



# Financial Aid To Do List

## For Students Going to College in 2024-2025

Ready to invest in your future by attending university or a career technical college? Follow these steps to ensure you receive the max amount of aid you're eligible for!

### Figure out which application is right for you!

You only need to apply with **ONE** depending on certain qualifications: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

#### Apply with **CADAA** if you:

- Are Undocumented (with or without DACA)
- Have a U-Visa
- Have Temporary Protected Status

#### Apply with **FAFSA** if you:

- Are a U.S. Citizen
- Are a Permanent Resident (Green Card)
- Are an eligible non-citizen

### Gather the required information & documents!

#### If you're the **student**:

- Student FSA ID/Login Info (for FAFSA only)
- Social Security Number (if applicable)
- Alien Registration Number (if applicable)
- 2022 Income Tax Return (if applicable)
- List of schools you're interested in attending

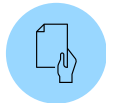
#### If you're the **parent or contributor**:

- Contributor FSA ID/Login Info (for FAFSA only)
- 2022 Income Tax Return
- Amount in checking & saving accounts
- Untaxed income such as child support received
- Assets like businesses, investments, real estate, etc. (Not including retirement or primary residence)

### Apply for financial aid!



**Applications OPEN**  
December 2023



**Priority DEADLINE**  
May 2, 2024 | Sept 3, 2024\*

Questions? Visit [Cash4College.csac.ca.gov](https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov) to get free help from financial aid experts!

**\*Deadline for CA Community College Students**

### Apply for colleges & scholarships!

Research and explore colleges with the **College Scorecard**. Keep track of each school's admission application deadlines and fees!



Apply to as many scholarships as possible for free money! Use **College Board's Scholarship Search Tool** or research local community scholarships!



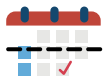
### Check on your financial aid status!

Application is submitted and gets processed

Create an account or sign in: [castudentaid.org/webgrants](https://castudentaid.org/webgrants) to check on your state aid and Cal Grant status

Student Aid Index is calculated and shared with schools

Schools send a financial aid offer letter after acceptance



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