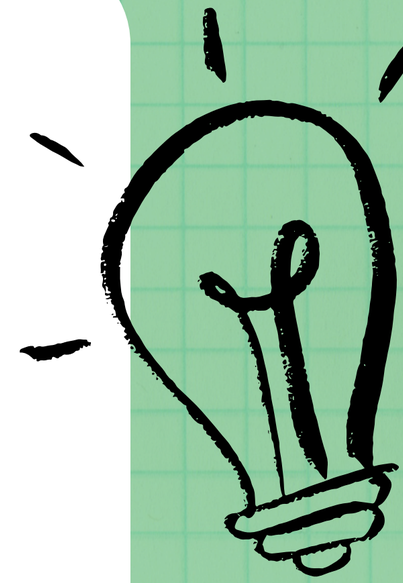
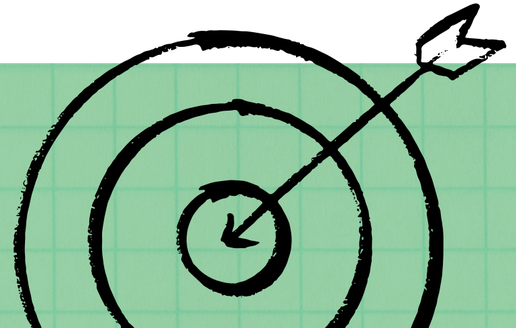
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FAFSA OR CADAA: YOUR MONEY. YOUR NEXT MOVE.

TODAY YOU WILL CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT AND START YOUR FINANCIAL AID JOURNEY.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY STARTED YOUR FAFSA OR CADAA ACCOUNT, YOU WILL BEGIN LOOKING AT SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES ON THE COLLEGE AND CAREER WEBSITE.



PRE TEST:



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YOUR MISSION TODAY

1. Choose FAFSA or CADAA – the right application for you.
2. Create your own login (FSA ID or CADAA account).
3. Start the 2027-28 application and know your next step.
4. Review Financial Aid Resources on CCC and FAFSA website.

You do NOT need to finish everything today to make real progress.

Types of Aid



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The **FAFSA** is an application operated by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) that allows students to qualify for federal, state, and institutional financial aid.

California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

The **CADAA** is California's state financial aid application operated by CSAC that allows undocumented and other eligible students to qualify for state and institutional financial aid.

Types of Aid	FAFSA	CADAA
Pell Grant (Federal)	✓	✗
Work Study (Federal)	✓	✗
Federal Loan (Federal)	✓	✗
Cal Grant or Middle Class Scholarship (State)	✓	✓
Dream Service Incentive Grant (State)	✗	✓
Dream Loan* (State)	✗	*Undocumented
California Community College Promise Grant (CCC)	✓	✓
Student Success Completion Grant (CCC)	✓	✓
Institutional Aid from the College You Will Attend (Institution)	✓	✓

Types of Aid

Grants

A grant is a monetary gift for people pursuing higher education. It is often based on financial need and does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).

Loans

A loan is money borrowed from the federal government or a private source like a bank or financial institution, and must be paid back with interest.

Work Study

Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

Scholarships

a grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement.

There is aid for all income levels

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WHAT SHOULD BE IN FRONT OF YOU?

1. **Charged laptop + phone + accessible PERSONAL email.**
2. **Legal name, birth date, address, SSN if applicable.**
3. **Parent/ legal guardian contributor email (if required).**

Never share passwords, SSNs, or family tax details with ANYONE!

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FAFSA OR CADAA? PICK YOUR LANE

1. **FAFSA: U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens.**

2. **CADAA: eligible California students who cannot use FAFSA, including many undocumented students.**

3. **Unsure? Check resources on table or consult with family.**

Complete the application that fits YOUR circumstances, not both by default.

