



Financial Aid for College or Career/Trade School - Class of 2027

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WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

DEFINITION

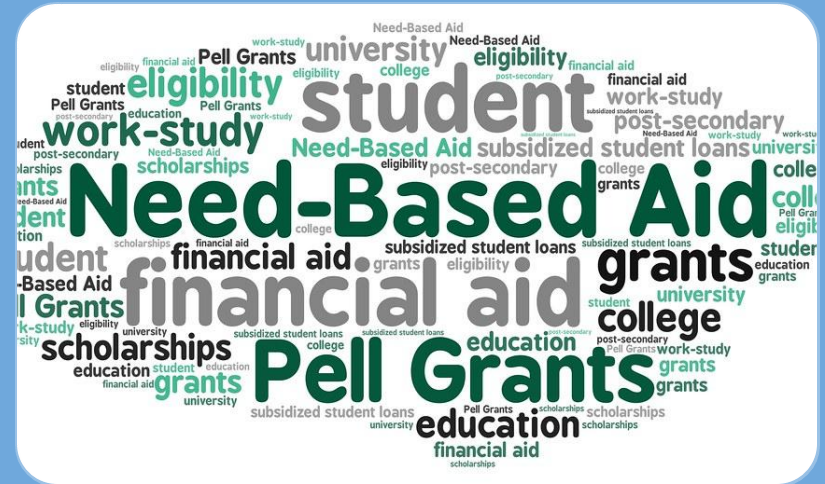
Financial aid is any college funding that does not come from family, personal savings or earnings.

TYPES OF AID

- ✔ Grants & Scholarships
- ✔ Work-Study Programs
- ✔ Federal & Private Loans

WHAT IT COVERS

Can be used to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, and other educational expenses.



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

⇒ studentaid.gov

- Free Application (FAFSA)
- Grants, Loans, Work Study

CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

⇒ dream.csac.ca.gov

CAL GRANT

⇒ csac.ca.gov

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AID

Contact financial aid office at schools you are considering.

SCHOLARSHIPS

IHS Counseling Website, CCGI, etc.



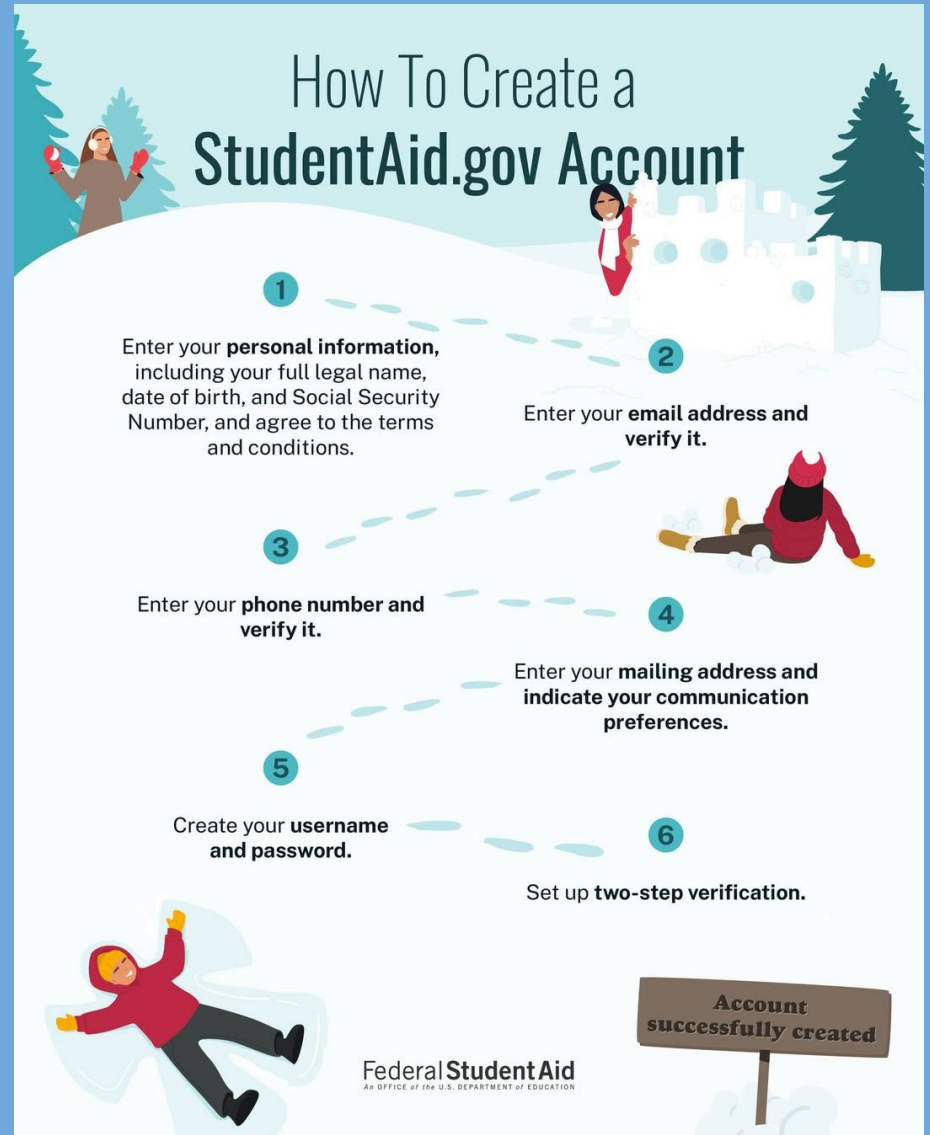
CREATE A FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID (FSA ID)

