



# Financial Aid Highlights



**Complete the FAFSA/CADAA by March 2!!**

## FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to learn information about financial aid options, such as **PELL Grants**, **Federal Work Study**, **Student Loans**, and other options available to students to help pay for college.

Visit [www.CSAC.ca.gov](http://www.CSAC.ca.gov) for information about Cal Grant and other financial aid options for California residents.

## Apply for Financial Aid!

Students **with** an SSN complete the FSA ID & the FAFSA.  
Students **without** an SSN complete the CADAA.  
*Students with a DACA SSN complete the CADAA.*

1. Apply for an **FSA ID!!** Go <https://studentaid.gov> and click on **Create Account** to apply for an **FSA ID** before completing the FAFSA. **Student and at least one parent must create an FSA ID.** Use the **FSA ID** to sign the FAFSA electronically. With the **FSA ID**, parents can also submit their tax information for FAFSA.
2. **Starting October 1, go to <https://studentaid.gov> to complete the FAFSA for the following school year. This is FREE!**
3. In 3-5 days, check email for a **FAFSA Submission Summary**. Make any changes or adjustments to the FAFSA as needed. Colleges that are listed on the FAFSA will begin to receive information.
4. Verify Cal Grant GPA has been submitted by checking online at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>

## CADAA = California Dream Act Application

**Students without an SSN and students with a DACA SSN may apply for Cal Grant by completing the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>.** Cal Grants are available to students who do not have an SSN, but who have attended and graduated from a California high school.

**Need help completing the FAFSA or CADAA?** Help is available online. Cash for College events will be held throughout Los Angeles. Visit [www.lacashforcollege.org](http://www.lacashforcollege.org) for a list of events. **Students who attend have a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship just for attending!**

**Community College Promise Grant** – Visit the **College Promise Grant/Program** website of the **Community College** you plan to attend. Each college has different requirements.

## CSS Profile

Some private colleges require the CSS Profile, which is completed in addition to the FAFSA/CADAA. Visit <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/> for a list of colleges that require it and to complete the CSS Profile application.

## Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

Students who were in **foster care for at least one day between the ages of 16-18** may qualify for the **Chafee Grant**. Students must complete the **FAFSA/CADAA** in addition to the **Chafee Application**. For more information and to apply, visit <https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/>.

**Apply for Scholarships!!** Create an account at [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com).

Visit [www.MyCounselingConnection.com](http://www.MyCounselingConnection.com) for information about financial aid, scholarships, and other high school and college information!