




Good Morning!

- We will begin about 8:30 AM
 - We sent an e-mail yesterday with the PDF versions of the PowerPoints we will use today. Check your spam/junk e-mail if you didn't receive it. Contact us at outreachandtraining@csac.ca.gov if you need us to re-send it
 - Yes! We are working on getting a recorded version of this workshop online. We will notify everyone when that becomes available
 - New workshop dates just became available for October, November and December
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**For the 2022-23
Academic Year**

CSAC



**CALIFORNIA
STUDENT AID
COMMISSION**

2021 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

A group of five diverse young adults are laughing joyfully outdoors. From left to right: a Black woman with large hoop earrings and a red top; a young man in a red and black plaid shirt; a young woman with long red hair; a young man in a yellow sweater and black beanie; and a young woman with long purple hair in a red jacket. They are all smiling broadly and looking towards the right. The background shows a building with a statue on top under a cloudy sky.

Welcome Back Everyone!

2021 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

Thanks to Our Partners

The California Community Colleges Student
Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA)

California Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators (CAFSAA)



Agenda

- 1 Updates
- 2 Commission Programs
- 3 High Schools: Doing Your Part
- 4 CA Dream Act Application
- 5 Resources



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Let's Take a Quick Poll!



CSAC Updates & New Programs



- Grant Delivery System Modernization
- Community College Cal Grant Expansion
- California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant
- Students with Dependent Children
- Foster Youth Cal Grant Expansion
- Golden State Teacher Grant Program
- Award Increase for Private, non-profit Institutions
- New Chatbot Feature on the CSAC Website
- Cal Grant Reform under Consideration



Additional resource material to assist you!

2021-22 STATEWIDE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP LINKS		
Please note that the links follow in the same, approximate order as the information which appears in the PowerPoint presentation. See corresponding slide number for each slide. Questions? Please contact outreachandtraining@csac.ca.gov		
Slide#	Content	Link
(NA)	California Student Aid Commission Home Page	www.csac.ca.gov
3	The California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA)	www.cccsfaaa.org
3	California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA)	www.casfaa.org
8	First Time WebGrants Login Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvctQbbVY8
9 & 10	California Student Aid Commission Home	www.csac.ca.gov
11	California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) CSAC SPECIAL ALERT)	https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/gsa_2021-23.pdf?1625160274
12	California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG)	www.csac.ca.gov/dsig
13	Students with Dependents	https://www.csac.ca.gov/students-dependents
14	John Burton Advocates for Youth	www.jbay.org/college
14	Foster Youth Access Award (CSAC Special Alert)	https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/gsa_2021-31.pdf?1628211996
NA	Cal Grant B for Foster Youth	https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-b-foster-youth-award

Grant Delivery System Modernization Project



The new Grant Delivery System Modernization Project (**GDSM**) replaced CSAC's WebGrants System with a more robust and improved user-friendly system.



- New WebGrants for Student's portal – **Complete!**
- Updated Chafee Application – **Complete!**
- Updated WebGrants for Institutions – **Launched!**
- Updated California Dream Act Application – **Coming soon!**

New Cal Grant Expansion for CCC Students



- \$155.4 million to remove barriers to Cal Grant entitlements based on age and time out of high school for California Community College students
- Will **greatly increase** the number of students eligible for financial aid at California Community Colleges
- Competitive Awards drop from 41,000 to 13,000 with a March 2nd deadline

Please visit: www.csac.ca.gov



Cal Grant Expansion for California Community College Students

- In lieu of a high school GPA, applicants may submit a CCC GPA (at least 2.4 on a 4.0 scale for a Cal Grant A; 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for Cal Grant B) or can re-establish their GPA by completing at least 16 units of credit at CCC with at least a 2.0 GPA, as defined by CSAC regulations
- Students must apply no later than September 2
- Students receiving an award in this new program may remain eligible to receive their award after they transfer to a UC or CSU.
- Students transferring to a private institution, however, will be considered for a Transfer Entitlement or Competitive Cal Grant

Please visit: www.csac.ca.gov

California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant



California **D**reamer
Service **I**ncentive **G**rant
"DSIG"

- 2,500 Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grants of up to \$3,000 per year
- Eligible students must perform at least 100 hours per quarter or 150 hours per semester of community or volunteer service and attend a California public or independent institution.
- CSAC will administer the program
- Check CSAC List Serve e-mails for updates or visit the link shown here for an overview of the program for students

Program details: www.csac.ca.gov/dsig



To be considered you'll need:

- ✓ A completed and successfully submitted California Dream Act Application
- ✓ To be enrolled at a Cal Grant eligible school
- ✓ An active Cal Grant B Award for the corresponding academic year through a California Dream Act Application
- ✓ Sufficient financial need to qualify

Students With Dependent Children

- For students attending *public* institutions
- The **Cal Grant A** Access award (including CCC reserve students) is a yearly maximum of **\$6,000**
- The current **Cal Grant B** Access award is a yearly maximum of **\$6,000**
- The current **Cal Grant C** books & supplies award is a yearly maximum of **\$4,000**
- Students indicate if they have a dependent child on the **financial aid application**



NEW! Foster Youth Access Award

Current and former foster youth receiving a Cal Grant will now qualify for an access award of up to \$6,000 for non-tuition expenses

\$20 million in additional funding to increase access awards for former or current foster youth at California public schools

	Regular Access Award	NEW Foster Youth Access Award
Cal Grant A Access:	N/A	Up to \$6,000
Cal Grant B Access:	\$1,648	Up to \$6,000
Cal Grant C Books & Supplies:	\$1,094	Up to \$4,000

Effective 2021-2022

For students who were in foster youth between the ages of 16-18.

New or renewal students receiving a Cal Grant A or B qualify for up to a \$6,000 maximum yearly award

New or renewal students receiving a Cal Grant C qualify for up to a \$4,000 maximum yearly award. Students are **still eligible for the Chafee Grant** in addition to these new award amounts



Golden State Teacher Grant Program (GSTG)

- The Golden State Teacher Grant Program (GSTG) encourages students to consider earning a teaching credential and teach in a high-need field, at a priority school within five years after completing a teacher preparation program
- The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will award \$20,000 Golden State Teacher Grants to over 4,400 eligible students across California

Cal Grant Award Increase for Private, Non-profit Institutions



\$9,084 to \$9,220

Increases to the Cal Grant award amount for students at private, non-profits to \$9,220, an increase of \$136 from \$9,084

Increase to Cal Grant awards for students at private, non-profit institutions takes effect immediately for this current academic year



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WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS

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May I help you?

Hi! I'm the California Student Aid Commission Chatbot. Please select below, or click me to ask a question or to see more choices.



