

Affording Higher Education

*California Lutheran University
Office of Financial Aid
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Highlights

- Process of Financial Aid
- The Application
- Understanding Colleges Costs
- Types of Financial Aid
- Questions



Financial Aid Principles

- Financial Aid is designed to bridge the gap between what the school actually costs and what you can afford. Families should expect to pay a portion of the student's college costs
- Governmental Convention: To the extent that they are able, parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their dependent child's education
- Students also have a responsibility to contribute toward their educational expenses

Dates and Deadlines



- 2019/20 FAFSA available October 1, 2018
- 2019/20 Cal Grant GPA verification and FAFSA deadline for Cal Grant eligibility March 2, 2019
- 2019/20 CA Dream Act Application deadline March 2, 2019
- Colleges may set FAFSA filing deadlines
- Ask all colleges you apply to if other forms or applications (e.g. CSS Profile) are required for financial aid

CSS Profile

- Financial Aid application service of the College Board
- Available ONLY online: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- 2019/20 application available October 1, 2018
- The university will let you know if this is a required form
- Cost: \$25 for initial application & sent to 1 school.
\$16 for each additional school
- Some of the 200 schools that use the CSS Profile are:
USC, Stanford, Scripps, Cal Tech, Occidental, UCSF,
Westmont, Duke, Princeton, Amherst and others

The FAFSA

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - Go to <https://www.fafsa.gov/> to apply on-line
 - FAFSA collects demographic and financial information about the student and his or her family and calculates an Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - The EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength; it is used by a college to calculate the amount of federal student aid a student is eligible to receive

Preparing to Apply

- FAFSA – Students/parents need to set up an FSA ID and password
 - <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- Use the FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) Worksheet before you begin the FAFSA
 - Allows you to gather all your information before filing your FAFSA
 - Questions follow the order of the FAFSA
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1819/pdf/fafsaws18c.pdf>
 - 2019/20 version will be available by 10/1/2018 on <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- FAFSA4caster – gives a very general idea of what kinds of financial aid a student might be eligible for. This is NOT an application
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>

Reasons to Apply Online

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- More timely submission of original application and any necessary corrections
- More detailed instructions and “help” for common questions
- Ability to check application status on-line
- Simplified application process in the future

2019/20 FAFSA Highlights



- Application available October 1st
- Will ask for tax and income information from your completed **2017** federal tax return
- Because **2017** taxes will already be filed/completed, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool(DRT) will be available to use
- Additional security measures in place to protect information that is transferred through the DRT

For 2016, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed ▼

For 2016, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?

Married-Filed Joint Return ▼

Did you, the parents, file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2016?

☐ Yes ☒ No



Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!

[LINK TO IRS](#)

Leaving *FAFSA on the Web*

You are now leaving *FAFSA on the Web* and will be transferred to the IRS Web site to access your IRS tax information. Your FAFSA information will be saved.

Your saved FAFSA will automatically open either when you transfer your information from the IRS or choose to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site. If you do not transfer your information or choose not to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site, you will have to log in to open your saved FAFSA.

For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.

Which parent are you?

What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail
Address

FSA ID Password

[Create an FSA ID](#)

[Forgot Username](#)

[Forgot Password](#)

Click **Proceed to IRS Site** to continue. Otherwise, click **Skip IRS Transfer**.

If you have any questions or problems using this tool, view available [Help](#) options for assistance.

SKIP IRS TRANSFER

PROCEED TO IRS SITE

2016 Federal Income Tax Information

Based on the information you provided, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located your income tax return. With your permission below, the IRS will securely transfer your tax information to the Department of Education (ED) to populate any applicable FAFSA® questions.

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT; therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Untaxed Pensions
Name(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Untaxed IRA Distributions
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	Tax exempt Interest Income
Filing Status	Income Tax	IRA Deductions and Payments
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Status of Amended Returns Received

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

 Print this page for your records before choosing an option below.

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA

- ☒ The tax information provided to FOTW will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA is populated your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

Transfer Now



Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA

- ☐ By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA.

Do Not Transfer



Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.

Enter the following information from your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ?

