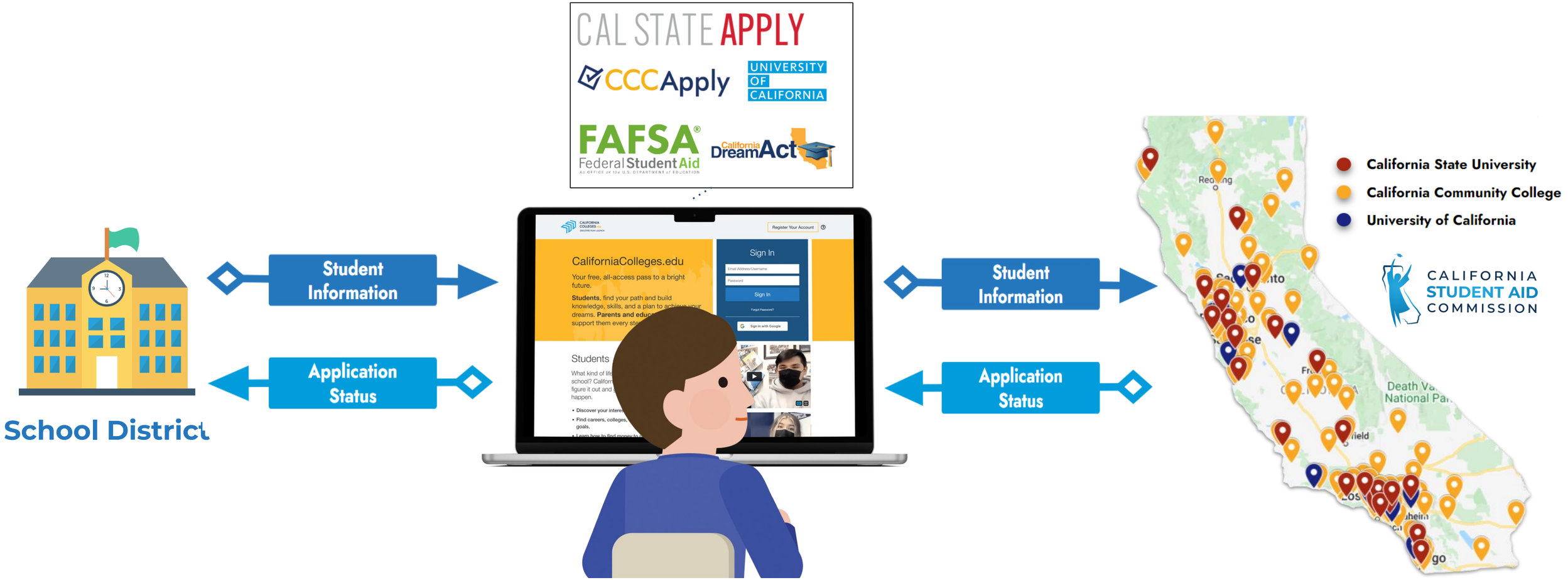
Connecting California's Systems



Student launches applications from CaliforniaColleges.edu

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The Financial Aid Tools

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Alignment to Financial Aid State Policies

Financial Aid Education for High School Students (EC 51225.8)

Established by AB 2015 (2018), districts are required to ensure that each student receives information about how to complete and submit FAFSA or CADAA, prior to entering Grade 12.

- **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 11 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Financial Aid Lesson Completion Report for Educators

Universal FAFSA/CA Dream Act Applications (EC 51225.7)

Established by AB 469 (2021), districts are required to confirm that each 12th grade student has completed their financial aid application or has been opted out by a parent/legal guardian.

- **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 12 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Application Integration
- **Aligns to**: CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Status report for Educators

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Next Steps for Partner Districts

1	**Ensure students have registered their CaliforniaColleges.edu accounts.**
2	**Message and provide direction** to students and any partner organizations that support college and financial aid applications in your district that **students should launch their college (CCC, CSU, UC) and financial aid (FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application) applications from CaliforniaColleges.edu**. This is how application status is returned to students and educators through the platform.
3	**Utilize the financial aid lessons** to help students learn about financial aid and to prepare seniors to launch their financial aid application.
4	**Utilize the reporting tools to track students' application statuses**, identify students who have not yet completed them, and provide those students the support they need.

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Not Yet a Partner?

We partner with school districts that serve high school students.

To learn about bringing CaliforniaColleges.edu to your district, visit californiacolleges.edu/learnmore/partnership

When your district is ready to explore partnership, email us at CommunityEngagement@CaliforniaColleges.edu

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Getting Started

Financial Aid Policy Implementation Using CaliforniaColleges.edu

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Additional Resources

Get On-Demand Training on How to Use CaliforniaColleges.edu
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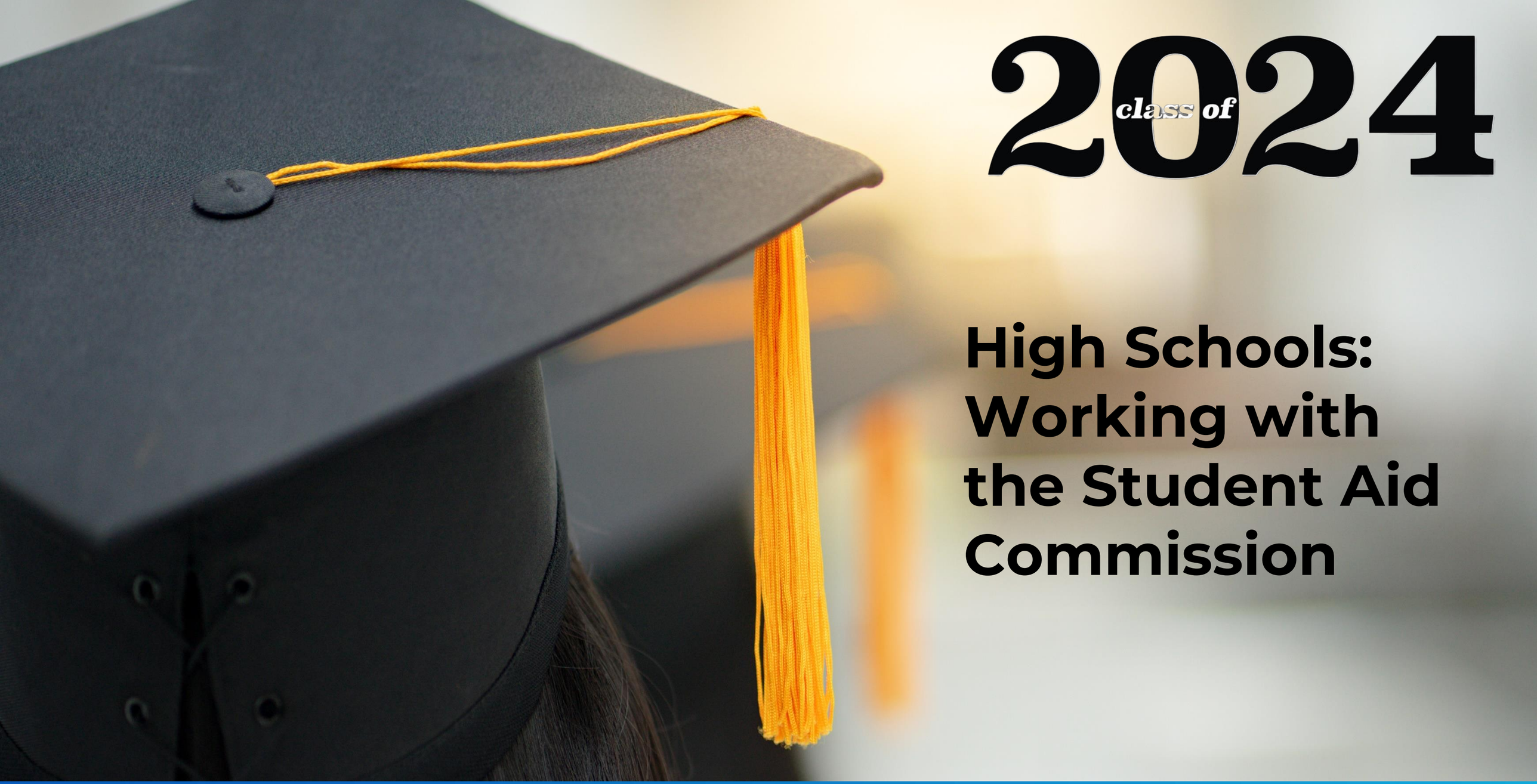

