



Financing Your Future

TEACH! 2018 Conference



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A photograph of a room with large windows and red chairs. The windows look out onto a landscape with trees and a body of water. The room is brightly lit, and the chairs are arranged in rows, suggesting a lecture hall or a meeting room.

**DID YOU KNOW MORE THAN 85% OF
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS
RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF AID?**

Agenda

- What is “Financial Aid”?
- How to Apply
- Other Resources
- Important Dates and Deadlines
- Other Important Information



What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is money provided to students to help pay for educational expenses.

Free Money

- Grants
- Scholarships

Loans

- Money that has to be paid back

Employment

- Federal Work Study
- Institutional jobs

Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal Government
- State Programs
- Institutional Funds
- Outside Agencies/Organizations

A group of four diverse students are sitting at a table in a library, looking at a laptop and some papers. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The scene is brightly lit and has a positive, collaborative atmosphere.

FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov

Available October 1, 2018 for 2019-2020

Apply for federal aid, including:

- Pell Grant
- SEOG Grant
- Federal Student Loans
- Federal Work-Study
- Federal Parent Loans

Sometimes used for determining scholarship eligibility!

Need money for college?

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

NEW TO FAFSA.GOV?

Submitting the FAFSA form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE. Get started today.

[START HERE >](#)

RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

[LOG IN >](#)

California Dream Act Application:

dream.csac.ca.gov

Available October 1, 2018 for 2019-2020

**Students must meet the AB 540 qualifications*

Apply for California State aid, including:

- California Grant
- California Promise
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Chaffee Grant

Not sure which application to use?
Answer the initial questions on this
application to determine which is
best for you!



CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students interested in attending eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.



[Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.](#)

Announcements:



- To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by **March 2**.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



NEW to the CA Dream Act? First Time User?

- Start a NEW application
- Do not submit multiple applications

Get Started!



Start



Returning User to CA Dream Act?

- Renew your application
- Submit a saved application
- Make a correction or add a school to your application

[Forgot User ID or Reset Password](#)



Login



Submit Parent Signature

- Request a Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN?
- Sign the Student Application



Parent
Signature

What you will need

About 30-60 minutes and...

Personal Information

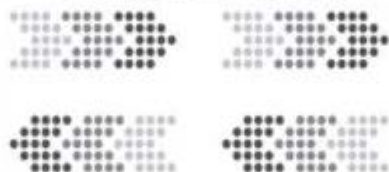
- Legal Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Marital Status

Tax Information

- Income Information for 2017
- Federal Tax Information for 2017
- Child Support Information for 2017
- Other Untaxed Income Information for 2017



Link It!



**IRS Data
Retrieval Tool**



COMMON MISTAKES...

- Name errors
- Incorrect socials number
- Putting parent's income in your income!
- Not signing the FAFSA/California Application
- Not submitting the FAFSA/California Application
- Submitting the wrong aid year FAFSA

BIGGEST FINANCIAL AID MYTH: My parents make too much money, I won't get *any* financial aid!

Other Resource

Check with your school counselor for scholarship opportunities. Scholarship sights:

- [FastWeb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- [BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [Scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com)
- [CollegeAnswer.com](https://www.collegeanswer.com)
- [ScholarshipExperts.com](https://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

Resources for students considering teaching

- TEACH Grant
- Student Loan forgiveness



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October 1, 2018:

- 2019-2020 FAFSA Available
- 2019-2020 California Dream Act Application Available

October-December, 2018:

- Check with your university for scholarship dates and deadlines

March 2, 2018

- California's priority filing date to be considered for State Grants

The background of the slide features a collage of US dollar bills, including a \$100 bill at the top and a \$1 bill at the bottom right. The text is overlaid on a dark blue semi-transparent box.

Other Important Information...

Check your university-assigned email and student portal regularly!

Order tax return transcripts from the IRS for you and your parent(s)!

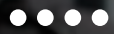
Remember, financial aid applications and most scholarship applications need to be done each year!

Set your final class schedule each semester as early as possible – adding and dropping classes can cause changes to your aid!

Do well in school – Financial aid is not a guarantee if you don't!

There are lifetime limits to most aid programs!

QUESTIONS?



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