



Greetings Families,

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” completion! CSAC is the state agency responsible for administering state financial aid. We are working with your local high school to ensure your student has the resources they need to apply for financial aid for education beyond high school.

What is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act”?

“All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” is the initiative that assists school districts with ensuring that high school seniors complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Completing these applications increase students’ access to financial aid, which includes the Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Community College Promise Grant, and so much more. By connecting students to critical financial aid, “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” supports California’s vision to increase access to higher education and connect more students with over \$3.5 billion in state-based financial aid each year.

How does this impact you and your student?

Receiving financial aid can help you and your student handle the costs associated with higher education. By completing and submitting the FAFSA or CADAA, students will be processed for federal aid (FAFSA applicants only), state aid, institutional aid, and student loan eligibility, unless the student has completed the formal opt-out process. Students will have an estimate of most of the financial aid they can receive within a short time of submitting their application. This can help with making an informed decision about pursuing a college, university, or vocational school.

Here's how we can help

We provide the resources needed for you and your student to complete the application. The FAFSA and CADAA open on October 1st and you should submit by March 2nd to maximize federal and state financial aid opportunities. You and your student can attend [Cash for College Workshops](#) – both virtual and in person – for free assistance with completing the FAFSA or the CADAA. The application takes just a short amount of time to fill out and you can find a list of items that you will need to complete the applications and nearby workshops [here](#).

Questions?

For more information visit our website at: csac.ca.gov