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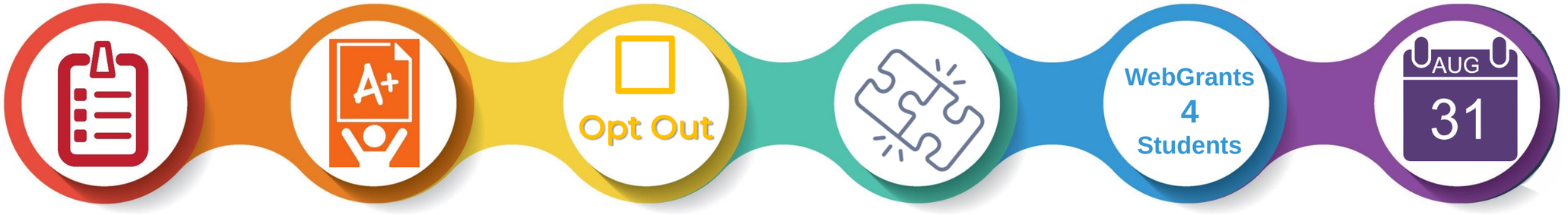
High Schools: Working with the Student Aid Commission



SEPTEMBER

Provide the Demographic Verification Form to **seniors** prior to your GPA upload

By OCT. 1st

Upload GPAs as soon as possible, but no later than October 1st

By JAN. 1st

Notify **juniors** of the GPA Opt-Out option if they (or their parents, if under 18) don't want their GPA uploaded their senior year

WEEKLY

Beginning in early January (this year only), check your WebGrants GPA reports and begin to edit unmatched GPAs every week

WEEKLY

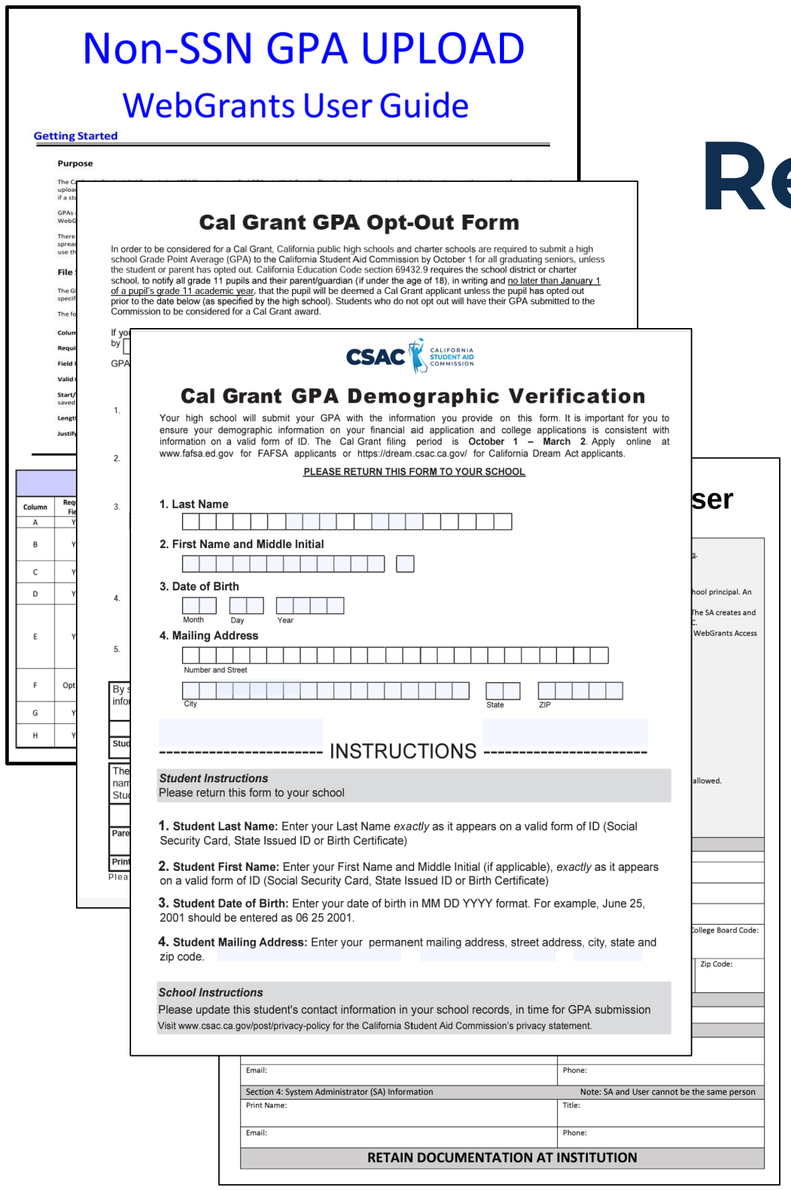
Assist seniors to complete their WebGrants for Students accounts: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

By AUG. 31st

Verify HS graduation using WebGrants the month seniors graduate but no later than 8/31