What You Can Do With Your Account

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the Master Promissory Note)
- Review the Federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address



FAFSA - AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 1, 2026

An official website of the United States government.

Help Center

FAFSA Form

English | Español

Federal **StudentAid**

FAFSA® Form ▾

Grants and Loans ▾

Loan Repayment ▾

Loan Forgiveness ▾



Log In | Create Account

2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2026–27
FAFSA® Form

Start New Form

Edit a 2026–27
FAFSA® Form

Edit Existing Forms

Accept an Invitation for a
2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Accept an Invitation



Need the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form?

[Start New Form](#) | [Edit Existing Forms](#) or [Accept an Invitation](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in

Some states and schools use information from the FAFSA® form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

School Year

State of Residence

Find Deadlines

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

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FAFSA[®] DEADLINES YOU MUST KNOW

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION



School



State



Federal

- 1) College Deadline
 - Look up each school's FAFSA deadline
- 2) State Priority Deadline
 - California: March 2, 2027
- 3) Federal Deadline
 - June 30, 2028



APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE

CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

[Sign in to Fall 2026/Spring 2027](#)

[Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026](#)



Check Participating Schools and Scholarships

Review which colleges, schools, and scholarship programs use CSS Profile.

[Learn More](#)



Learn How to Apply

Review our step-by-step guide to completing your CSS Profile application.

[Complete the Application](#)



Information for Parents

Learn more about completing the CSS Profile as a parent, including as a noncustodial parent.

[Information for Parents](#)



BigFuture®

Need more information on paying for college? Learn more on BigFuture!

[BigFuture.org](#)

- Used by many private colleges, universities, and scholarship programs in addition to the FAFSA, to determine financial need
 - <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Check the [list of schools](#) to see if any of the colleges to which you are applying require completion
- Begin submission online on October 1st
- Check with each individual campus for deadlines



California Student Aid Commission

What is a Cal Grant?

Financial aid for students pursuing undergraduate degrees or vocational training. These funds do not have to be repaid if financial criteria are met.

Application Deadline

You must submit your FAFSA and CADAA application by **March 2, 2027** to be considered.

GPA Verification

Required for consideration.
Submission is handled automatically by IUSD unless you choose to "opt out."

Eligible Institutions

Available at UC, CSU, community colleges, and qualifying independent or vocational schools.



