CSAC ALL IN! FOR FAFSA/CA DREAM ACT

FINANCIAL AID IN 5 STEPS

HIGH SCHOOLERS & FAMILIES: MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON TRACK TO APPLY AND QUALIFY FOR FREE FINANCIAL AID!



1 CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

Make the decision to **invest in your future by pursuing an education beyond high school**. By attending a college, university, or vocational school you can open doors to gain new skills, expand your career options, and earn more income throughout your lifetime.

APPLY STARTING OCT 1

2 APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)** open on **October 1st**. To maximize your financial aid opportunities, submit your application by the state **priority deadline of March 2nd**.

3 GET HELP WITH APPLYING

Join our free Cash for College workshops for help with completing a FAFSA or CADAA. Financial aid experts can answer all of your questions. We can help you finish and submit your application on the same day!

CASH 4 COLLEGE



4 EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Apply for as many scholarships as you can—they are a type of free aid! Check application deadlines to ensure you apply on time. Research and start touring colleges, universities, and vocational schools that help you reach your goals.



5 CHECK YOUR STATUS

Create a **WebGrants 4 Students account** to track your financial aid status. Check your email and other messages for other pending items and requested documents.

Before making a decision, understand what each school is offering in aid and compare costs of attendance. Try using the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial aid tool**.

FIND MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES: CSAC.CA.GOV/HOW-APPLY