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

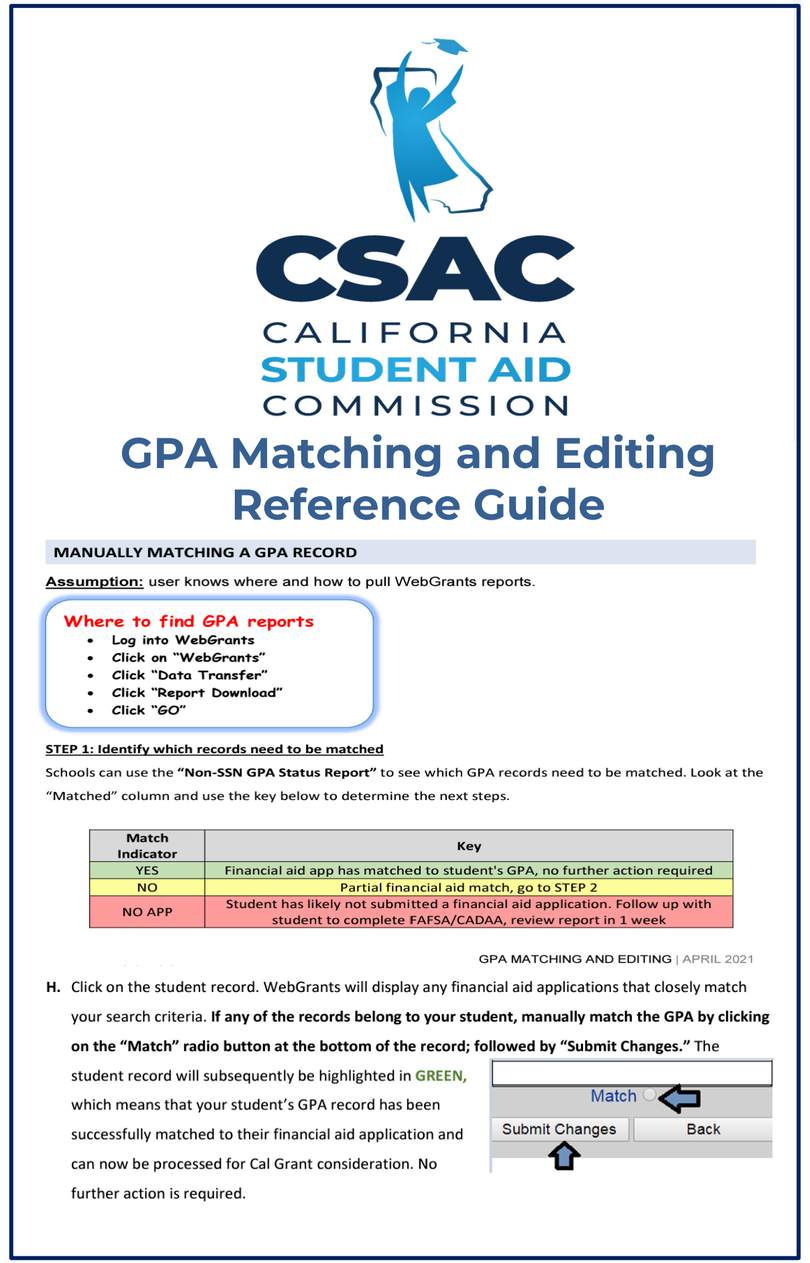
Checklist for the Academic Year



Forms & Reference Guides

All forms and reference guides can be found on the CSAC website including;

- Non-SSN GPA Upload Guide
- GPA Opt-Out Form
- GPA Demographic Verification Form
- Webgrants Access Request – User Form
- **GPA Matching and Editing Reference Guide**



CSAC CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

GPA Matching and Editing Reference Guide

MANUALLY MATCHING A GPA RECORD

Assumption: user knows where and how to pull WebGrants reports.

Where to find GPA reports
- Log into WebGrants
- Click on "WebGrants"
- Click "Data Transfer"
- Click "Report Download"
- Click "GO"

STEP 1: Identify which records need to be matched

Schools can use the **"Non-SSN GPA Status Report"** to see which GPA records need to be matched. Look at the "Matched" column and use the key below to determine the next steps.

Match Indicator	Key
YES	Financial aid app has matched to student's GPA, no further action required
NO	Partial financial aid match, go to STEP 2
NO APP	Student has likely not submitted a financial aid application. Follow up with student to complete FAFSA/CADAA, review report in 1 week

GPA MATCHING AND EDITING | APRIL 2021

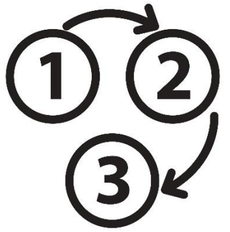
H. Click on the student record. WebGrants will display any financial aid applications that closely match your search criteria. **If any of the records belong to your student, manually match the GPA by clicking on the "Match" radio button at the bottom of the record; followed by "Submit Changes."** The student record will subsequently be highlighted in **GREEN,** which means that your student's GPA record has been successfully matched to their financial aid application and can now be processed for Cal Grant consideration. No further action is required.

Get Webgrants Access

Connect with CSAC to better help your students

- Have full access to WebGrants reports – including the new Financial Aid Application Status Report
- Determine if your students have successfully completed an application (FAFSA/CADAA)
- Easily add individual GPAs for students who started late in your school or district
- See if your students are successfully matched in the system (GPA with the FAFSA or CADDA application)
- Edit incorrect information and match your students so they process for financial aid
- Check if your students have been awarded a Cal Grant
- There is no limit to the number of WebGrants users your school can have! More end-users helps ensure better tracking of student success

Accessing Reports on WebGrants



CAL GRANT

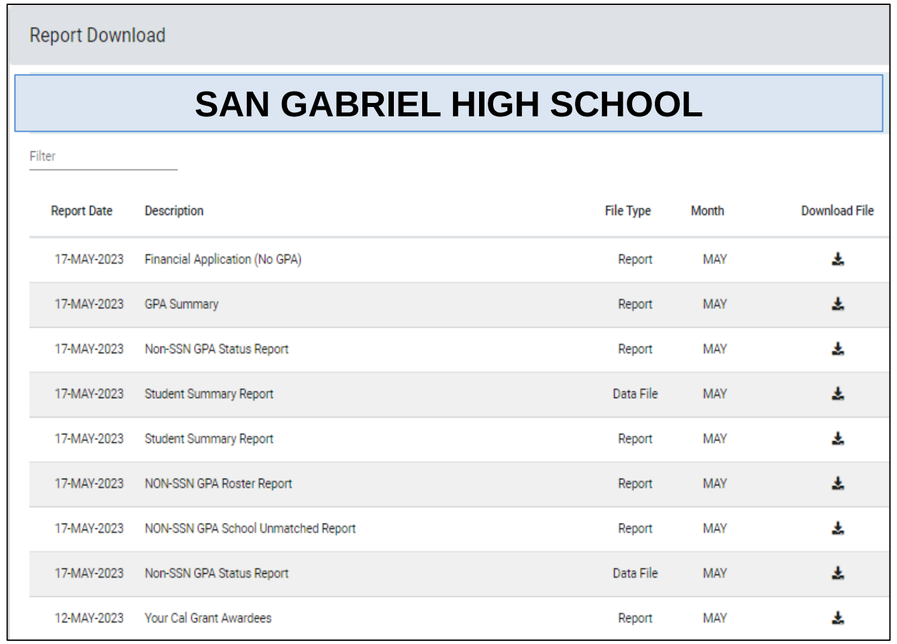
- Enrollment
- GPA
- Student Info
- Roster/Reconciliation
- Data Transfer
- Non-SSN GPA
- Foster Youth Verification

After logging into WebGrants, click on "**Data Transfer**" under the Cal Grant section.

CAL GRANT

- File Upload
- Report Download
- Data Transfer
- Non-SSN GPA
- Foster Youth Verification

After clicking on "**Data Transfer**" select "**Report Download**" from the pop-up menu.



