It only takes about 35 minutes!

3 Steps to FAFSA Completion

1. CREATE AN FSA ID
   Go to FSAID.ed.gov (5 minutes)
   The FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for FAFSA*
   The FSA ID replaces the FSA PIN. (Note: FSA ID not required for CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)^)
   Tips on creating the ID:
   • Legal parent and student each needs own ID
   • Each will need their SSN
   • Use the “show text” feature
   • Don’t use your high school email
   Note: Creating an FSA ID only takes a few minutes, but it can take a day or two to process, so it is best to do it ahead of time if you plan to attend a Cash for College workshop.

2. FILL OUT THE FAFSA/CADAA
   Go to FAFSA.gov (30 minutes)
   Applications are available October 1.
   What you will need:
   • Your student’s FSA ID to create the application
   • Driver’s license, if you have one
   • Social Security card or number (Alien registration #, if you are not a U.S. citizen)
   • 2019 income & tax information
   • Any records of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker’s compensation
   • List of colleges you are interested in attending
   • Verify all information for accuracy before submitting

3. NEED HELP? ATTEND A CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP!
   Workshops throughout the year • See schedule at hcoe.org/cash-for-college
   • Drop-in basis
   • Spanish language assistance available
   • HSU/CR financial aid staff available to assist
   • Bring info for FAFSA Completion in steps 1 & 2 above

* Free Application for Federal Student Aid - the gateway to grants, scholarships, work study & loans
^ California Dream Act Application for AB540 eligible students - www.caldreamact.org