

FINANCING YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

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Types of Financial Aid – Federal

- Pell Grant
 - up to \$6,195 a year, lifetime eligibility of 6 yrs. f/t equivalent
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
 - up to \$4,000 a year
- TEACH Grant
 - up to \$4,000 a year
- Work Study
 - up to \$4,000
- Student Loans (Direct, Private)
 - Varies
 - Can be in combination





Federal Work Study

- Campus-based aid
- Must be earned through work
 - Job may be on or off campus (~18 hrs./wk)
- Undergraduate and graduate students
- No annual maximum (~\$3,000 \$5,000)
 - Funding levels vary at each institution
- Need-based

- Gain work experience, confidence & references
- Attend class, study, & work all in the same place



Loans - What You Should Know

There are different types of loans that can be awarded in combination: **Direct** – Subsidized/Unsubsidized & PLUS; Private

- Borrow only what you need
 - Not necessarily what is offered or awarded
 - Borrowing \$10K per yr x 5 yrs = \$50K!
- Consider all gift-aid and employment options first
- Repayment ~ Types of repayment plans
 - Pay As You Earn Income-based repayment
 - Loan Forgiveness
 - Public Service
 - Teachers
 - Disability
- Avoid Default!



Direct Loans

- Subsidized- Need based. Interest is paid by the federal government while you are in school. Fixed 4.53%. Repayment starts six months after you graduate or drop below half-time.
- Unsubsidized- Not need based. You pay the interest or add it to the principle balance and begins to accrue at the time you receive 1st check. Fixed 4.53%. Repayment starts six months after you graduate or drop below half-time.
- PLUS- Unsubsidized loan for parents of undergrads. Can borrow up to the COA minus any financial aid. Fixed 7.08% and begins to accrue at the time funds are released. (not need-based)
 - Loan fees apply

^{*}Interest rates may vary year to year and are set by the Dept. of Education



Types of Financial Aid – State

- Cal Grants A, B, C = CC \$1672*; Univ. up to \$12570
 *CC Supplemental (new)= up to add'l \$4000 as full-time student
 - Must meet March 2nd FAFSA/CDA deadline
 - Lifetime eligibility up to 4 yrs.
- Middle Class Scholarship = CSU \$2298; UC \$5052
 - Max income/asset ceiling \$177,000
- Enrollment & Fee Waivers = Tuition (not lab & mandatory fees)
- EOP/EOP&S Grant = up to \$600; CARE = \$2000
- Child Development Grant = CC \$1000; Univ. \$2000





For New & Renewal Cal Grant Recipients

Mar. 2nd Deadline!

	Cal Grant	Cal Grant
	A and C	В
Dependent students and		
Independent students with depe	ndents other the	n a spouse
Family size:		
Six or more	\$123,100	\$67,600
Five	\$114,100	\$62,600
Four	\$106,500	\$56,000
Three	\$98,000	\$50,300
Two	\$95,700	\$44,700
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$39,000	\$39,000
Married, no other dependents	\$44,700	\$44,700

2020-21 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS			
Dependent students ¹	\$82,400		
Independent students	\$39,200		

Students track their award @ www.webgrants4students.org



State Aid- Middle Class Scholarship

- For new, continuing and transfer undergraduates
- Attend/plan to attend a UC or CSU campus
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or AB540 status
- Maintain 2.0 GPA
- Family incomes up to \$177, 000
- Now fully implemented, the maximum award will be 40% of mandatory system-wide tuition & fees at a UC or CSU
- Apply by either completing the FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application



Fee & Tuition Waivers

- Community College California College Promise Grant*
 *Formerly Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOG)
 - Waives enrollment fees, FAFSA or CADAA may be required
 - www.icanaffordcollege.com
- CSU State University Grant (SUG)
 - Amounts vary, FAFSA is required
 - www.calstate.edu or csumentor.edu
- UC Grant Blue & Gold Plan
 - Amounts and application process vary
 - www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Independent College Grants
 - Amounts and application process vary
 - www.aiccu.edu or www.aiccumentor.org





Promise Program at CA Community Colleges

- Must File FAFSA or CADAA
- Must be enrolled full-time
 - Exception for students with disabilities

- Award type will vary by college, may include
 - Waiver or scholarship for enrollment fees
 - Books



Types of Financial Aid – Gift Aid

Institutional and Private Grants & Scholarships*

- Provider decides on
 - Awarding criteria
 - Application deadline
 - Forms or applications
- Awards may be
 - Merit-based (academic performance-GPA)
 - Need-based (financial need)
 - Combination of the two
- Providers may be: HS, college, employers, credit union, insurance co. (Foresters), service-based orgs. (Kiwanis)