Report Download

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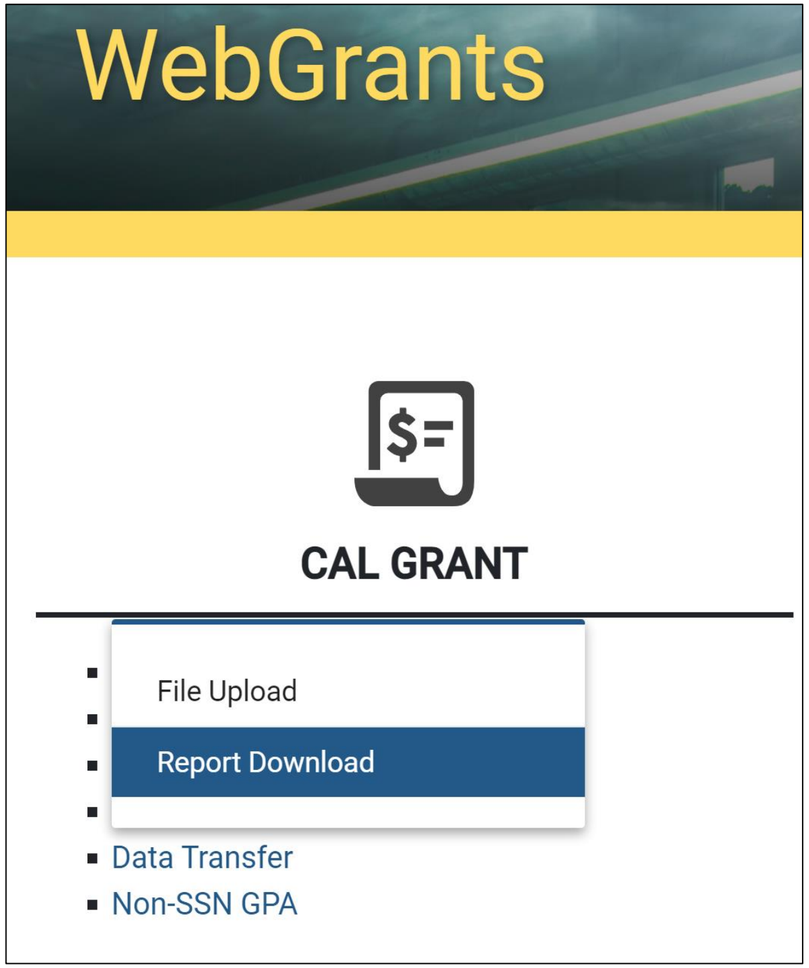
Filter

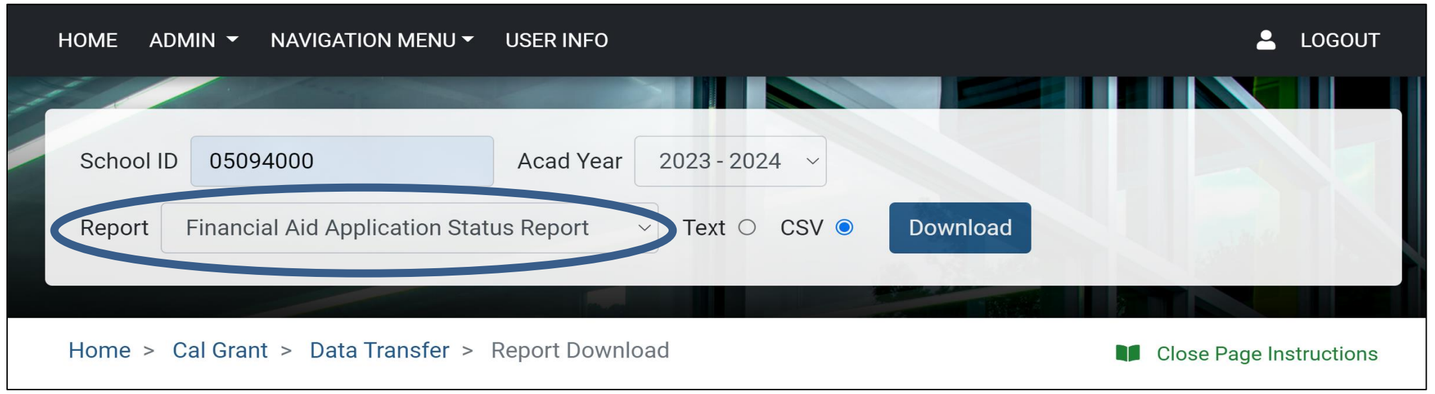
Report Date	Description	File Type	Month	Download File
17-MAY-2023	Financial Application (No GPA)	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	GPA Summary	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	Student Summary Report	Data File	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	Student Summary Report	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	NON-SSN GPA Roster Report	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	NON-SSN GPA School Unmatched Report	Report	MAY	
17-MAY-2023	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Data File	MAY	
12-MAY-2023	Your Cal Grant Awardees	Report	MAY	

All the reports that are available to your school will be displayed as either a **data file** or in a **report format.**

New Financial Aid Application Status Report

CSV format available - Easy to sort and filter - Action Needed Column for clear next steps





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1	FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION STATUS REPORT										
2	REPORT DATE:	10/17/2022 10:11									
3	SCHOOL NAME:	EXAMPLE SCHOOL (SCHOOL CODE)									
4	GRADUATING CLA	2023									
5											
6	SSID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE II	DATE OF BIRTH	GPA UPLOA	APPLICATION S	EFC	GPA MATCHED	AWARDED CA	ACTION NEEDED
7	1234567890	AC	BEN		9/16/2003	3.8	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
8	1234567890	AD	SARA		1/19/2003	3.25	Yes		Yes	No	None
9	1234567890	AH	ALAGU	T	4/2/2004	3.94	Yes		Yes	No	None
10	1234567890	AH	ROFIAH		1/7/2004	4	Yes		Yes	No	None
11	1234567890	AH	MATTHEW	J	2/15/2004	1.5	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
12	1234567890	AL	JULIE	K	1/21/2004	2.71	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
13	1234567890	AL	HAILEY		2/28/2004	4	Yes		Yes	No	None
14	1234567890	AL	SARAH		4/27/2004	3.36	Yes		Yes	No	None
15	1234567890	AL	TORI	I	8/6/2004	3.13	Yes	No EFC	No App	Not ready	Outreach to resolve application errors
16	1234567890	AL	JON	H	11/1/2003	3.78	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
17	1234567890	AL	JUSTIN	T	8/19/2003	2.69	Yes		Yes	No	None
18	1234567890	AM	VALJEAN	V	5/15/2004	3.39	Yes		Yes	Yes	None
19	1234567890	AM	EMILY	M	8/14/2004	3.76	Yes		Yes	Yes	None
20	1234567890	AN	JON	L	1/24/2003	3.1	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
21	1234567890	ANDREWS	ALEX	G	5/12/2004	2.25	No App		No App	Not ready	Outreach to submit app
22		ANDREWS SMITH	ALEX	G	5/12/2004	No	Yes		No GPA	Not ready	Upload GPA

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Overview Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVrb5ma80cY

Non-SSN GPA Status Report

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BATCH DATE: 11/02/2020 — NON-SSN GPA STATUS REPORT (05213100 - FOOTHILL SCHOOL) — RUN DATE: 11/03/2020
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 — RUN TIME: 02:16:38

****** HIGH SCHOOL GRAD YEAR: 2021 ******

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB	GPA	GRAD DATE	SCHOOL'S STUDENT ID	STATE ID (SSID)	MATCH	MATCHED FIELDS
ADAMS	BRENDA	02/04/2001	3.60	06/2019	020401F016-8871.011	9137820431	YES	
BROWN	GRACIE	07/20/2001	3.41	06/2019	072001F014-8871.012	3137582597	NO	LNAME, FNAME, DOB
DRAYTON	BRIAN	02/22/2001	3.09	06/2019	022201M123-8643.012	7230996764	NO	FNAME, DOB, CITY
GARZA-SANTOS	AMBER	03/02/2001	3.08	05/2019	30620	9137801621	NO	LNAME, INIT, DOB, ADDR, CITY, ZIP
HARRIS	ANGELA	07/11/2001	3.36	05/2019	31609	6137862074	NO	LNAME, DOB, ADDR, SCHCODE, CITY, ZIP, PHONE
MENDOZA	RANDALL	08/08/2001	1.48	06/2019	080801M061-8871.011	2137845745	NO	LNAME, FNAME, INIT
TRAN	VU	01/03/2001	2.55	06/2019	010301F071-8871.012	2138072815	NO APP	