Cal Grants 🎓

Applications 📄



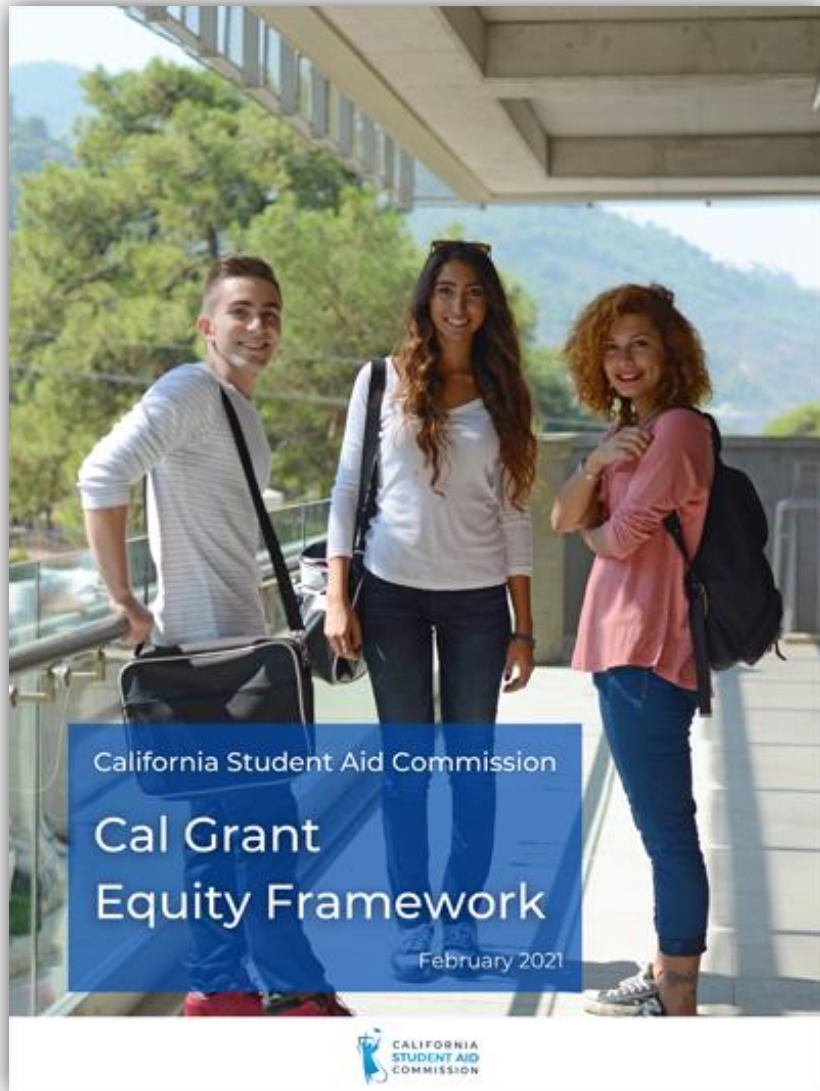
New Chatbot Feature on the CSAC Website!

Proposed Cal Grant Reform

Efforts to streamline and simplify the current Cal Grant system will make California's financial aid system more accessible to students who need support the most, including low-income students, student-parents, and returning learners

Under a **new legislative proposal** – AB 1456 (Medina, McCarty)—Cal Grant awards would reach nearly 200,000 more students and be restructured to better meet students' needs while maintaining existing levels of support for middle-class families. **Please note that this is only a proposal (among others) and not new legislation**

The California Student Aid Commission supports AB 1456



New

Financial Aid Application Completion Requirement

- Adopts a requirement that local education agencies will confirm that **all their graduating seniors** complete a financial aid application or an opt-out waiver
- Requirement for local education agencies **begins in the 2022-23 High School** academic year (for 2023 High School Graduates)
- Requires the Commission to develop **regulations and standardized forms**
- Allows a student **to opt out for any reason** and ensures they are not penalized
Schools must use a standardized opt-out form
- Allows **legal services organizations** and **immigrant resource centers** to aid schools

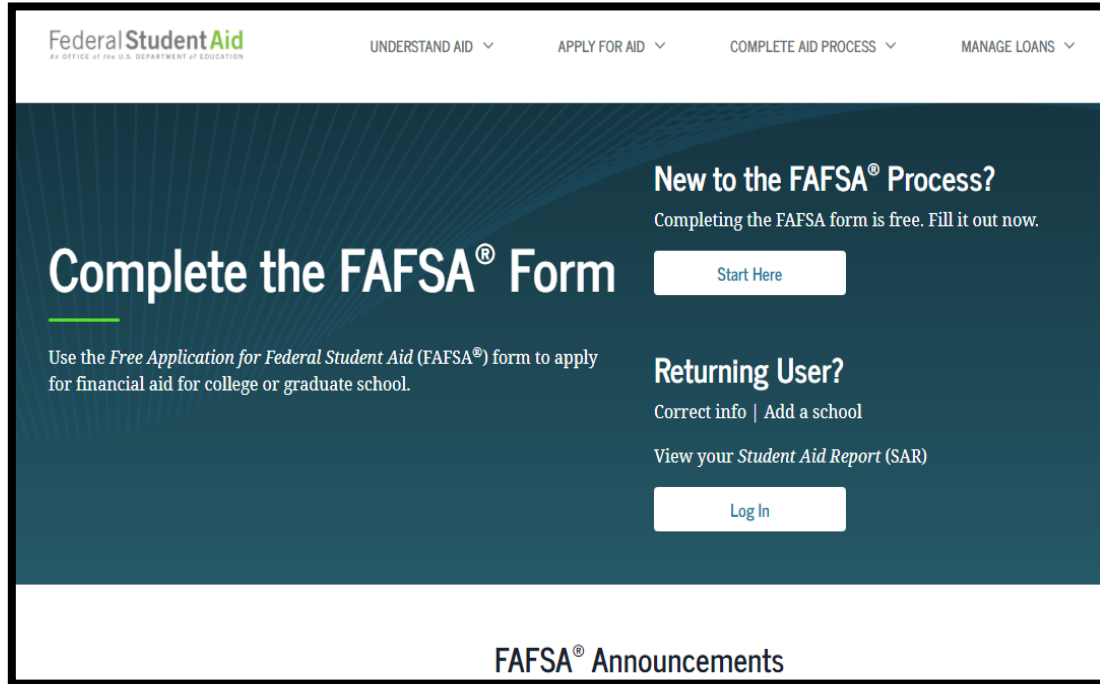
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AB 469 requirement begins in the **2022-23** academic year

Commission Programs

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Two Applications in California



Federal Student Aid
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UNDERSTAND AID ▾ APPLY FOR AID ▾ COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾ MANAGE LOANS ▾

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

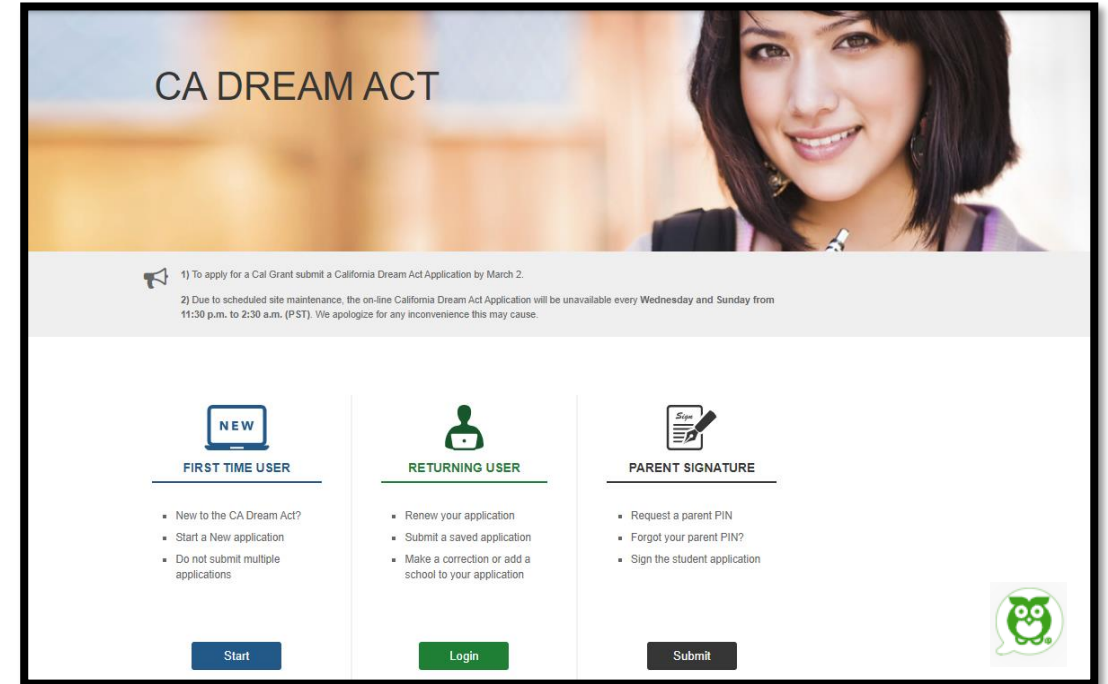
New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*
[Log In](#)

FAFSA® Announcements


FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



CA DREAM ACT


1) To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by March 2.
2) Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



FIRST TIME USER

- New to the CA Dream Act?
- Start a New application
- Do not submit multiple applications


[Start](#)



RETURNING USER

- Renew your application
- Submit a saved application
- Make a correction or add a school to your application


[Login](#)



PARENT SIGNATURE

- Request a parent PIN
- Forgot your parent PIN?
- Sign the student application

[Submit](#)



CADAA

(California Dream Act Application)



**March
2nd**

- **PRIORITY CAL GRANT DEADLINE** for high school seniors and previous year high school graduates
- Students attending any Cal Grant Eligible School should apply by this date
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement & Competitive awards
- **Applications open on October 1st** (don't wait until March!)