General Eligibility Criteria

Status

- U.S citizen, permanent resident or meet AB540 criteria
- For FAFSA, Permanent SS# (Parents do not need a SS#)
 - For CalDreamAct, no SS# is required for student or parent
- Males between ages 18-25 registered for Selective Service
- Received HS Diploma or equivalent: GED, CHSPE, Homeschooled

Enrollment

- CCPG Fee Waiver & Pell Grant will pay as low as ½ unit
- FSEOG, FWS, DL, Chafee & Cal Grants require at least halftime status
- EOP/EOP&S requires full time status (with exceptions)
- Must make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Must be enrolled in an eligible program of study



FAFSA on the Web's Homepage

www.fafsa.gov

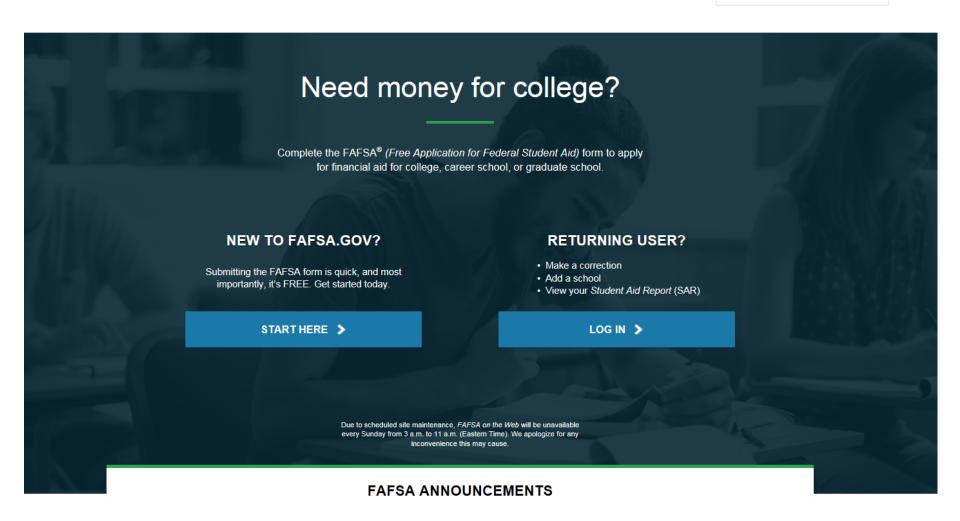


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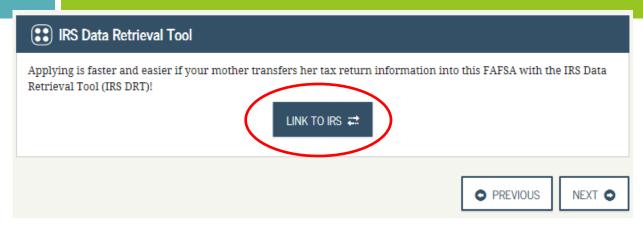


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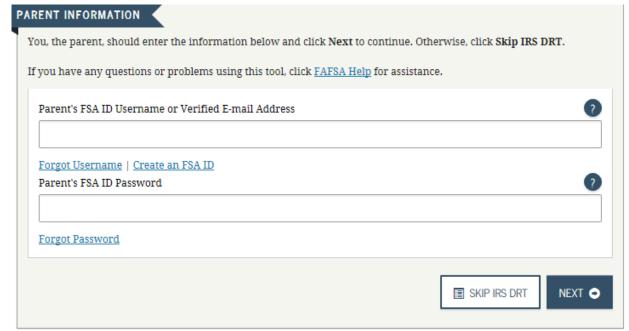
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FSA ID



Parents will create
FSAID either to
transfer IRS
data or at the end
for signature





Questions About Assets

Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 41. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 89, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in questions 40 and 88.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

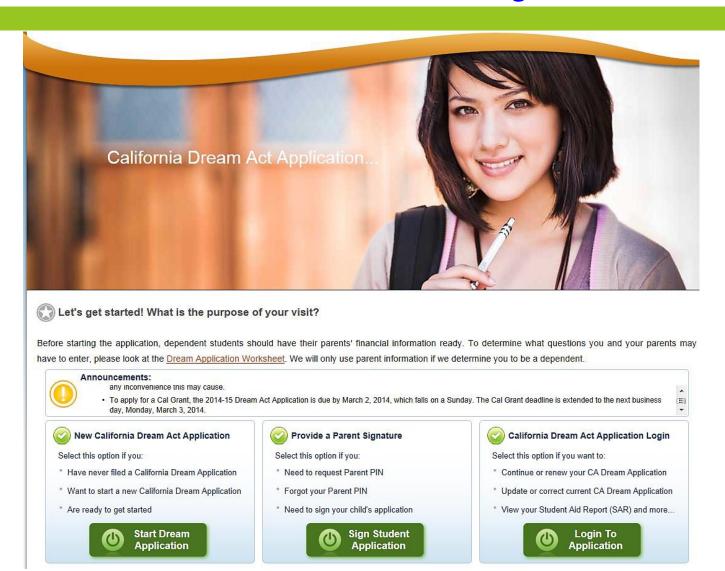
Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate.