****** HIGH SCHOOL GRAD YEAR: 2020 ******

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB	GPA	GRAD DATE	SCHOOL'S STUDENT ID	STATE ID (SSID)	MATCH	MATCHED FIELDS
AGUILERA	ANDY	04/02/2000	3.11	05/2018	28749	3116971067	NO	LNAME, FNAME, INIT
PETROV	SERGEI	10/14/2000	2.51	05/2018	28805	3112195847	YES	
SMYTHE	PENELOPE	08/09/2000	1.45	05/2018	29477	1132420893	NO APP	

"MATCH" column

YES = GPA matched to FAFSA/CADAA

NO = Unmatched
Edit GPA if needed. Match GPA upload record to Application

NO APP = No application found

- Ensure students have submitted their FAFSA or CADAA application.
- Have students log in and check their applications for errors or missing signature

Student Summary Report

Displays the application status of students whose GPAs were uploaded.

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BATCH DATE: **10/31/22** — STUDENT SUMMARY REPORT (05XXXXXX- YOUR HIGH SCHOOL) — RUN DATE: 10/31/22

ACADEMIC YEAR **2023** — RUN TIME: 01:37:12

SSID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB	GPA	GRAD DT	GPA TYPE	METHOD	APP STAT	AWD
0123456789	AGUILAR	MELANIE	04/02/2001	2.55	06/2019	NON-SSN	BATCH 12345	YES	YES
1234567890	BROWN	JOSEPH	11/15/2001	3.98	06/2019	NON-SSN	BATCH 23450	YES	NO
2345678900	DRAYTON-LOPEZ	BRIAN	07/29/2001	4.00	06/2019	NON-SSN	ADDED	YES	YES
3456789000	NGUYEN	DUI	05/06/2000	2.76	06/2018	NON-SSN	BATCH 34560	LATE	NO
4567890000	DOSTOEVSKI	SERGEI	12/13/2000	3.33	06/2018	NON-SSN	ADDED	NO EFC	NO
5678900000	ZIMMERMAN	DREW	03/16/2000	1.29	06/2018	NON-SSN	BATCH 34560	NO EFC	NO

Total Students: 592
Total Matched: 82
Total Awarded: 58
Late Applications: 7

AWD (Awarded) column:

YES - Remind students to create student portal, webgrants4students.org

APP STAT column:

LATE - FAFSA/CADAA submitted after 3/2.

NO EFC - Incomplete application, i.e., missing parent signature

What is Editing?

Editing allows you to overwrite demographic information or actual GPAs if that information was not correct in the initial GPA upload. Editing can assist in the matching process.

EDIT RECORD

Student Information

Last Name *	Garcia Trujillo	Student's Email	agarciatru@gmail.com
First Name *	Araceli	Address *	102 S 2nd ST.
Middle Initial	M		Apt 32
Date of Birth *	5/29/2005		Alhambra 91801
Gender *	N/A	Student's Phone	818-555-5555
Graduation Date *	6/2023		

Parent Information

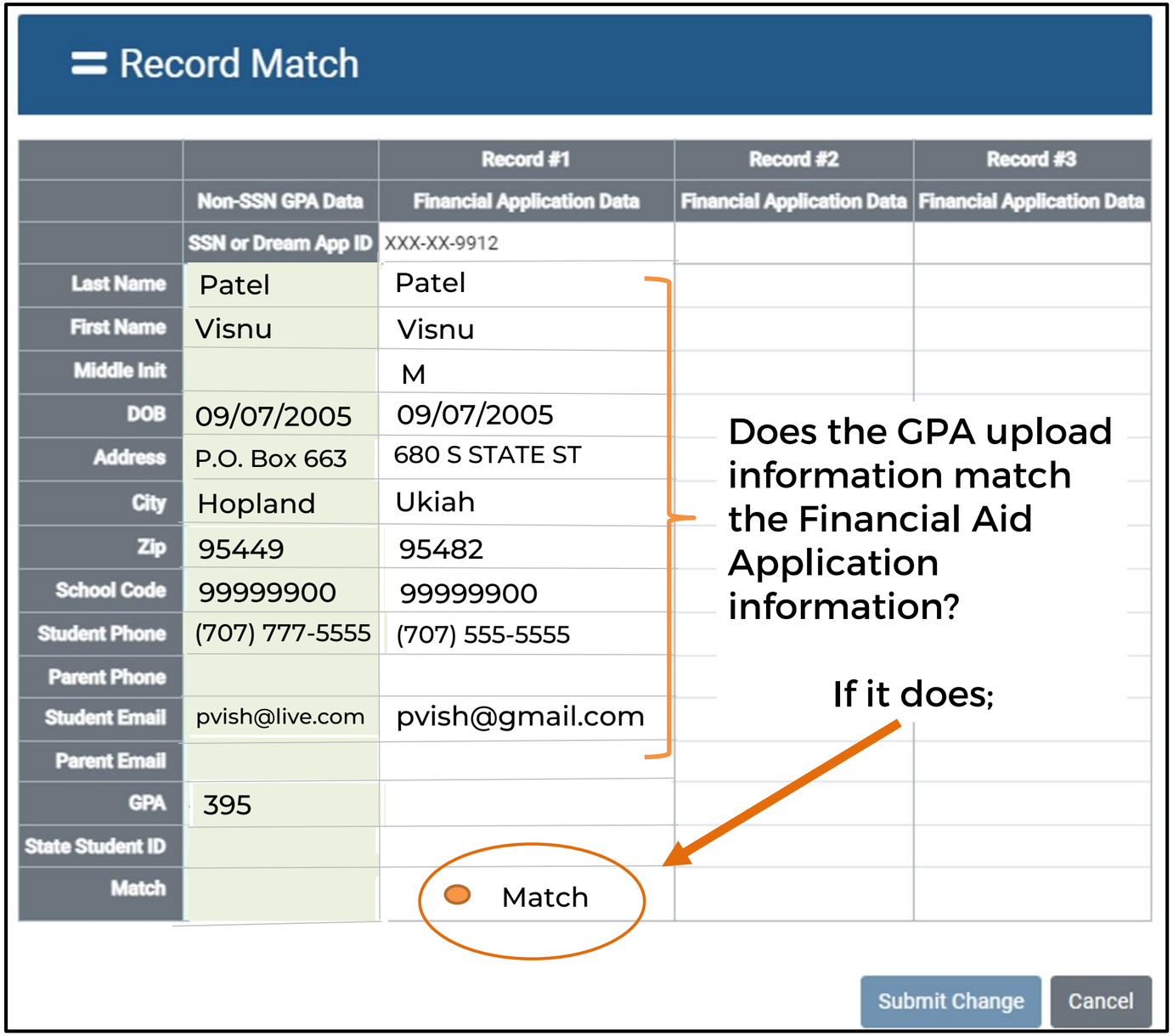
Father's Last Name	**Garcia**	Parent's Email	**garciatrujillofamiliy@yahoo.com**
Mother's Last Name	**Trujillo**	Parent's Phone	818-555-0000