Note: Final day for high schools to upload GPAs



Sept
2nd

- **NEW** Cal Grant A & B deadline for Students enrolled at a California Community College (CCC)
- **NEW** Students receiving an award at a CCC may remain eligible to receive their award after they transfer to a UC or CSU
- **NEW** Students transferring to a private institution may be considered for a Transfer Entitlement or Competitive Cal Grant
- Foster youth who qualify for Cal Grant 'B' by Sept 2nd may also be considered *High School Entitlement* applicants

To apply for aid for the 2022-2023 academic year you will use tax information from the 'prior-prior' year, i.e., 2020.

Tax information is always from 2 years ago

There is no need to update your tax information on the financial aid application once you do your current taxes



2022-2023 applications open **October 1st**



A

Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	(Non WASC) For Profit	(WASC) For Profit
CC Reserve to \$6,000	\$5,742	\$12,570	\$9,220	\$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* +	\$12,570* +	\$9,220* +	\$4,000* +	\$8,056* +
	\$1,648	\$1,648	\$1,648	\$1,648	\$1,648

* Beginning year 2

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



Watch our "Cal Grant" video for complete overview

Students enrolled at a UC or CSU whose income exceeds the limits for a Cal Grant, will automatically be considered for the **Middle Class Scholarship** if they applied on time with the FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application by March 2nd



Income/asset ceiling:
\$191,000

CSU Max award: **\$2,298**

UC Max award: **\$5,028**

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
VOUCHER PROGRAM

for Foster Youth



The **Chafee Grant** is available to current and former foster youth who were dependent or wards of the court, living in foster care, for at least 1 day between the ages of 16-18. It will pay up to \$5,000 per academic year for eligible participants.

Information for All Financial Aid Programs on our Website



FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

csac.ca.gov

View All >



CAL GRANT

Free money for California students attending UC, CSU, Community College, or qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools.

[Learn more about Cal Grant](#)

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides undergraduate students, including students pursuing a teaching credential, with family incomes and assets up to \$184,000.

[Learn more about MCS](#)

CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

If you are or were in foster care between the ages of 16 and 18 and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for postsecondary education including career and technical training.

[Learn more about Chafee Grant Program](#)

CALIFORNIA MILITARY DEPARTMENT (CMD) GI BILL AWARD PROGRAM

The CMD GI Bill issues educational awards to qualifying members of the California Army or Air National Guard, California State Guard and the California Naval Militia.

[Learn more about CA National Guard](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL DEPENDENTS

Need-based educational grant for dependents and spouses of firefighters and law enforcement who became fully disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty.

[Learn more about LEPD](#)

THE GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT

Grants to encourage students to consider earning a teaching credential and teaching in a high-need field for four years, at priority schools in California within five years after completing a teacher preparation program.

[Learn more about The Golden State Teacher Grant](#)

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Congratulations
2022
CLASS OF



High Schools: Doing Your Part



SEPTEMBER – Provide Demographic Verification Form to seniors, prior to GPA upload

BY OCTOBER 1st - Upload GPAs by October 1st


BY JANUARY 1st - Notify juniors of GPA Opt-Out option

WEEKLY - Edit unmatched GPAs every week

WEEKLY - Match edited GPAs to corresponding FAFSA/CADAA every week

WEEKLY - Assist seniors with creating My Grant Info accounts and checking their status

AUGUST 31st Verify high school graduation by 8/31



Cal Grant GPA Demographic Verification

Your high school will submit your GPA with the information you provide on this form. It is important for you to ensure your demographic information on your financial aid application and college applications is consistent with information on a valid form of ID. The Cal Grant filing period is **October 1 – March 2**. Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for FAFSA applicants or <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> for California Dream Act applicants.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL

- Last Name**
- First Name and Middle Initial**
- Date of Birth**

Month Day Year
- Mailing Address**

Number and Street

City State Zip

CLASS OF 2022

INSTRUCTIONS

Student Instructions
Please return this form to your school.

- Student Last Name:** Enter your Last Name *exactly* as it appears on a valid form of ID (Social Security Card, State Issued ID or Birth Certificate)
- Student First Name:** Enter your First Name and Middle Initial (if applicable), *exactly* as it appears on a valid form of ID (Social Security Card, State Issued ID or Birth Certificate)
- Student Date of Birth:** Enter your date of birth in MM DD YYYY format. For example, June 25, 2001 should be entered as 06 25 2001.
- Student Mailing Address:** Enter your permanent mailing address, street address, city, state and zip code.

School Instructions
Please update this student's contact information in your school records, in time for GPA submission. Visit www.csac.ca.gov/post/privacy-policy for the California Student Aid Commission's privacy statement.

https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g-28_cal_grant_gpa_demographic_verification.pdf

G-28 (10/20)



GPA Demographic Verification Form

To avoid matching issues, we recommend:

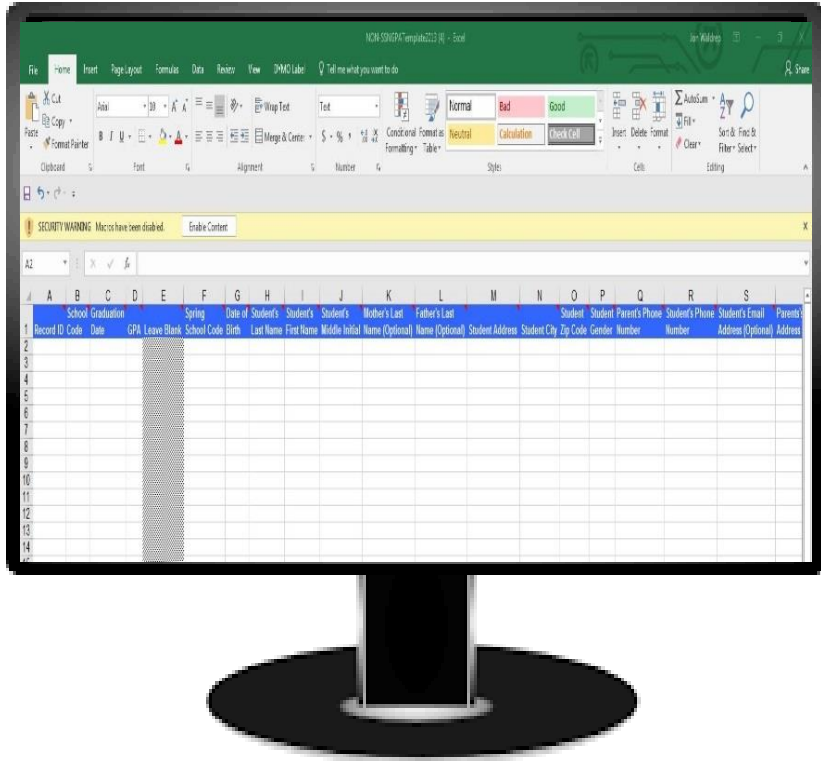
Asking your senior class to verify their demographic information prior to the GPA upload by using a form such as the Cal Grant GPA Demographic Verification Form pictured here (or using your own).

Or provide your senior class with the demographic information which will be used on the GPA upload to ensure it is current.



