Turlock Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) determines a student's eligibility for financial aid to assist with a student's attendance at a college or career-technical school. ***TUSD counselors are available to assist ALL interested students and families with completion of the FAFSA/CADAA before the priority deadline of March 3, 2025.***

California Education Code (CEC) § 51225.7 requires Turlock Unified School District to confirm each 12th grade student's completion and submission of a FAFSA or CADAA unless the student is determined to be exempt or an opt-out form is completed by a student who is a legally emancipated minor, a student who is 18 years or older, a legal guardian, or parent, or a local educational agency on a student's behalf. This opt-out form permits a student to opt out of the completion of a FAFSA or CADAA form.

After the March 3, 2025 priority deadline has passed, we will reach out to parents/guardians with more information on how to complete a FAFSA/CADAA Opt-Out Form. For now, our focus is on helping all interested students and families complete the FAFSA/CADAA to support post-secondary opportunities.

For more information, please visit www.turlock.k12.ca.us/information/financial-aid or contact your student's counselor to find out about upcoming FAFSA/CADAA workshops and to get additional support. Below are just a few of the options to consider attending.

- **February 6** 5:30-7:00 PM at Pitman High School Library (FAFSA) and CADAA (L101): TUSD Financial Aid Workshop
- **February 18** 6:00 PM at the TUSD Family Resource Center: Merced Cal-SOAP Financial Aid Workshop
- **February 19** 6:00 PM at eCademy Charter at Crane School: Financial Aid Workshop
- **February 27** 6:00 PM at Merced Community College: Merced Cal-SOAP Financial Aid Workshop

Sincerely,

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FAFSA/CADAA Opt-Out Form

To opt out of the FAFSA/CADAA, complete this form and return it to your high school counselor by May 1, 2025. You may also choose to opt out digitally through the following link:
https://bit.ly/FAFSA-TUSD-Optout
Submitting a Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form does not prohibit a student from completing and submitting a financial aid application at any time in the future.

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year): _____

Statewide Student Identifier (SSID): _____

Check One Option Below:

☐ **Option 1: Student Authorization** (emancipated minor or age 18 or older): By signing this form, I have read the information at http://www.turlock.k12.ca.us/fafsa, I understand what the FAFSA and CADAA are, and I choose not to submit the completed financial aid application.

☐ **Option 2: Parent or Guardian Authorization**: The pupil named on this form is under the age of 18. I am a parent or legal guardian of the above-named pupil, and by signing this form I have read the information at http://www.turlock.k12.ca.us/fafsa, I understand what the FAFSA and CADAA are, and I choose for my pupil not to submit the completed financial aid application.

☐ **Option 3: Counselor Authorization**: My signature below certifies that reasonable efforts to ensure the pupil completed the FAFSA/CADAA application have been made, but I have determined the pupil is unable to complete requirements of Education Code Section 51225.7.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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