Other Information

State Student ID *	3180001234	School Code * (School Submitting GPA)	050050
CSAC ID		GPA *	**297** (001-400)
School Student ID	**19555**		

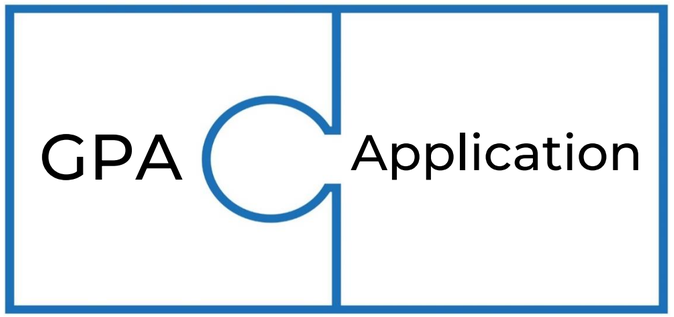
Submit Reset

What is Matching?



Does the GPA upload information match the Financial Aid Application information?

If it does;



Matching allows you to match the uploaded GPA to a financial aid application in the event the system doesn't automatically match them.

An unmatched application will not process for Cal Grant consideration.

Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) Error Messages

If an error message appears when attempting to match GPAs first try to vary your search criteria, or edit the GPA, if applicable. In some cases, students may simply need to correct their FAFSA or Dream Act Application for matching to occur. If it is a Social Security issue (FAFSA) students may need to contact FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) to resolve.

“NO ISIR DATA FOUND FOR SELECTION CRITERIA”

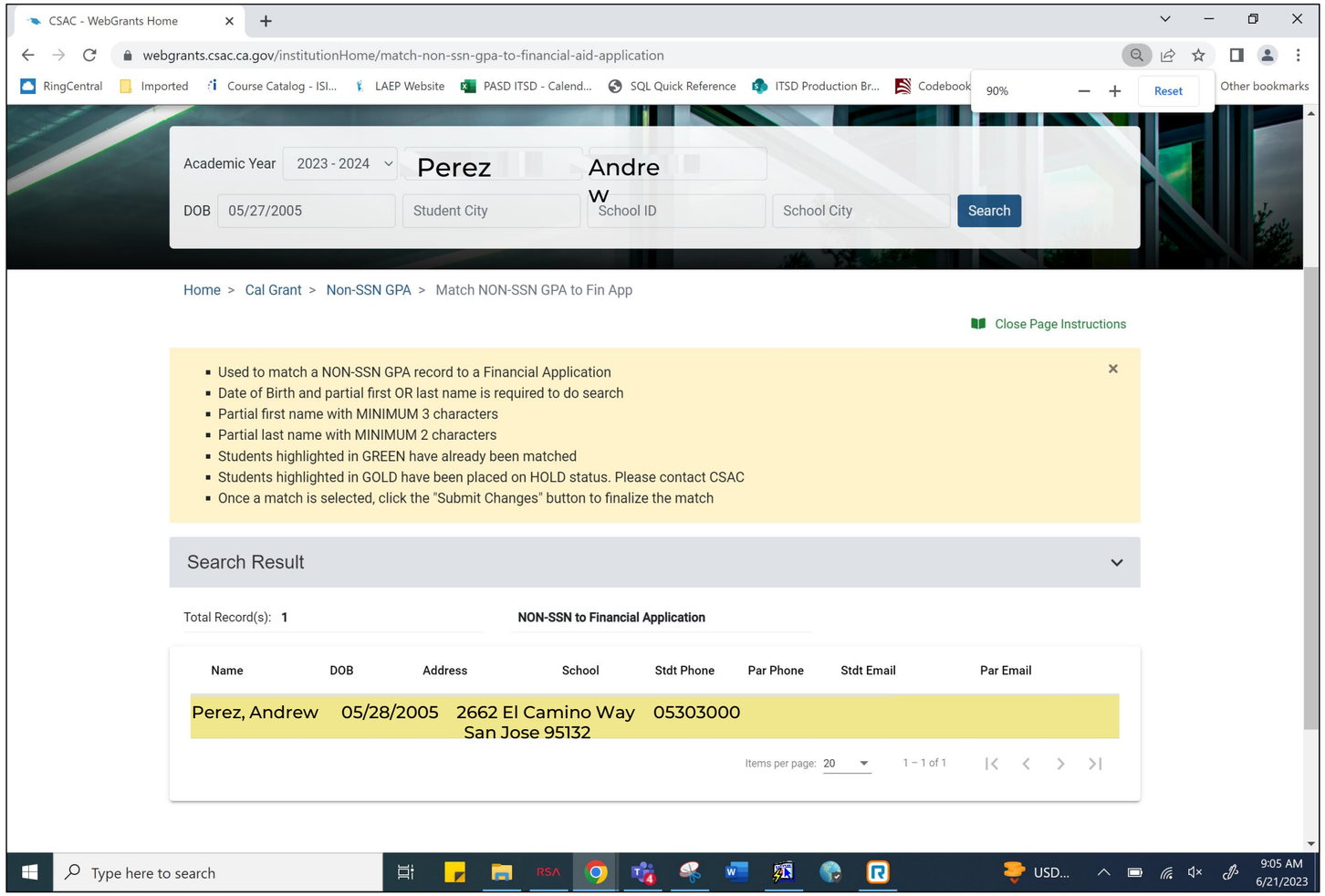
- If you are unable to resolve an issue or see a “NO ISIR DATA” message, please **contact the CSAC Institutional Support Unit for assistance**
- There are several reason you may see the “NO ISIR DATA” message but you will need to contact CSAC to help resolve the issue