Uploading GPAs

- In order to upload GPAs you must have WebGrants Access
- Some Student Information Systems (SIS) can create the text file you need to upload
- GPAs are typically uploaded in a text file created by using our, macro-enabled, Excel spreadsheet
- We recommend you download and print our Non-SSN Upload User Guide



Please check our updated **Non-SSN GPA Upload User Guide** for complete upload instructions



Notify juniors of GPA Opt-Out option

- California Education Code requires that students in 11th grade (and for minors, their parents/guardians) be given the opportunity to Opt-Out of being automatically considered as a Cal Grant applicant
- Notification to Opt-Out of the Cal Grant program, should be sent in writing, no later than January 1st of a student's junior year
- School districts and charter schools who have not notified their current juniors, are advised to send notifications as soon as possible and prior to the end of the academic year

Cal Grant GPA Opt-Out Form

In order to be considered for a Cal Grant, California public high schools and charter schools are required to submit a high school Grade Point Average (GPA) to the California Student Aid Commission by October 1 for all graduating seniors, unless the student or parent has opted out. California Education Code section 69432.9 requires the school district or charter school, to notify all grade 11 pupils and their parent/guardian (if under the age of 18), in writing and no later than January 1 of a pupil's grade 11 academic year, that the pupil will be deemed a Cal Grant applicant unless the pupil has opted out prior to the date below (as specified by the high school). Students who do not opt out will have their GPA submitted to the Commission to be considered for a Cal Grant award.

If you **do not** want your school to report a GPA, please complete this form and return it to your high school counselor by

GPA's will be submitted to the Commission starting

STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Please print your LAST NAME

2. Please print your FIRST NAME and MIDDLE INITIAL

3. Please print your MAILING ADDRESS

Number and Street

City State ZIP

4. Please print your DATE OF BIRTH (MM DD YYYY)

5. Please print your EMAIL ADDRESS

By signing this form, I am electing **not** to have my school report my high school Cal Grant GPA information to the California Student Aid Commission for use in the Cal Grant application process.

Student Signature _____ Student Phone Number _____ Date _____

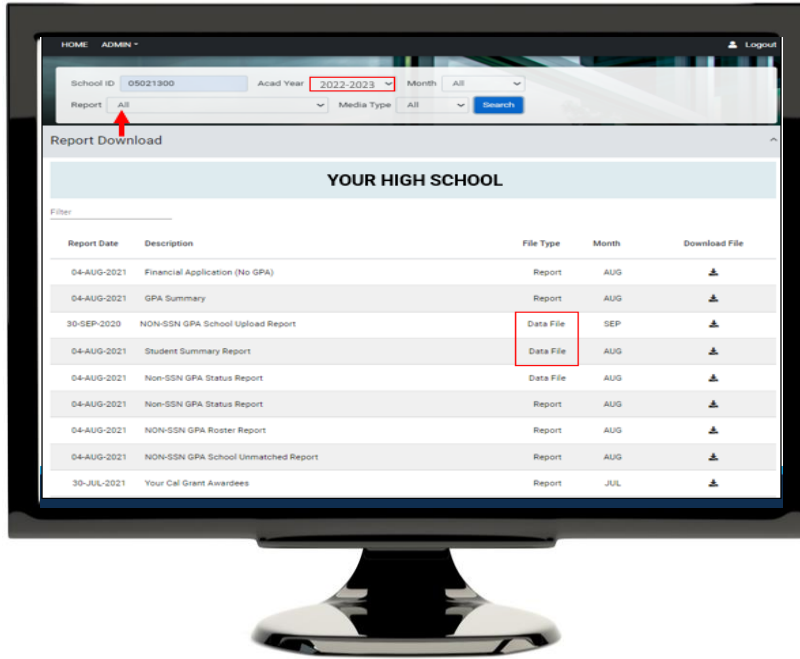
The student named on this form is under the age of 18. I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named minor, and I do not authorize the release of his/her high school GPA information to the California Student Aid Commission for use in the Cal Grant application process.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Parent Phone Number _____ Date _____

Print Parent Name _____ Parent email address _____

Please visit www.caac.ca.gov/post/privacy-policy for the California Student Aid Commission's privacy statement.
GPA OPT-OUT | February 2019

Check your reports on WebGrants every week, beginning in late October, to see which students are not matching



WEEKLY PLAN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN



Edit **unmatched GPAs** every week



Match edited GPAs to corresponding FAFSA/CADAA every week



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About a week after a student has completed their financial aid application, they should create their **WebGrants for Students** account by going to mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

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WebGrants 4 Students

Login

Create an Account

Helpful Videos

*Account Recovery

*Create an Account

NEW

mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov



Reminder

We sent an e-mail yesterday with the PDF versions of the PowerPoints we are using today. Check your spam/junk e-mail if you didn't receive it. Contact us at outreachandtraining@csac.ca.gov if you need us to re-send it

That was awesome! Let's take a 5-minute break!

The “No Cal Grant Zone”

- Students must meet certain **income** and **GPA** requirements to be considered for a Cal Grant
- A student may be over the **income ceiling** for Cal Grant B, but not have the minimum GPA of 3.0 for a Cal Grant A
- **THOUSANDS** of students don't receive a Cal Grant because they don't meet the 3.0 **GPA requirement** for Cal Grant A



- ✓ Cal Grant Type
- ✓ Family Size
- ✓ Family Income

2022-23 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$135,000	\$74,100
Five	\$125,100	\$68,700
Four	\$116,800	\$61,400
Three	\$107,500	\$55,200
Two	\$104,900	\$49,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$42,800	\$42,800
Married, no other dependents	\$49,000	\$49,000

Who qualifies for a Potential Cal Grant?



Jorge
GPA: 2.87
Family Size: 4
Income: 58K

Angela
GPA: 3.87
Family Size: 5
Income: 47k

Peter
GPA: 2.99
Family Size: 3
Income: 95k

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Please share this information with students/families

Taking a “Gap Year”

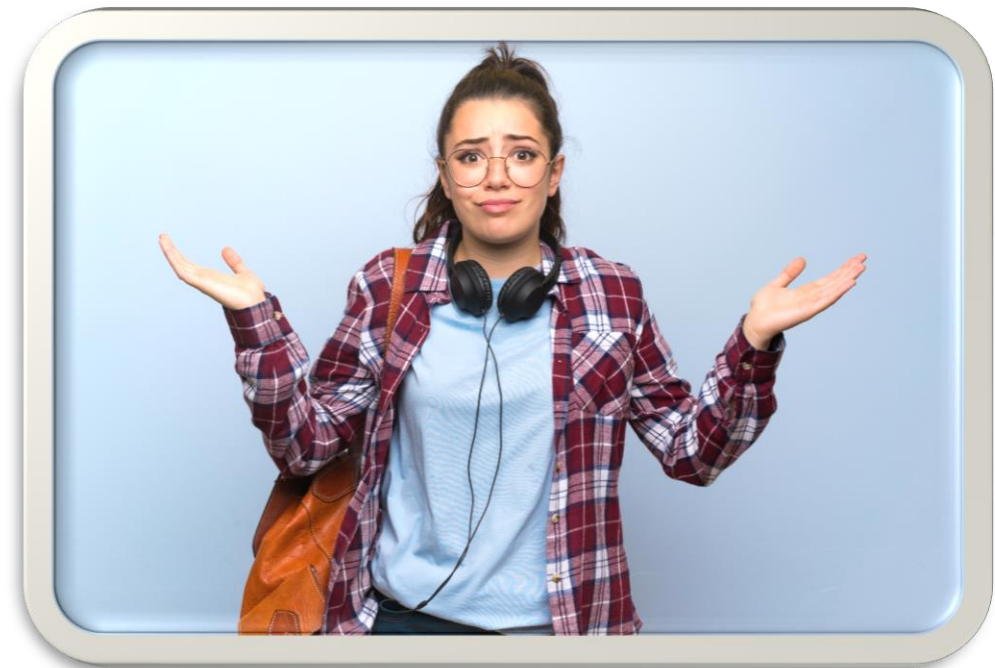


- High School Students who receive a Cal Grant but don't wish to use it immediately can place it “on hold” for up to two academic years
- A Cal Grant ‘Leave of Absence’ (LA) can be placed for as little as one semester or up to 200% of the award eligibility (2 years). The holds do not need to be consecutive
- The student, the college or CSAC are all able to place an LA on the award, but we recommend the student does it via their WebGrants 4 Students account
- When a Leave of Absence is placed on the Cal Grant, no eligibility is lost for that period
- **Failure to place a “Leave of Absence,” or LA, on an active Cal Grant may result in losing the award**



Putting your Cal Grant on hold

“I’m a first-year college student at a community college and I have a Cal Grant B. I know I can put it on hold for two years, or even more, but I don’t know if I should. What do you advise? Should I put a hold on my Cal Grant B Access Award until I transfer to a four year?”