Financial Aid Eligibility

The California Dream Act allows undocumented and mixed-status students to receive certain types of state and institutional financial aid.

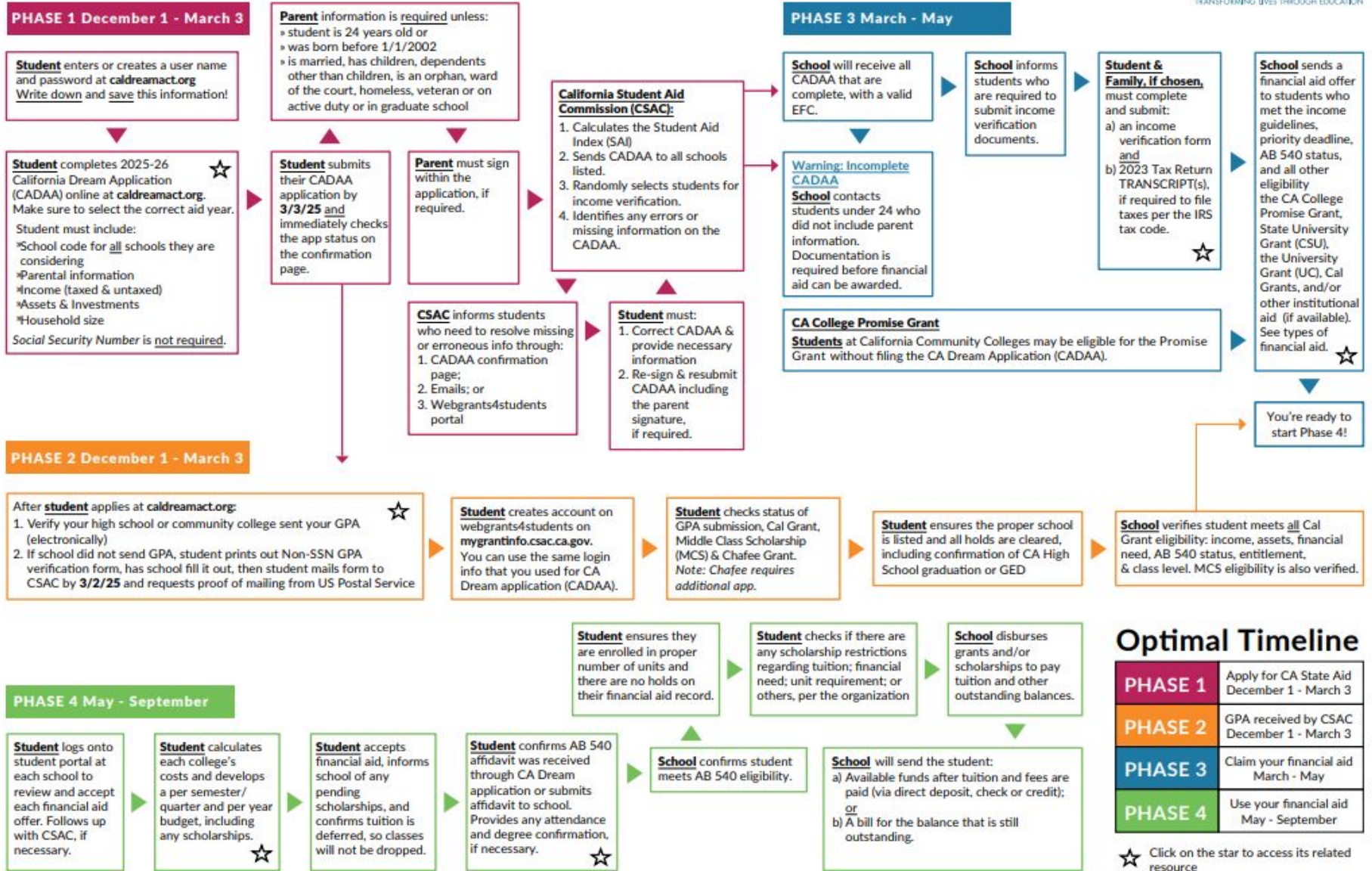
In-State Tuition Benefits

The California Dream Act allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition at any public college and university in California.