New! Counselors Can Now Match Students in the “Gold” Hold Status

Schools previously had to contact CSAC to assist with these students

Schools can now do this directly in WebGrants

A short training video is available on this updated process



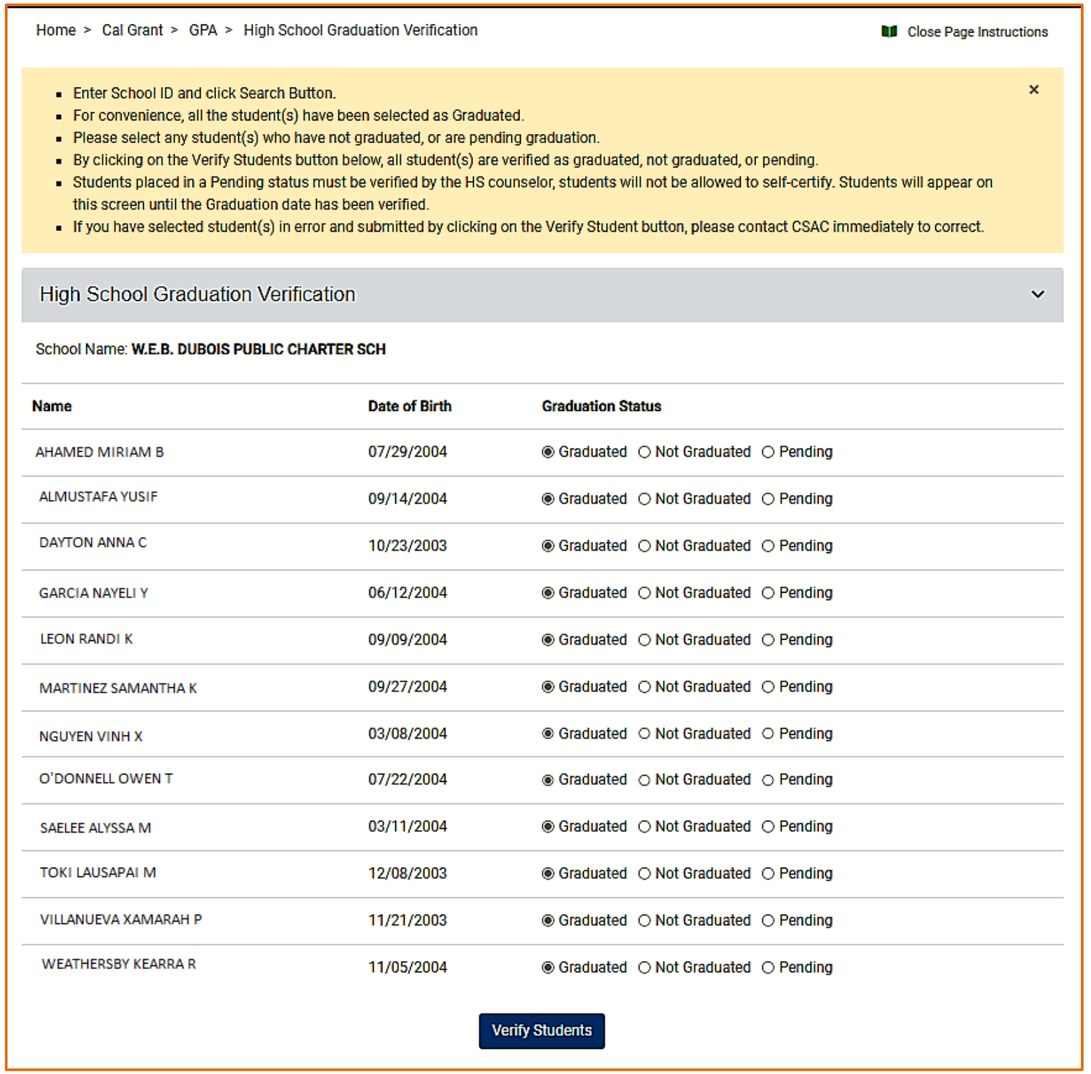
High School Graduation Verification

Graduated: The student meets high school graduation requirements. All students will default to 'Graduated.' Only students with a Cal Grant will populate this list.

Not Graduated: The student is not expected to meet graduation requirements by December 31st of the award year. Students will receive a notification.

***Pending:** Graduation cannot be determined because the student transferred to another school/district OR the student will be working toward meeting graduation requirements. Students will receive a notification.

* Students whose verification reflects as Pending will need to complete the G8 form via WebGrants for Students



Cal Grant awardees may also self-certify high school graduation via their WebGrants for Students portal, causing them to drop off your graduation verification list.

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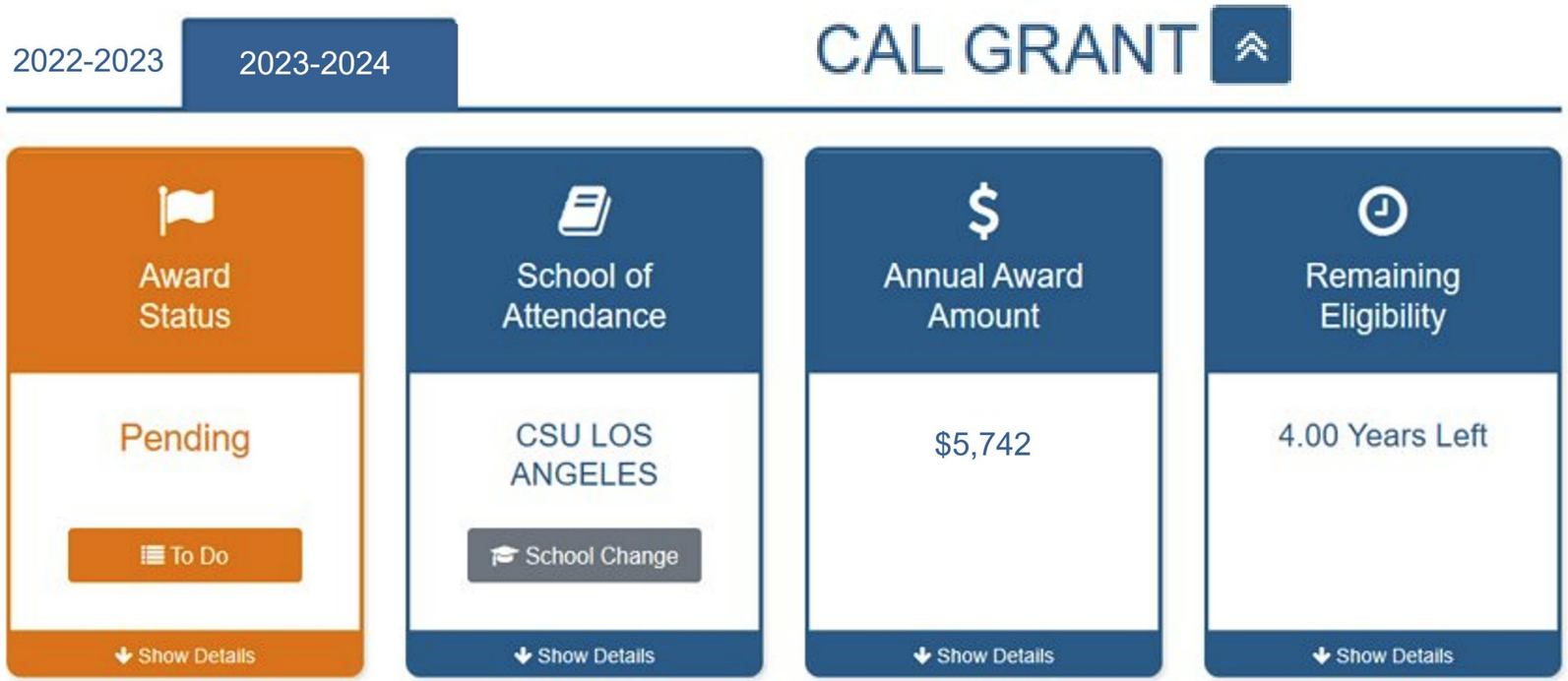
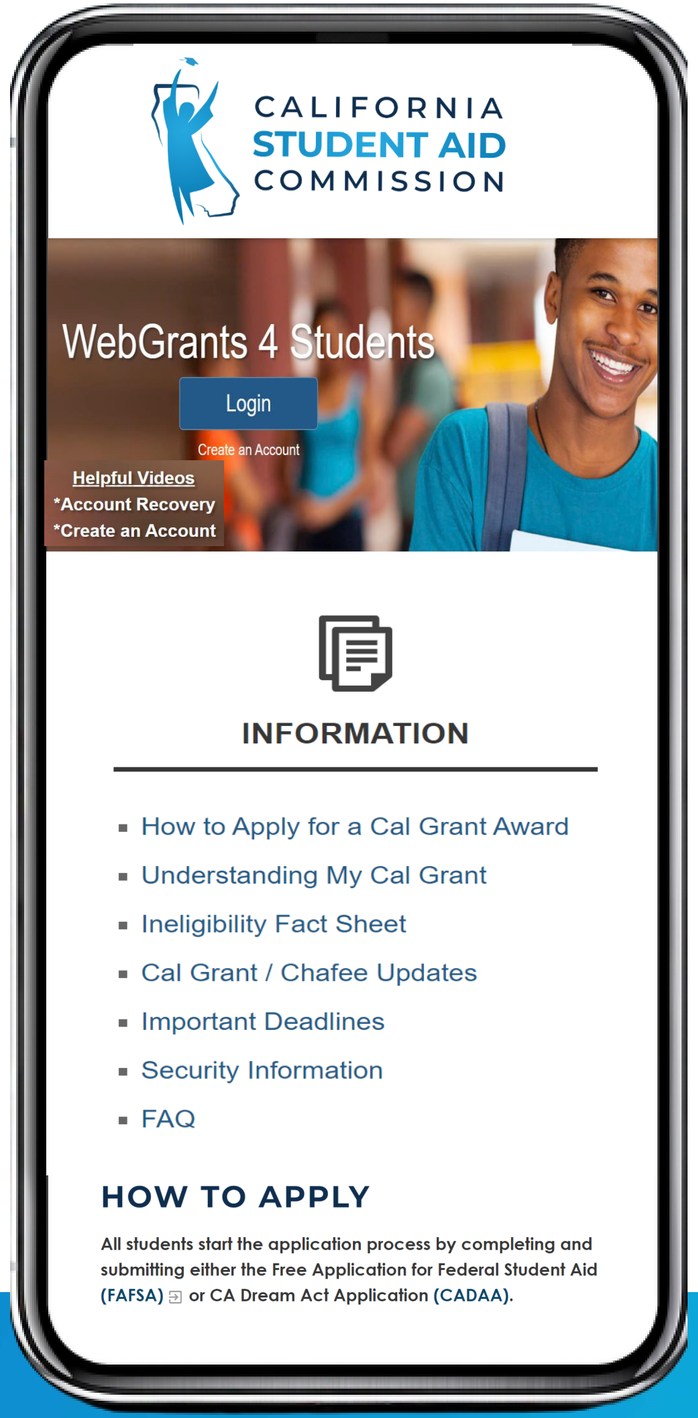
Due for graduating seniors by August 31st each academic year