Net worth means current market value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter '0'



California Dream Act

www.caldreamact.org





CSS Financial Aid PROFILE

https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile

Student Guide

- No paper registration form
- On-demand webinar
- 3 step process
- \$25 initial application & one college report
- \$16/add'l college

CSS / Financial Aid PROFILE®



Welcome to PROFILE. By filling out one form, you can apply online for nonfederal financial aid from almost 300 colleges and scholarship programs.

Apply for Financial Aid

Complete your PROFILE application to apply for financial aid.

This interactive presentation will give you useful tips and help you prepare to apply for financial aid using CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®.

The minimum browser requirements to view the presentation are internet Explorer 9+, Chrome 21+, Safari 5.1+, Firefor 14+, Flad 5+, and Android tablet 4.1+.

Fall 2016 or Spring 2017

Fall 2016 or Spring 2016

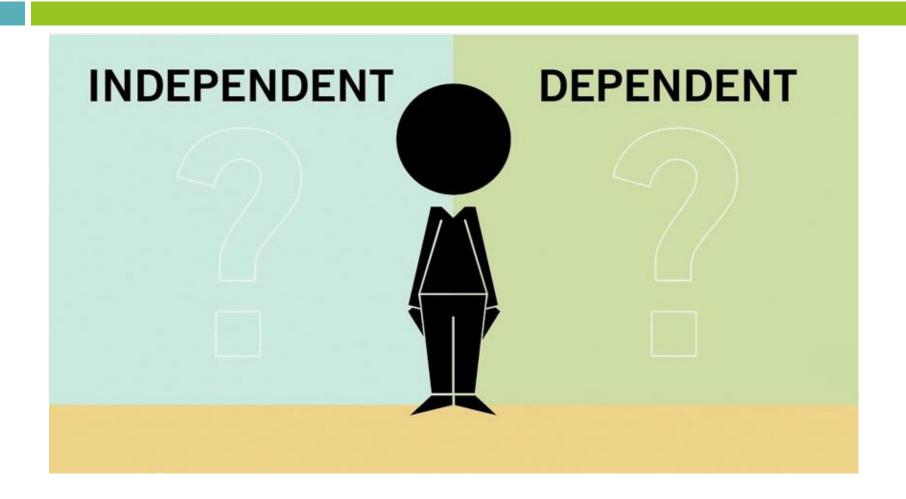
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
Tutorial
2016-17 PROFILE Student
Guide >>

Participating Colleges, Universities and Scholarship Programs >>

Note: CA public colleges do not require (UC, CSU, CC); Private colleges may require – check their FA webpage



Dependency Status





Dependency Status –FAFSA/CDA

If students are **NOT** able to check any of the boxes below, parents income and asset information will be required to

<u></u>				
☐ I' was born before January 1, 1996	☐ I am married	will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)		
☐ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	☐ I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020		
Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	☐ I was in foster care since turning age 13	☐ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support		
☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13	☐ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	 I am currently or I was in legal guardianship 	 I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless 	

"Parent" includes: Step (married); adoptive; both biological living together but not married; 'custodial' parent if separated or divorced



Calculating Financial Aid Eligibility



Basic Equation of Need (Eligibility)

The financial aid application is trying to determine your family's financial strength & ability to contribute to your education, your EFC

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Eligibility for Need-based Aid







Calculating Financial Aid Eligibility

Cost of Attendance / Allowances

Standard Allowable Costs:

Tuition and fees: \$1,380

Room and board: \$6,786

Books and supplies: \$1,971

Transportation: \$1,278

Misc. personal: \$3,996

Total standard allowance: \$15,507

(based on 19-20 'not paying rent' COA)

(19-20 'paying rent' COA **\$23,805**)

Additional Allowable Costs:

- Dependent care
- Study-abroad
- Disability-related
- Employment expenses for co-op study
- Student loan fees

Each student will be assigned a COA/budget based on housing plan: with parent/relatives; on campus; off campus. Tuition is what the biggest difference among college costs will be.