Required fields *

First Name *	
Last Name *	
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 6280
Date of Birth *	/ /
Filing Status * ?	Married-Filed Joint Return ▼
Address - Must match your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ?	
Street Address *	
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return) ?	
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	
Country *	United States ▼
City, Town or Post Office *	
State/U.S. Territory *	California (CA) ▼
ZIP Code *	

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

[Return to FAFSA](#)

[Submit](#)

[IRS Privacy Policy](#)

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You have already transferred your tax information from the IRS.

[View option to link to the IRS](#)

What income tax return did you file for 2016? **Transferred from the IRS**

What was your (and your spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2016? **Transferred from the IRS**

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016? \$.00

How much did your spouse earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016? \$.00

Were you (or your spouse) a dislocated worker on the day you submitted your FAFSA? 

FAFSA REMINDERS



- Data is sent to all schools listed on the FAFSA
- Student must enter a California school first on the FAFSA for data to be sent to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to determine if student is eligible for a Cal Grant
- Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) once the FAFSA is completed
- Approximately 103 questions, of which only 29 are related to income and assets

Special Circumstances

- Cannot report on FAFSA
- Call the Financial Aid Office to determine institution's policy on applying for a "Special Circumstance" – many will require a written explanation and additional documentation
- Reasons for submitting a Special Circumstance appeal
 - Change in employment status/high medical expenses/death of a parent
 - Student cannot obtain parent information

Reapplying Each Year

- You must complete a new FAFSA each year you intend to receive financial aid
- Since each FAFSA is based on the prior year's tax information, your award can vary from year to year

Understanding College Costs

- Direct costs: Tuition, fees, housing, meals, etc.
- Indirect costs: Books, transportation, etc.
- Direct costs + Indirect costs = Cost of Attendance (COA)
- COA varies widely from college to college

Calculation of Financial Aid

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{Cost of Attendance} \\ & - \textit{Expected Family Contribution} \\ & = \textit{Financial Need} \end{aligned}$$

- Because COA varies widely from college to college, Financial Need will also vary depending on the college

Calculation of Financial Aid, cont'd

Examples of Financial Need at California colleges/universities (2018-19 average costs)

- Cost of Attendance \$61,599 (private university)
 - EFC 4,000
 Financial Need \$57,599
- Cost of Attendance \$34,700 (UC)
 - EFC 4,000
 Financial Need \$30,700
- Cost of Attendance \$25,716 (CSU)
 - EFC 4,000
 Financial Need \$21,716
- Cost of Attendance \$12,946 (community college)
 - EFC 4,000
 Financial Need \$ 8,946



Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
 - Largest source of financial aid
 - Must complete the FAFSA every year
- States
 - Usually have residency requirements
- Colleges/Universities
 - Offer both merit and need-based aid
- Private sources
 - Small awards add up!

Types of Financial Aid

Grants

- Federal Pell Grant - \$6195 maximum for 2019/20 **ESTIMATED**
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Institutional Grants
- Cal Grant
 - CA residency requirement, March 2nd Deadline
 - “A” is typically awarded at Universities
 - “B” is typically awarded at Community Colleges
 - “C” is for vocational programs
- Cal Grant for AB540 students - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
 - 2019/20 Dream Application available October 1, 2018

Cal Grant



2018/19 Award amounts

Cal Grant A: \$12,630 – UC schools
 \$ 9,084 – private universities
 \$ 5,742 – CSU schools

Cal Grant B: \$1672 for year one, then includes
 Cal Grant A amounts for years 2-4

Cal Grant C: Up to \$547 for books, tools,
 equipment, and up to \$2462 for
 tuition and fees at a trade or
 technical school
 (not a community college)

Cal Grant, cont'd

Cal Grant Income and Asset Ceilings for 2019/20 for New Cal Grant Applicants

Income Ceilings

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		

Family size:

– Six or more	\$118,500	\$65,100
– Five	\$109,900	\$60,300
– Four	\$102,500	\$53,900
– Three	\$94,400	\$48,500
– Two	\$92,100	\$43,000

Independent students

• Single, no dependents	\$37,600	\$37,600
• Married, no other dependents	\$43,000	\$43,000

Asset Ceilings

Dependent students	\$79,300
Independent students	\$37,700

Work Study

- Federal Work-Study
 - Need based
 - Self-help aid
 - Gives students the opportunity to work on-campus
 - Each college awards according to different criteria