WebGrants for Students

- Confirm GPA was submitted
- Update cell phone number, e-mail address, home address
- Verify high school graduation
- Confirm college of attendance to remove the hold on your Cal Grant
- Place Cal Grant on hold (Leave of Absence) for up to 2 years





Taking a “Gap Year” (or a semester off)

- High School Students who receive a Cal Grant but don’t wish to use it immediately can place it “on hold” until they return to college

- A Cal Grant ‘Leave of Absence’ can be placed for as little as one quarter/semester or up to 200% of the award eligibility (2 academic years). The holds do not need to be consecutive

- When a Leave of Absence is placed on the Cal Grant, no eligibility is lost for that period

VIDEO

Please see our ‘Putting your Cal Grant on Hold’ video

Helpful Tips

- Have students complete their applications as soon as possible **once applications open in December**, but no later than the **PRIORITY** deadline. If a student misses the Cal Grant filing deadline(s) they **should still apply** as other aid may be available

- Have students apply for financial aid **regardless of income**

- Students should add **at least one California college** on their financial aid application, *even if they plan to study out-of-state*

- Advise students to create their 'WebGrants 4 Students' account at **mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov** after they complete their application

- Remind students to **check their e-mail** (including 'junk' and 'spam' folders) on a regular basis. We recommend that students use a personal email for financial aid or college applications - **not** a school email

- If students have a special circumstance, students need to contact the college **financial aid office** as soon as possible

Resources

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AWESOME CAUSE! AWESOME YOU!

Travis Credit Union is bringing Financial Wellness through various Financial Education Programs as part of our Awesome Cause. We're committed to giving back and making a difference by helping improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

- Young Adult Financial Bootcamp
- College Scholarships
- Financial Education Webinars
- Biz Kid$

3 Ways to Get Started

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traviscu.org/
awesomecause

REGISTER
traviscu.org/
webinars

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CASH FOR COLLEGE

What is a Cash for College Workshop?

- FREE in-person and virtual workshops to help students and families complete FAFSA, CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) or Chafee applications for foster youth or former foster youth
- Typically offered in multiple languages
- For high school and college students and their families
- Financial aid experts and volunteers help complete applications
- Greatly **increases** the number of successful application submissions

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP)

CSAC CALSOAP

Established by the state legislature in 1978, each Cal-SOAP project specializes in serving students within its community so the types of programs and services may differ. However, the projects share the common goal of improving the flow of information about postsecondary education and financial aid awareness to students in need.

Some common services provided by the consortia include advising, FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application assistance, parent outreach, and college awareness workshops.

CSAC Social Media Platforms

@CAStudentAid

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https://www.facebook.com/calstudentaid

https://www.linkedin.com/in/castudentaid/

https://www.youtube.com/user/CaStudentAid

Please Take Our Survey

CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT

The California Student Aid Commission

Recognizes

Recipient Name

Laurie Taylor

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE

Statewide Financial Aid Workshop

9/26/2023 Redding College Options

Marlene L. Garcia

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Tae Kang

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Deputy Director of Program Administration Services Division
California Student Aid Commission

- We send all participants a survey following each workshop
- We encourage you to respond to this survey to give your feedback and to offer ideas or suggestions on what you would like to see added or changed
- Remember, most of the changes we make each year to our trainings come as a result of your input and suggestions

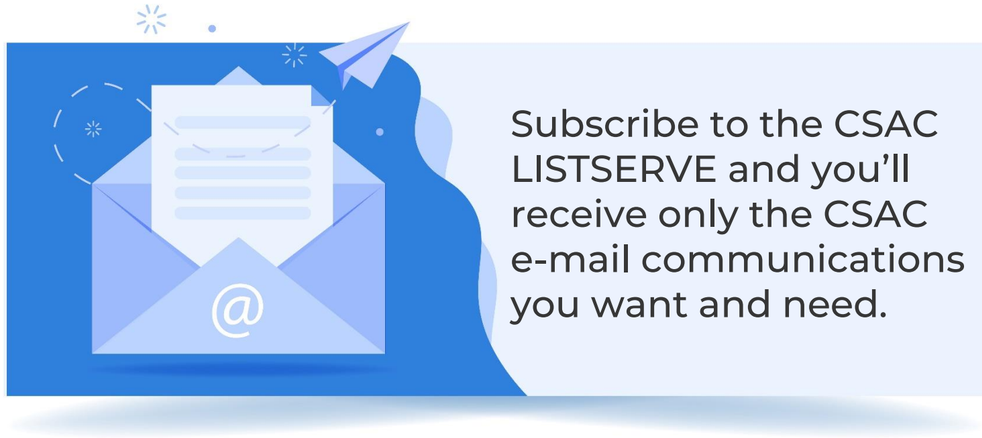
Complete the survey and you will receive a Certificate of Completion

Connect with the California Student Aid Commission

Student Support
888-224-7268
studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

School Support Unit
888- 294-0153
schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Training Unit
training@csac.ca.gov



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