*TO HOLD
OR NOT TO
HOLD...?*

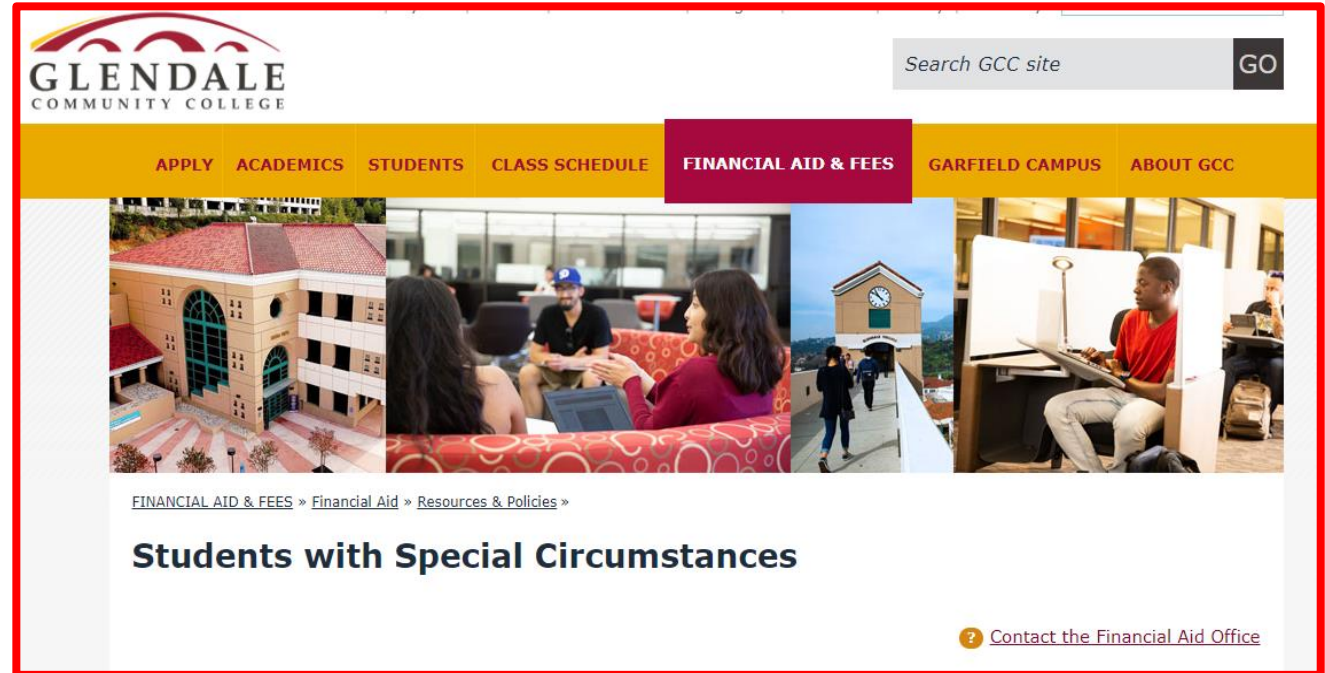


Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
4 Years Remain	3 Years Remain	2 Years Remain	1 Year Remains
Community College Access Only		Four Year University Access + Tuition/Fees	

Special Circumstances

College Financial Aid Administrators have the authority to make certain adjustments to the information presented on the FAFSA or CADAA to help account for the unusual circumstances our students and their families encounter.

- Loss of job/income
- COVID-19 related hardships
- Divorce
- Death in the family
- Unexpected medical expenses
- Adverse home situations
- Dependency status
- Loss of home due to fire, etc.



The screenshot shows the Glendale Community College website. The header includes the college logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu with categories: APPLY, ACADEMICS, STUDENTS, CLASS SCHEDULE, FINANCIAL AID & FEES (highlighted), GARFIELD CAMPUS, and ABOUT GCC. Below the navigation is a banner with four images: a building, a group of people in a meeting, a person walking on a path, and a person working at a computer. The main heading reads 'Students with Special Circumstances'. A breadcrumb trail shows 'FINANCIAL AID & FEES > Financial Aid > Resources & Policies >'. A link at the bottom right says 'Contact the Financial Aid Office'.

PJ = “Professional Judgement”

Have students complete their applications as soon as possible **beginning October 1st**, but no later than the March 2nd **PRIORITY** deadline

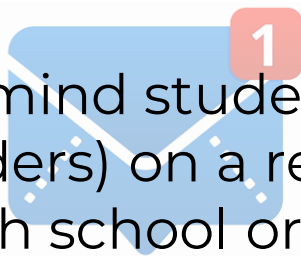


Have students apply for financial aid **regardless of income**

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

Instruct your students to go to **mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov** to create their 'WebGrants 4 Students' account after they complete their application. Students can check their status and **confirm that a GPA has been uploaded**

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





TIP

Financial aid offer letters are not standardized. Each one is different. Read, compare and evaluate each financial aid offer with care.

When can students expect to receive a financial aid offer?

Generally, 2-to-3 weeks after acceptance at a four-year college and late spring to early summer from a community college.

Can aid offers change?

Yes! Offers can change based on further verification, budget finalization or other changes. That's why an initial aid offer is often referred to as “estimated”, “pending” or “tentative”.

Sample Award Letter

Financial Aid		\$26,015		
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS				
University Grant	Fall	Spring	Total	
	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,323	\$1,323	\$2,645	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$400	\$400	\$800	
Cal Grant	\$6,285	\$6,285	\$12,570	
Private Scholarships	\$750	\$750	\$1,500	
LOANS				
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,500	
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	

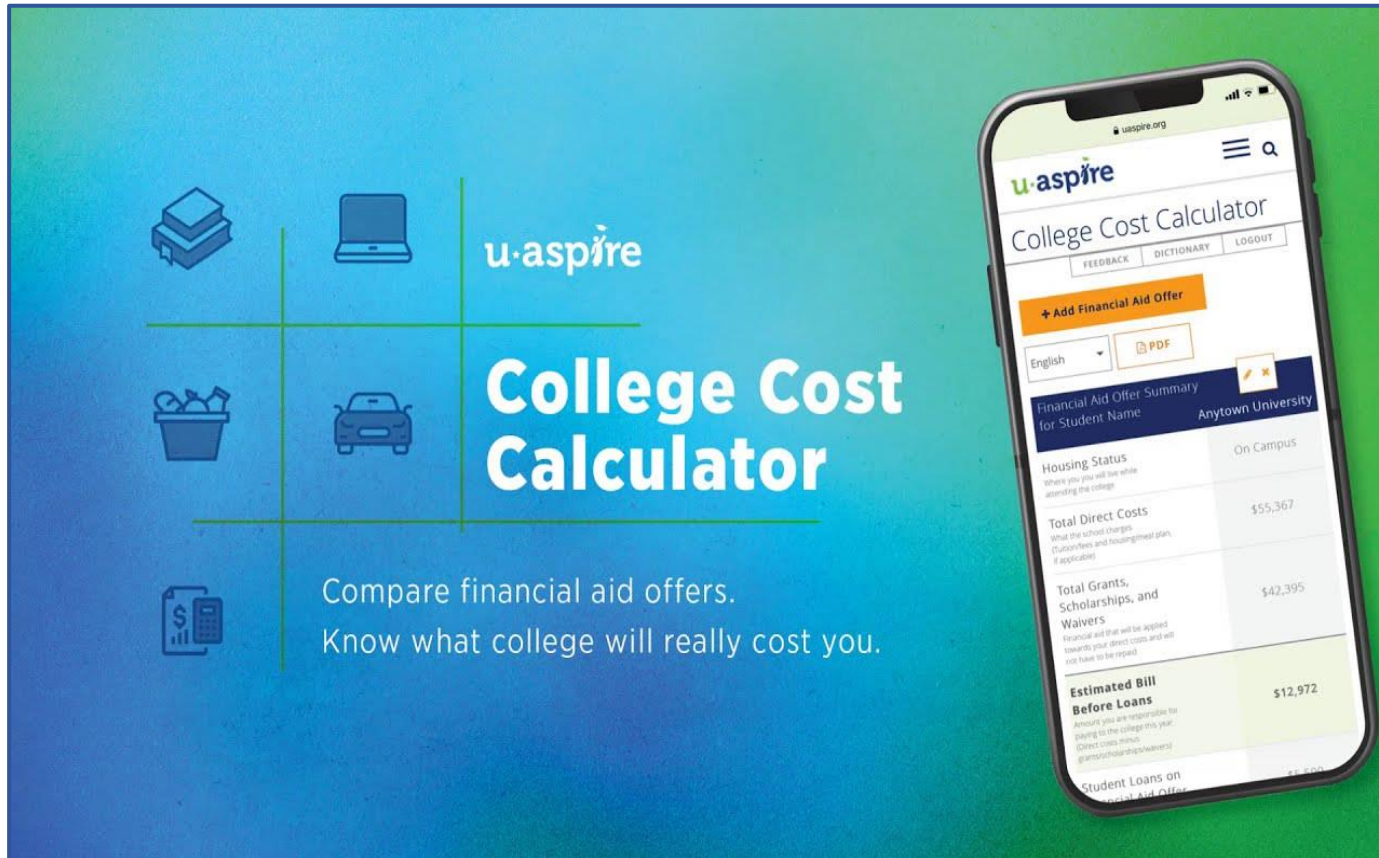
Estimated Cost of Attendance		\$42,982		
DIRECT BILLABLE COSTS				
Tuition	Fall	Spring	Total	
	\$7,156	\$7,156	\$14,312	
Fees	\$180	\$180	\$360	
Room/Housing	\$9,844	\$9,844	\$19,688	
Meal Plan	\$1,960	\$1,960	\$3,920	
INDIRECT COSTS				
Book/Supplies	\$559	\$559	\$1,118	
Transportation	\$310	\$310	\$620	
Health Insurance	\$1,332	\$1,332	\$2,664	
Other Educational Costs	\$150	\$150	\$300	