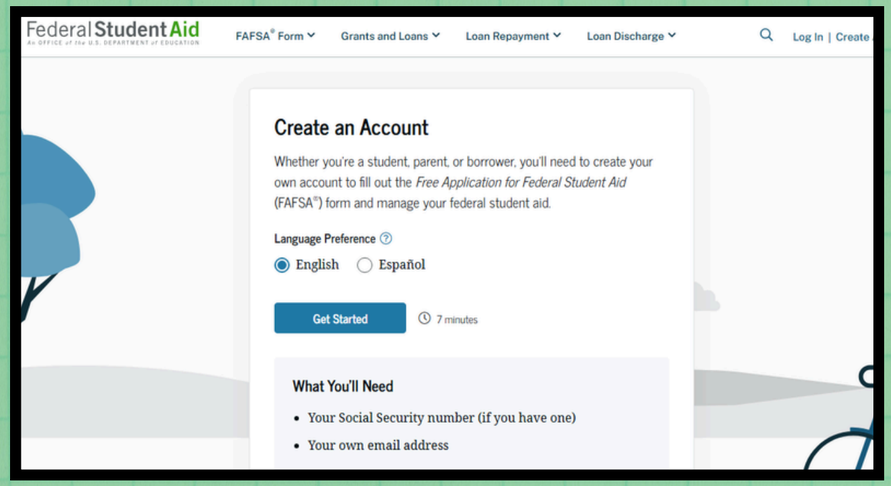
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STEP 1 • OPEN THE RIGHT WEBSITE

FAFSA

studentaid.gov/create-account

OR



CADAA

dream.csac.ca.gov/landing



Only use official .gov sites.

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FAFSA • STEP 2 • CREATE YOUR FSA ID

1. **Select “Create Account.”**
2. **Enter your legal name, date of birth, and SSN as requested.**
3. **Choose your username and strong password. (list on FAFSA worksheet)**
4. **Use your own email and mobile number. (NOT TUSD EMAIL)**

Already have an account? Sign in or recover it — do not create a duplicate.

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FAFSA • STEP 3 • VERIFY & PROTECT IT

1. Confirm your email and/or phone using verification codes.
2. Set up the required account security steps.
3. Save your username and password on FAFSA worksheet!
4. Finish account setup and check your dashboard.

Your FSA ID is your legal electronic signature. Nobody else should use it.

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CADAA • STEP 1 • MAKE YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Open dream.csac.ca.gov/landing.
2. Answer the pre-registration eligibility questions.
3. Create your CADAA account with a personal email.
4. Select the 2027-28 application when available.



CADAA uses its OWN account – it is not an FSA ID.

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CADAA • STEP 2 • COMPLETE THE FORM

1. Fill out student and California residency/AB 540 questions.
2. Add requested 2025 income and financial information.
3. Enter schools and parent information if applicable.
4. Review, sign, and arrange required parent signature.



If unsure about eligibility, speak privately with a counselor.

WORK TIME • YOUR 20-MINUTE CHALLENGE

LEVEL 1 → Open the correct official site

LEVEL 2 → Create / sign in to your account

LEVEL 3 → Start your 2027-28 form

LEVEL 4 → Start working on scholarships, check out the CCC website!

UTILIZE HANDOUTS ON YOUR DESK IF YOU GET STUCK!

Resources



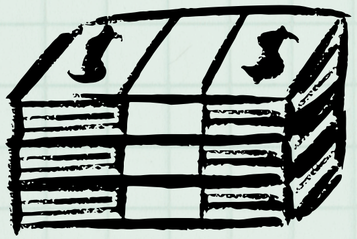
FAFSA, CADAA, CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS, & FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- + Financial Aid and Cash for College Workshops
- + FAFSA and CADAA
- + FAFSA Next Steps
- + Cal Grant Resources
- + Understanding your Finances - A Guide for College Students Resource
- + Cal KIDS
- + CSS Profile
- + Foster Youth Caregiver
- + Chafee
- + Undocumented Resources
- + Financial Aid Appeal

a simple google search (:



Stuck? Confused?



Quick Links for StudentAid.gov Account Troubleshooting

- How do I retrieve my username?
- How do I reset my password?
- Can I get help accessing my StudentAid.gov account?
- How do I unlock my StudentAid.gov account?
- How can I recover my StudentAid.gov account?
- How do I update my StudentAid.gov account log-in information?
- What if I can't create a StudentAid.gov account because my SSN is already in use?
- What does the error message "Multiple Students Found" mean?
- What if I didn't receive my secure code?
- How do I set up an authenticator app for my two-step verification?
- How do I verify my identity if I create an account and don't have an SSN?

Contact

Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)

Live Chat

1-800-433-3243

Email

a simple google search (:

BEFORE YOU LEAVE: YOUR EXIT TICKET



Please keep your FAFSA sheets (forever), refer to the back of them for helpful follow ups!



Herff Jones Grad Fair TODAY: 5:30-7:30 in the Library