Financial Aid Checklist

FAFSA https://studentaid.gov/		CA DREAM ACT https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing
Who should file FAFSA? US citizen or eligible non citizen with valid SSN not DACA.		**Who should file the CA DREAM ACT?** Students must be undocumented, have a valid or expired DACA status, be a U visa holder, have Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540

DEADLINE: to apply to FAFSA or CADA you must submit a free application online by **March 2, 2025**. This is the priority deadline for consideration for certain grants and institutional awards. You can apply afterwards, but many grants require you to meet the priority deadline.

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- ☐ Student's SSN or Permanent resident #
- ☐ Student's date of birth
- ☐ Student's **2023** federal income tax forms and all schedules (if applicable)
- ☐ Parent's SSN/ITN
- ☐ Parent's Date of Birth
- ☐ Parent's email address
- ☐ Date of parent's marriage, remarried, divorced, widowed (if applicable)
- ☐ Parent's **2023** federal income tax forms and all schedules
- ☐ Parent's total cash, savings, checking account value
- ☐ State disability received (if applicable)
- ☐ An FSA ID (account username and password) for student & one parent, to log in to StudentAid.gov and start the FAFSA form electronically

Information Needed:

Eligibility:
- ☐ Attend a California school for 3 or more years
- ☐ Graduate with a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- ☐ Enroll in an accredited higher education institution in CA

Information Needed:
- ☐ Create a username and password for the CA Dream Application.
  - ☐ Student & parent's emails and passwords
- ☐ Student's **2023** federal income tax forms and all schedules (if applicable)
- ☐ Ensure your parent signs the application, if required, by creating a PIN (personal identification number) online.
- ☐ Student and Parents Information:
  - ☐ Date of birth
- ☐ Parent's 2023 federal income tax forms and all schedules
- ☐ Parent's total cash, savings, checking account value