Key Steps to Reading Your Financial Aid Offers



1. Start with the **full cost** - including all categories of expenses
2. Then, look for your "**free money**" - money you won't have to earn or pay back
3. Subtract to see your "**net price**" - what you'll have to cover using savings, income, or loans
4. Make sure to **think beyond the first year** of college, as your financial picture can change, and you want to be prepared

Use a College Cost Estimator to Compare Financial Aid Offers



The advertisement features a blue and green background with icons representing books, a laptop, a trash can, a car, and a calculator. The text reads: "u·aspire College Cost Calculator. Compare financial aid offers. Know what college will really cost you." To the right, a smartphone displays the u·aspire website interface, showing a "College Cost Calculator" form and a summary table for "Anytown University".

Financial Aid Offer Summary for Student Name	
Housing Status	On Campus
Total Direct Costs	\$55,367
Total Grants, Scholarships, and Waivers	\$42,395
Estimated Bill Before Loans	\$12,972

- Total Direct Costs of Attendance
- Estimated Indirect Costs
- Estimated Bill Before Loans
- Total of “Free Financial Aid” such as Grants, Scholarships & Waivers
- Estimated Bill After Loans
- Work-Study Offered and Available?

Working with At Risk Youth

- Current or former Foster Youth
- Youth with Juvenile Justice involvement
- Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

In 2020 the grad rate for FOSTER YOUTH in California was **58.2%** *

Only **3 percent** of emancipated foster youth ever earn a college degree *

* California Legislative Analyst's Office



Foster Youth



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Foster Youth Services via the CDE: www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/

Youth with Juvenile Justice Involvement

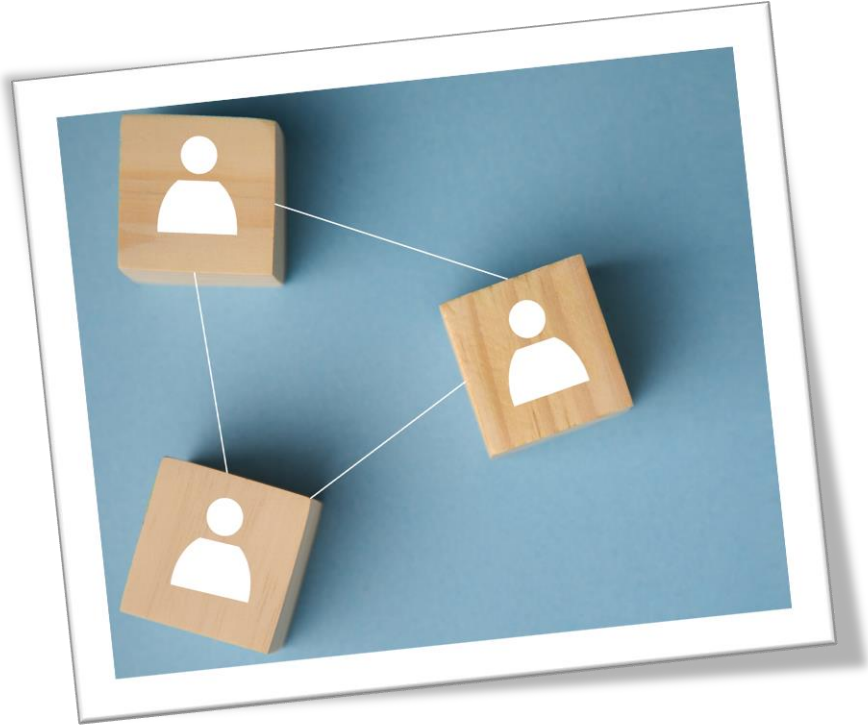
Youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system can and do go to college!

Eligibility for financial aid programs is not affected by juvenile justice involvement. Youth are eligible for federal and state aid.

Many youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system are foster youth, and are eligible to apply for Chafee Grants

Counselors at all schools should be aware that youth with juvenile justice involvement can qualify for financial aid.





Be Proactive

Push back against the narrative that youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system aren't eligible for financial aid

Be Collaborative

Like many other students, youth in the juvenile justice system frequently change schools. Collaboration between school districts helps to ensure they are being reached

Be Inclusive

Make sure your financial aid outreach includes this cohort of students. Connect with local probation departments, courts and alternative schools if you can

Connect Early and Often to Higher Ed

Connect students to the Rising Scholars Network (community college), Project Rebound (CSU), and Underground Scholars (UC) programs



Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

It is estimated by the California Coalition for Youth that there may be as many as 300,000 homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years old on any given day in the state of California

Students are considered independent if they are determined to be Homeless Unaccompanied Youth by:

- The student's high school or school district homeless liaison, **or**
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funding by HUD, **or**
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program, **or**
- The college's financial aid administrator



LGBTQ Homeless Unaccompanied Youth

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth are over-represented in the homeless youth population; estimates range from seven percent among youth receiving services to 39 percent among street youth. LGBTQ youth leave home more frequently and are exposed to more victimization while on the streets compared to heterosexual homeless youth.



When assisting students to help complete either the **FAFSA** or the **California DREAM Act Application** please be sure to have them fill out the **Chafee Application** if applicable

Identify

At-risk students

Connect

Students to local services and college support programs

Ensure

That all at risk students complete the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application

Focus

On maintaining a structure and stability for academics as much as possible

For **all** at-risk students

poll



Let's Take a
Quick Poll!



AB 540 and the California Dream Act Application



Who Are 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.



