CSAC ALL IN! FOR FAFSA/CA DREAM ACT

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)
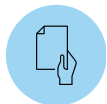- ☐ List of schools you're interested in attending

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
April 2, 2024 | Sept 3, 2024*

Questions? Visit **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!
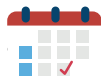

☐ Check on your financial aid status!

Application is submitted and gets processed

Create an account or sign in: **castudentaid.org/webgrants** 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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