

FINANCIAL AID IN 5 STEPS

HIGH SCHOOLERS & PARENTS: MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON TRACK TO APPLY AND QUALIFY FOR FREE FINANCIAL AID!

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CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

Make the decision to **invest in your future by pursuing an education beyond high school**. By attending a college, university, or vocational school you can open doors to gain new skills, expand your career options, and earn more income throughout your lifetime.



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APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Submit the **2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)** by the **state priority deadline of May 2, 2024** to get the most financial aid. Community College students have until **September 3, 2024**.

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GET HELP WITH APPLYING

Join our free **Cash for College workshops** for help with completing a **FAFSA** or **CADAA**. Financial aid experts can answer all of your questions. We can help you finish and submit your application on the same day!



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EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Apply for as many scholarships as you can – they are a type of free aid! Check application deadlines to ensure you apply on time. Research and start touring colleges, universities, and vocational schools that help you reach your goals.



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CHECK YOUR STATUS

Create a **WebGrants 4 Students account** to track your financial aid status. Check your email and other messages for other pending items and requested documents.

Before making a decision, understand what each school is offering in aid and compare costs of attendance. Try using the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial aid tool**.