“No human being is illegal” — Elie Wiesel (author, philosopher and humanist)

AB 540 Requirements

Option A:

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

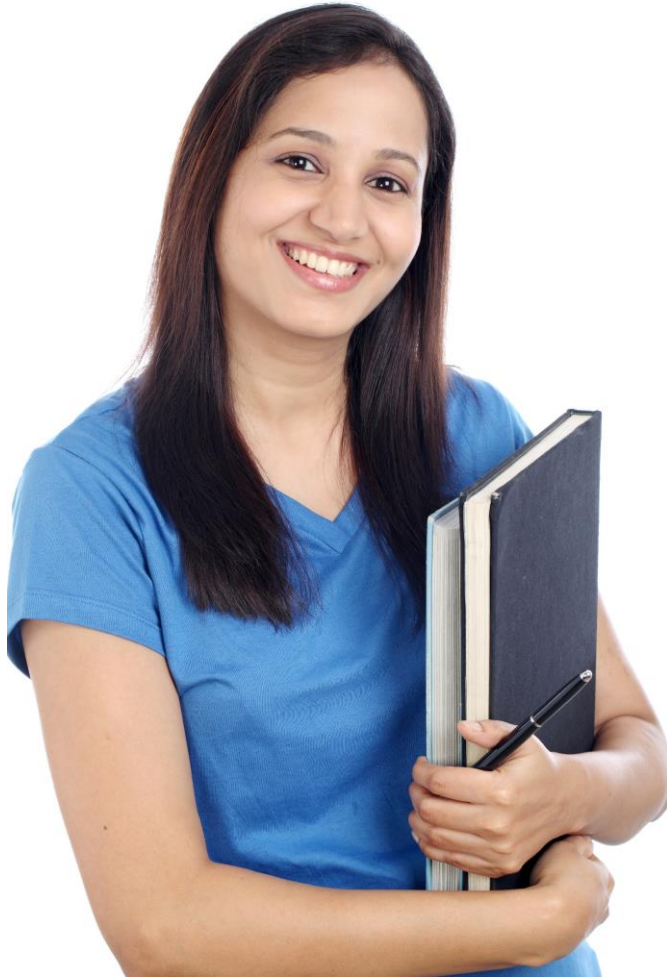
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

Option B (SB 68):

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

- High School
- Adult School
- Community College*

* Maximum of 2 years of community college may be applied towards 3-year SB 68 requirement



An **AB 540 Affidavit** is required for all students who are awarded and attending a college or university



California Dream Act Application



Who Can Apply?

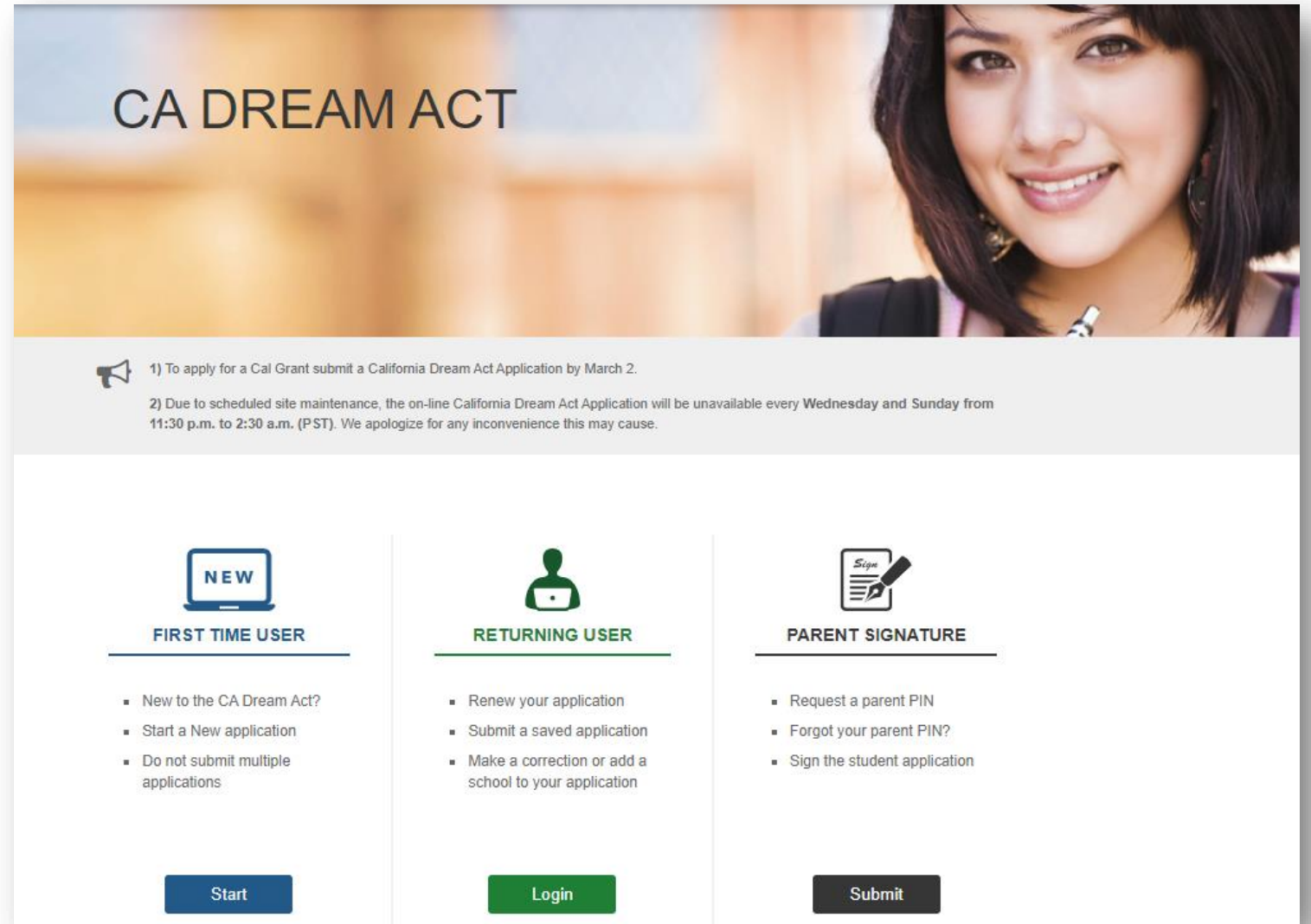
- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders

Additional Requirements

- Must be eligible to submit the non-resident tuition exemption
- Males 18-25 yrs. old must register for Selective Service

On the application,
you'll need to
create your:

- ✓ User ID
- ✓ Password
- ✓ Security Questions



CA DREAM ACT

1) To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by March 2.

2) Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW
FIRST TIME USER

- New to the CA Dream Act?
- Start a New application
- Do not submit multiple applications

Start

RETURNING USER

- Renew your application
- Submit a saved application
- Make a correction or add a school to your application

Login

PARENT SIGNATURE

- Request a parent PIN
- Forgot your parent PIN?
- Sign the student application


Submit

Selective Service

Males between the age of 18 and 25 who complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are **still required** to register for Selective Service



CADAA filers must print out the registration form and mail it in. They should do this as soon as they turn 17 and three months old



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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY)

1 - -

SEX: (Mark with "X")

2 Male Female

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

3 - -

INT

LAST NAME:

4

SUFFIX: (Mark with "X") OTHER SUFFIX:

JR III

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: (STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER)

5

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

ELECTRONIC MAILING ADDRESS: (EMAIL ADDRESS)

6

PHONE NUMBER:

7 - -

TODAY'S DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY) AGENCY USE

8 - -

9 I AFFIRM THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE

SIGNATURE

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What if a Student's Parents live in Another Country?



- Even if parents live in another country, they are required to provide their income and assets
- When that is not possible because, for example, 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 FAO will evaluate the situation and inform the student if they can override the need for parent information

Dreamer Resource Centers



Programs and Services

The Dream Success Center is completely dedicated to serving our students with holistic services for their academic success

[List of Programs and Services](#)



Financial Aid for Dreamers

Learn about your options to pay for college. We are here to provide guidance and support.

[Financial Aid Resources](#)



Immigration Legal Services

In collaboration with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) we provide legal services to our Fresno State community.