Apply at

dream.csac.ca.gov

California Dream Act Map 2025-26: Steps to Successfully Apply



IRVINE HS FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

- Information on financial aid and scholarships
- List of scholarships and websites

The screenshot shows a web page titled "FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS". The breadcrumb trail at the top reads: Home > COUNSELING ... > COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS > FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS. A "PRINT" button is in the top right corner. Below the title is a social media sharing bar with icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Email, and a plus sign. The main content area includes a paragraph: "The links to the right will provide you accesses to several resources you can utilize to learn about and apply for financial aid and scholarships." This is followed by a section titled "SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS" with a link "HERE" to view a list of scholarships. Below that is a section titled "IUSD FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES" with a link "HERE". The next section is "IUSD FINANCIAL AID NIGHT PRESENTATION", which includes text about a presentation on September 20th, a link "Click Here for Slide Presentation", and a link "Click Here to View the Video". There is also a "Resources" section with links for "Creating and Using FSA ID", "CSS Profile Student Guide", and "Creating a CSS Profile Account- Parent Information". On the right side, there are two vertical lists of links. The first list, "FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES", includes: FAFSA, California Student Aid Commission, Scholarship Search (FinAid), FinAid (Guide to Financial Aid), Cal Grants and Specialized Programs, and Collegeboard (CSS Profile and Scholarship Search). The second list, "SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES", includes: Scholarship Search (Fastweb), Peterson's (Free Scholarship Service), LendEDU (Scholarship Information), Sallie Mae Scholarship Search, StudentScholarships.org, and FinAid (Free Scholarship Service).

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FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

The links to the right will provide you accesses to several resources you can utilize to learn about and apply for financial aid and scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

Please click the link [HERE](#) to view a list of Scholarships that you may apply to.

IUSD FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

please click [HERE](#)

IUSD FINANCIAL AID NIGHT PRESENTATION

All Seniors and their families were invited to attend the IUSD Financial Aid Night on **September 20th**.

Please see the information below from the presentation.

Slides - [Click Here for Slide Presentation](#)

Video - [Click Here to View the Video](#)

Resources

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[CSS Profile Student Guide](#)

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SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ON CaliforniaColleges.edu



[Educator Dashboard](#) [College](#) [Career](#) [Financial Aid](#)



Scholarships

Scholarships can help you borrow or work less while you're in college.



Important Links

[Vocabulary](#)

Financial Aid Resources

[Financial Aid for Homeless Youth](#)
[Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities](#)

[Talk to Your Family about Financial Aid](#)
[Making Smart Money Decisions](#)

How Can You Find and Apply for Scholarships?

As you plan to pay for college, start by applying for federal and state financial aid. You could get thousands of dollars to pay for tuition, housing, books, and more. Even so, financial aid may not cover all your college costs. Scholarships can help make up the difference! Scholarships are free money. You don't have to work for them or pay them back.

What kinds of scholarships can you get?

Some scholarships come from the government or your college. Others come from companies or organizations. **There are scholarships for all kinds of students!**

Here are some reasons you may be a good match for a scholarship.

- You have financial need.
- You have good grades.
- You've done really well in other areas, like leadership or the arts.
- You have a career goal like nursing, teaching, or engineering.
- You're really good at a sport.

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

The majority of colleges and universities will have a net price calculator on their website.



3 Signs of a Student Aid Scam

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You have to pay an upfront cost or monthly fees.

2

They promise guaranteed financial aid.

3

You have to provide your username and password (FSA ID).

Important Reminders:

- No person or organization can guarantee you admission to college or financial aid.
- There are no secrets on how to get more financial aid.
- When in doubt, please ask your counselor.

NEXT STEPS FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Create your student and parent FSA ID's
- Search and apply for scholarships
- Talk with your family about college costs
- Complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile in the fall
- Be organized, don't panic and ask questions
- Meet all deadlines and stay proactive

