California Community College Class of 2021

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What is Cal-SOAP ?

South County Cal-SOAP is a free pre-college program on campuses to help prepare low-income and first generation students for college

1. Mentoring & Advising
2. After Tutoring
3. College Preparation Assistance
4. College Campus Visits
5. Financial Aid Assistance (FAFSA, DREAM act. Cal-Grants, Scholarships)
6. Parent Workshops
7. College Fair

What does a community college offer ? :

- Transfer pathways to 4 yr College
  - Articulation agreement
    - Smooth transition of credits to 4 yr college.

- 2 year Associate Degrees programs in a variety of fields.

- Vocational Degrees and Certificates

- Specialized Bachelor's Degree-
  - Limited campuses programs
  - Pilot programs

Why students choose Community College

- **Build a strong GPA**

- **Obtain an Associates Degree or Certificate**

- **Discover what interest them and decide what they want to study.**

- **Minimize College Education Costs**

Figure out what community College is best for you!

- FInd out if they offer the programs that interest you

- Identify a campus that is Convenient to you by location

- Do they offer the resources and support you need?

Steps to apply to community college:

Step 1: Create an account with CCCApply

- Submit your application through
  - CCCApply.org

Step 2 :Submit your application

- You will need to login to your CCCApply account to submit your application for California schools.

Step 3: Activate your student portal

- After you submit your application you will receive a confirmation email and an email with your student ID and link to active your student portal.

Step 4:

Complete next steps

- Complete online orientation
- Schedule a meeting with a community college counselor

Step 5:

Register for classes

- Your community college counselor will provide guidance on what courses to take based on your educational goals.
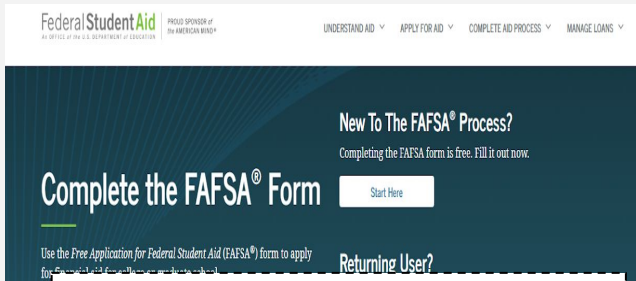
Financial Aid

Step 6:

Very Important step!

Submit your Financial aid application!

- Free application for Federal Student AId (FAFSA)
  - https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

- California DREAM Act Application (CADAA)
  - https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

- Scholarships
  - Check Naviance account
  - https://www.scholarships.com/
  - https://www.fastweb.com/
  - https://myscholly.com/

Which Application Do I Submit?

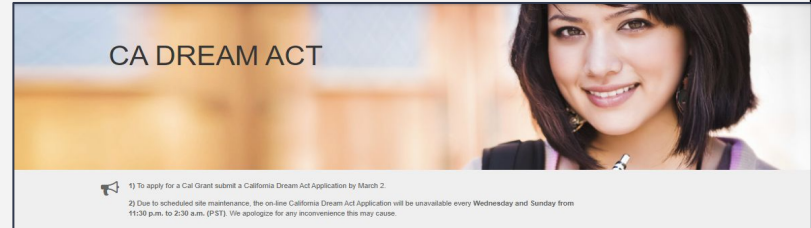- ❏ U.S. citizen or
- ❏ eligible non-citizen (like a legal resident)

FAFSA
(Free Appli*cation for Federal Student* Aid)
https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

- ❏ No SSN (AB 540 status)
- ❏ DACA SSN
- ❏ TPS status, U Visa

CA Dream Act Application
(CADAA)
https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

California Promise Grant

What it covers and who is eligible

- Enrollment fees waived
- California residents
    - AB 540
    - AB 1899 or visa T or U

General requirements – varies by college

1. Complete the FAFSA/CADAA)
2. First time College Student
3. Full time student
4. Income level is not a factor

Upcoming Workshops and events

- **San Jose City College Feb. 11 @ 2:10pm**
  - Virtual tour https://youtu.be/BpZiAZCajCs
  - Zoom Link https://mhusd.zoom.us/j/87657638050?pwd=L1NVMUN2eVJZUXZJby9Xc1BUL25NZz09
- **Evergreen Valley College. Pending**
- *Gavilan College* Jan 13, 2021
- *Gavilan College* Oct. 20, 2020

Cash for College Events

- **Tuesday Feb 9** Time 4-6:30pm
- **Friday Feb 12** Time 5-7:00pm
- **Tuesday Feb 23** Time 4-6:30pm
- **Monday March 1**
  a. Time session one 2-5pm
  b. Session Two 5:30-8:30pm
- **Tuesday March 2**
  a. Time Session one 2-5pm
  b. Session Two 5:30-8:30pm

Q & A

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