[Make a Consultation](#)



Connect your students to the Dreamer Resource Center at the college they hope to attend

DACA Updates

- A federal judge in Texas ruled in July that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that allows certain immigrants to temporarily avoid deportation and receive renewable work permits, is illegal and ordered the current administration to stop granting new applications
- The latest ruling will prevent the approval of at least 50,000 new DACA applicants nationwide who applied earlier this year but were not approved before the ruling, based on USCIS statistics



Across the country there are more than 600,000 DACA recipients, including more than **175,000 in the State of California** which has the most DACA recipients in the nation

DACA is **NOT** required to apply for financial aid in California

Current DACA Recipients

DACA protections and benefits will continue (i.e., deportation protection and work permits) for the time being

- DACA recipients can continue submitting renewal applications
- Pending renewal applications will be processed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- People should continue to submit their DACA renewal applications 120 – 150 days before the expiration date
- USCIS has been experiencing delays processing DACA applications

Advance Parole

- Current DACA recipients can **continue** applying for permission to travel outside of the United States through Advance Parole for humanitarian, educational, and employment purposes.

First-Time DACA Applicants

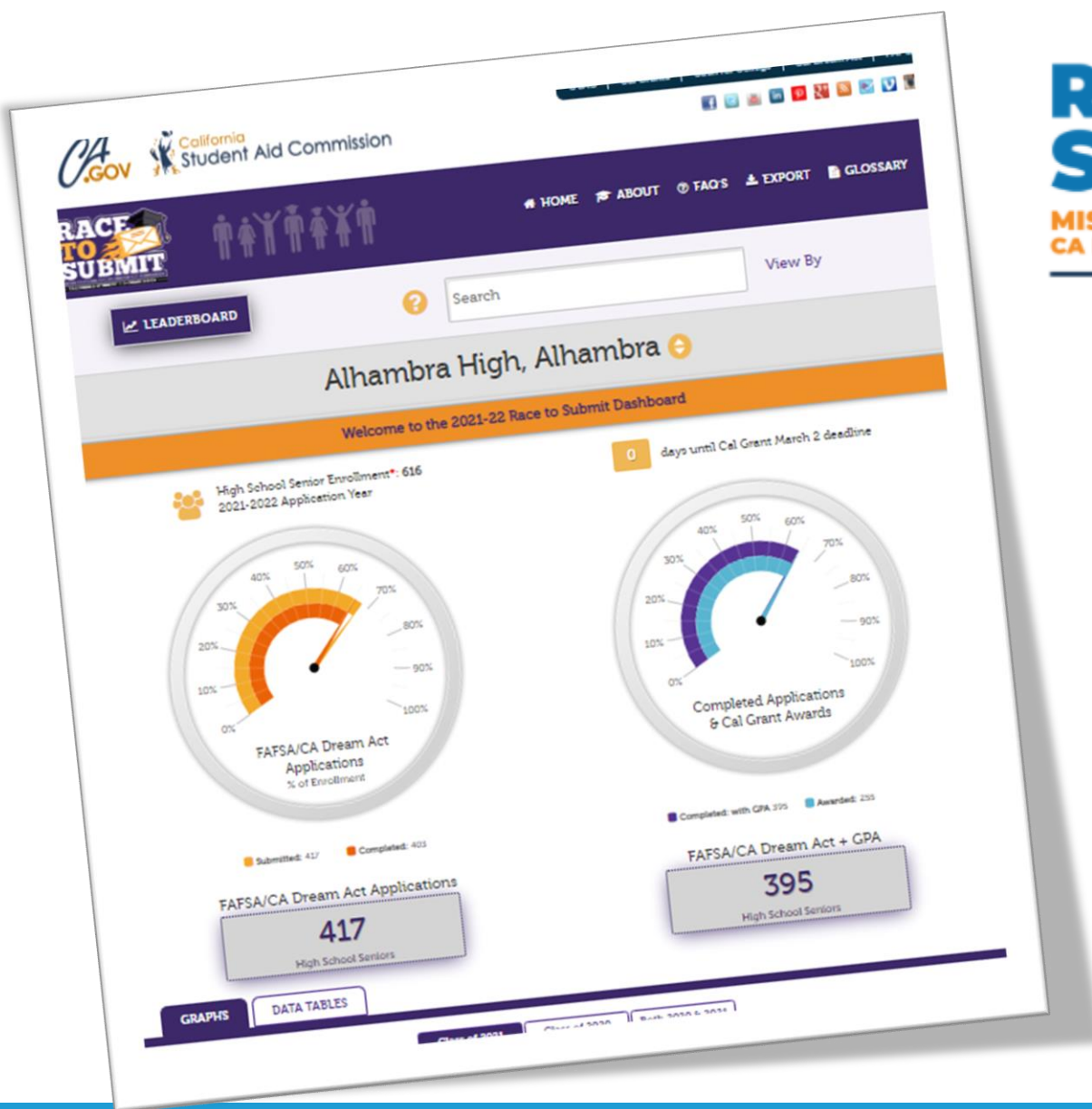
- Unfortunately, **no first time DACA applications will be processed at this time**



RESOURCES



Race to Submit



- Search by school or school district
- See total applications with matching GPAs
- Check Leaderboard rankings by school size
- Updated twice weekly



Race to Submit

California Student Opportunity and Access Program

Cal-SOAP Outreach Program

- Central Coast
- Central Valley
- East Bay/Solano
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- North Coast
- Riverside
- San Bernardino
- Sacramento
- San Diego and Imperial
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Santa Barbara
- South County Gilroy
- Southern San Joaquin Valley

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Questions? Please email: calsoap@csac.ca.gov

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CASH FOR COLLEGE

NEW

Social Media Toolkits



Cash for College English



Cash for College Spanish-Bilingual

What is a Cash for College Workshop?

- FREE virtual workshops to help complete FAFSA, CADAA, or Chafee applications for foster youth or former foster youth
- Offered in multiple languages
- For high school and college students and their families
- Financial Aid Experts and Volunteers Help Complete Applications



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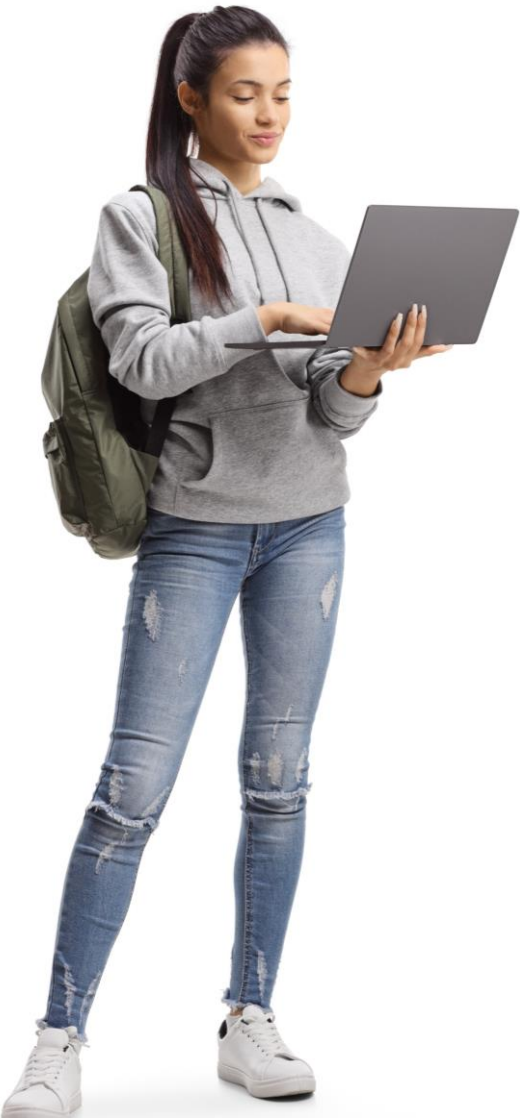
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#whenweallvote in our electronic resources or go to the website below.



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be one.



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books, supplies and
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CSAC Training Resources

- **Weekly live webinars:** Rotating topics offered seasonally throughout the year to college financial aid administrators and high school staff.
- **Annual Statewide Financial Aid Training:** Created for high school counselors, student advocates, and other community education partners. Workshop topics include updates to the FAFSA/CADAA, as well as a broad overview of state financial aid programs.
- **YouTube Training Videos:** Short recorded presentations on specific topics/processes
- **Ad Hoc training:** Would you like a trainer from the Commission to present at your event? We can customize a presentation for your staff, community advocates, or students and families. Email outreachandtraining@csac.ca.gov to obtain a Training Request Form.



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What was great



What was not-so-great



Ideas and suggestions

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