

ALL IN FOR FAFSA/CADAA

FACT SHEET FOR ALL IN FOR FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) AND CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION (CADAA)

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Starting in the 2022-23 school year, high schools and school districts (Local Educational Agencies) must ensure that 12th graders complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)**.

WHY?

All students deserve to continue their education beyond high school. Completing the FAFSA/CADAA provides access to various financial aid resources that will help reduce the cost of attendance.

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

The combination of grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, student loans, and other forms of aid to help students finance their higher education.

ALL IN INFO



California ranks #1 in the nation in total financial aid:

**\$3.5
BILLION**



**LET'S GO
ALL IN FOR
FAFSA/
CADAA**

WHEN TO APPLY

The FAFSA and CADAA open on **October 1 every year.**

Students and their families are encouraged to **apply as early as possible to maximize financial aid opportunities** unless the student has formally submitted an opt-out waiver.

FAFSA VS CADAA

Students only need to fill out ONE of these depending on their residential status.

FAFSA: Student is a US citizen, permanent resident, T-Visa holder, or other eligible noncitizen.

CADAA: Student is undocumented (with or without DACA), has Temporary Protected Status, or is a U-Visa holder.

GET HELP WITH APPLYING

Our financial aid experts offer free assistance to students and families to complete their FAFSA or CADAA applications and answer any financial aid related questions.

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