Santa Clara

COA \$67,089

- <u>EFC 4,000</u>

= Need \$63,089

San Jose State

COA \$19,331

- EFC 4,000

= Need \$15,931

Mission/WVC

COA \$15,507

- EFC 4,000

= Need \$ 11,507



Special Circumstances

- Adjustments may be made to information on a case-by-case basis
- Special circumstances may include changes to
 - Dependency status (May have cause to override)
 - Marital Status (Parent/student separates/divorces)
 - Income and assets (Decreased)
 - Child support (Ceases/decreased)
 - Number in household or college (Increases)
 - Private elementary/secondary tuition
 - Medical or dental expenses (not covered by insurance)
 - After initial filing up through current AY



Timeline of Financial Aid Application Forms

- FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application
 - October 1st ~ Priority Deadline: March 2nd
- CSS Profile opens Oct. 1st, deadline set by university
- Cal Grant GPA Verification
 - By March 2nd of the senior year & 1 year after
 - All HS & Colleges will send GPA electronically
 - Colleges will not send until 16 units completed
 - Establish Webgrants4students.org account to track state awards
 - Scholarships = usually 1st quarter of new year



Applying for Aid

- When applying to an institution, a student should ask the following:
 - What forms does the institution require?
 - In addition to the FAFSA, does the school require the completion of an institutional form?
 - For example, CSS Profile
 - Verification documentation
 - What are the filing deadlines for each form?
 - What type of deadline? (Hard or soft)
 - Will I still be eligible if I miss it?



How Do I Get Paid?

- Most colleges partner with BankMobile
 - Receive electronic payments directly
 - Can have payments remain in BM account
 - Have payments transfer from BM to personal bank account
- Upon registering for classes, you'll receive a notification letter by mail with instructions on how to activate the account
- Most colleges will make 4 payments per year, 2 per term to help you budget; 1 at start & 1 at midpoint of term (can vary: semester vs. quarter)
- If you need to drop a class, talk to us first!



\$\$Cash For College Events**\$\$**

Look for local high schools & colleges hosting
Financial Aid application workshops (CFC)
which are open to the public;
For a listing by zip code, go to:
https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/

Cupertino HS, Dec. 4th, 3:30-7pm, Lab 307 Fremont HS, Dec. 5th, 2-7pm, Library

Financial Aid experts will be onsite to help!



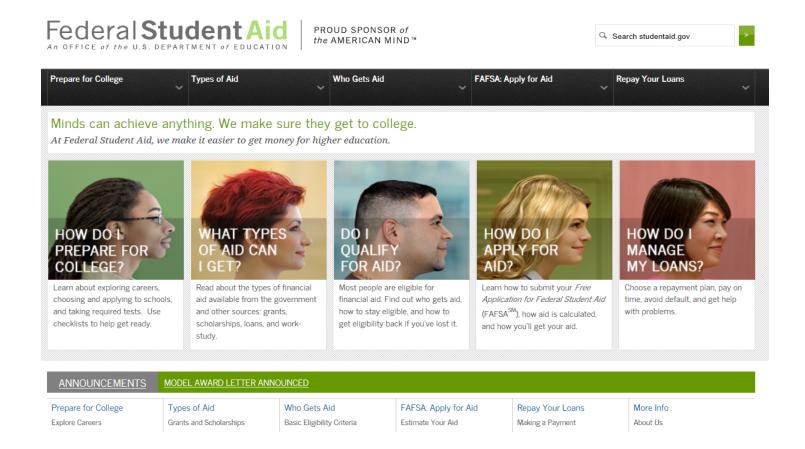
What to take away from this

- There is no magic potion for eligibility
- The applications are self-certifying but follow-up documentation may be requested
- There is a type of financial aid for every student
 - Apply, apply, APPLY!
 - Even if you think scholarships will be the only aid, you should still complete the FAFSA most scholarship applications will ask if you have
- Consider ALL college system options, including private & CCs
- Colleges will no longer be able to see other colleges listed on FAFSA; for optimum Cal Grant consideration, listing UCs first, then CSUs, then private/out of state, then community colleges should provide the highest award potential
- There are **Lifetime Eligibility Usage** (LEU) limits for Pell Grant & Cal Grants; while we encourage students to explore career options, they need to be focused by the time they reach college or they could run out of grant funding **before** they complete their first Bachelor's degree
- Gift-aid (grants, scholarships) is available up through undergraduate study, typically first Bachelor's degree OR LEU, whichever comes first
- There is financial aid for graduate students like Federal Work Study, Direct Loans, some fellowship grants & scholarships



Information for Students & Parents

www.studentaid.ed.gov





That's It!

Thank you! Questions?