Loans

- Federal Direct Loans: 5.05%
 - Subsidized (Need based)
 - Unsubsidized (Non-need based)
- Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan: 7.60%
 - Credit Check Required (Non-need based)
- Alternative/Private Loan (Non-need based)
 - Variable or fixed interest rate based on credit
- CA Dream Loan Program - For students who meet the AB540 requirements, file a Dream App, have financial need and are attending a UC/CSU
 - Interest rate matches the federal Direct Loan interest rate
 - Maximum annual loan amount - \$4000 (determined by school)
 - Maximum aggregate loan amount \$20,000
 - Subsidized Loan
 - No separate loan application

Scholarships

- Institutional Scholarships
 - Merit (GPA and test scores)
 - Skill/Unique characteristic/Major (Fine Arts)
 - Athletic
 - Other (e.g. Cal Lutheran Public Price Promise)
- Outside Scholarships
 - Civic and Local organizations
 - Churches
 - Employers
 - Private sources: (i.e. fastweb.com)

CA Middle Class Scholarship

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) is a state of CA funded program that provides undergraduate students with family incomes and assets up to \$171,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses

- **Students must meet the following requirements:**
Be a California resident attending a UC or CSU; be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or have AB 540* student status; meet certain income and other financial aid standards; maintain satisfactory academic progress; not be in default on a student loan; and, must not be incarcerated
- **Apply:**
Complete a 2019/20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov on/after October 1, 2018 or the California Dream Act Application at www.caldreamact.org . Use the California Dream Act Application if you do not have a Social Security number (SSN) or if you have a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number. Make sure your email address is listed on your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application
- **If your family has income and assets up to \$171,000 per year:**
You may be eligible for a scholarship of no less than 10% and no more than 40% of the mandatory system wide tuition and fees: The maximum award amount is a lesser percentage of mandatory system wide tuition and fees for 2019/20
- **MCS scholarships are not set amounts and may vary by student and institution:**
The award is determined after you are awarded any federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant and institutional need-based grants for which you are eligible. The final award amount will be based on the number of students eligible for the MCS statewide and the funding allocated by the State Budget

Outside Scholarships

- Cal Lutheran's Outside Scholarship Page:
 - <https://www.callutheran.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-grants/outside-scholarships.html>
- Scholarship search websites:
 - Fastweb.com
 - Scholarships.com
 - Collegeexpress.com
 - Academicinvest.com
 - College-scholarships.com
 - Gocollege.com

Financial Aid Websites

FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov

FAFSA application, FAFSA renewal application, Apply for PIN

Cal Grant: www.calgrants.org

Information on Cal Grant programs, Monitor your Cal Grant application

College Board: www.collegeboard.org

CSS/Financial Aid Profile, Financial Tip Sheets, General Financial Aid Information

Fin Aid: www.finaid.org

Financial aid information in English (not in Financial Aid speak!)

Fast Web: www.fastweb.com

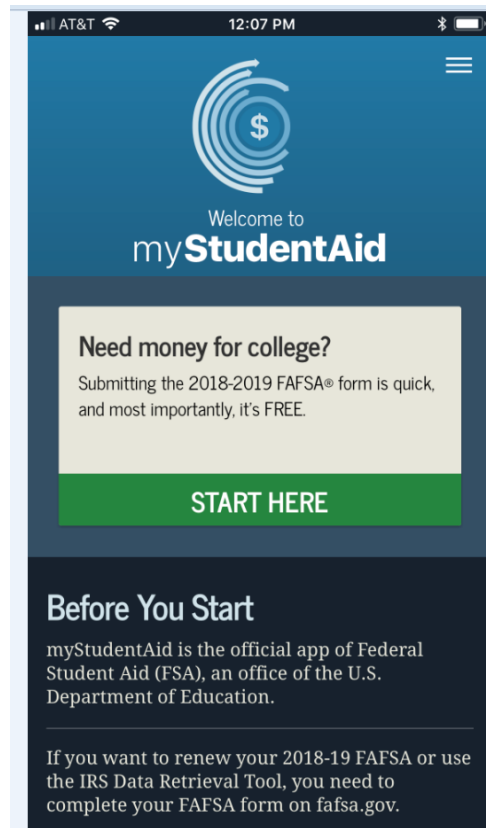
Scholarship search site

Questions



One Last Thing - New from the U.S. Department of Education

*Available in the App Store
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