

Financial Aid Workshop

Presented By: The California Student Aid Commission

AGENDA

- Financial Aid Cycle
- Financial Aid Applications
- Types of Financial Aid
- Special Circumstances
- Resources and Q&A



FINANCIAL AID CYCLE



THE APPLICATIONS

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CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students enrolled in 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.

<p>New to The California Dream Act?</p> <p>Select this option if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have never filed a CA Dream Act ApplicationWant to start a new CA Dream Act ApplicationAre ready to get started <p>Start A New Application</p>	<p>Provide a Parent Signature</p> <p>Select this option if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Need to request Parent PINForgot your Parent PINNeed to sign your Student's application <p>Sign Student Application</p>	<p>Returning User?</p> <p>Select this option if you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue or renew your CA Dream Act ApplicationUpdate or correct current CA Dream Act ApplicationView your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more... <p>Login</p>
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When to apply:

- October 1 – March 2
- During Senior Year in HS
- Resubmit every year

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Merit or performance-based money without repayment

GRANTS

Need-based money without repayment

SCHOLARSHIPS

WORK STUDY

Need-based campus jobs; earnings go toward tuition, fees, etc.

Fixed low-interest rate money that must be repaid

FEDERAL LOANS

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FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

- ❑ **Pell Grant** – Up to \$6,095
- ❑ **SEOG** – Up to \$4,000
- ❑ **Work Study** – Depends on school funds (apply early)
- ❑ **Direct Loans** – Up to \$12,500 (depending on grade level and dependency status)
- ❑ **Parent PLUS Loans** – COA minus other aid



INSTITUTIONAL AID

- ❑ **Blue and Gold Program (UC)** – covers 100% of the system-wide tuition and fees of \$12,570
- ❑ **State University Grant (CSU)** – covers 100% of the state university fee of \$5,742
- ❑ **College Promise Grant (Comm. Colleges)** – covers 100% of the enrollment fees @ \$46 per unit
- ❑ **Full-Time Student Success Grant (Comm. Colleges)** – up to \$1,000

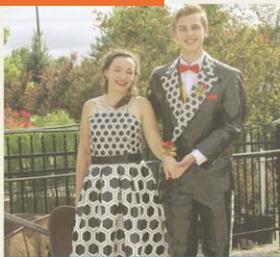


PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❑ **FREE** financial aid!
- ❑ The majority will require the following:
 - ✓ **Application**
 - ✓ **Letter of Recommendation (teacher, counselor etc.)**
 - ✓ **Transcript**
 - ✓ **Maybe an interview**
- ❑ Some will require a bit of creativity



2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



EMILY & ETHAN
1ST PLACE COUPLE



ALLISON
1ST PLACE SINGLE



MEGAN-MARIE & BRANDON
2ND PLACE COUPLE

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

□ Where to find scholarships:

- ✓ **Financial Aid Office**
- ✓ **Academic Counselor**
- ✓ **Public library**
- ✓ **You/Your Parent's Employer**

✓ **Using a scholarship search engine:**

□ www.petersons.com  PETERSON'S

□ www.fastweb.com 

□ www.cappex.com 

□ www.saltmoney.org 

□ www.immigrantsrising.org 



STATE FINANCIAL AID

- ❑ **Cal Grant** – up to \$12,570 (depending on school of attendance and Cal Grant type)
- ❑ **Middle Class Scholarship**
 - ❑ UC: up to \$5,028
 - ❑ CSU: up to \$2,298
- ❑ **Chafee Grant** – up to \$5,000
- ❑ **Law Enforcement Dependents Grant** – same as Cal Grant amounts
- ❑ **CA Nat'l Guard Education Assistance Program** – same as Cal Grant amounts

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CAL GRANT PROGRAM

- ❑ FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application + Certified GPA
- ❑ Apply between October 1 and March 2
- ❑ Minimum 2.00 GPA
- ❑ Certificate, Associate's or Bachelor's Degree
- ❑ Tuition & fees / books & supplies for up to 4 years at eligible schools in California
- ❑ Awards range from \$1,094 to \$12,570

CAL GRANT A

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- GPA Minimum: 3.0
 - Degree Requirements:
 - Minimum 2 year program
 - Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
 - Award Coverage:
 - 4 years of tuition & fees at eligible California schools



CAL GRANT B

- GPA Minimum: 2.0
- Degree Requirements:
 - Minimum 1 year program
 - Certificate, Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- Award Coverage:
 - Tuition & fees at eligible California schools for years 2-4
 - \$1,672 Access Award for 4 Years



CAL GRANT C

- 
- GPA Minimum: None
 - Degree Requirements:
 - At least 4 months in length
 - Occupational or technical program
 - Award Coverage:
 - CCC Up to \$1,094 (Books and Supplies)
 - Eligible private/vocational schools up to \$2,462 in tuition/fees + \$547 for books/supplies

Special consideration for *priority* occupations



MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Enrollment Requirements

- Must be enrolled at a UC or CSU
- Must be enrolled at least ½ time
- 1st Undergraduate program
- Income \leq \$171,000
- Assets \leq \$171,000



A completed FAFSA or CADAA application is all that is needed

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CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Assists current and former **foster youth** that were dependent or wards of the court, living in foster care, for at least 1 day between the ages of 16 and 18

- FAFSA/California Dream Act Application (every year)
- Chafee Grant Application (one-time)
- Up to \$5,000 per academic year
- Beginning in 2018-19, for new applicants, the Chafee Grant can be renewed until the age of **26** (previously 23 years of age)
- Portable award (Eligible schools outside of CA)
- Chafee Webinars: chafee@csac.ca.gov for info on next webinar!
- Questions? 1-888-294-0153 - then follow prompts

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CAL GRANT: QUALIFYING FACTORS

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2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$118,500	\$65,100
Five	\$109,900	\$60,300
Four	\$102,500	\$53,900
Three	\$94,400	\$48,500
Two	\$92,100	\$43,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$37,600	\$37,600
Married, no other dependents	\$43,000	\$43,000

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

Dependent students ¹	\$79,300
Independent students	\$37,700



SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Income adjustments/loss of income

**Major Changes?
Consult with the Financial Aid Office**



Ask for a Professional Judgement

- unaccompanied homeless youths
- Death of a parent
- Adverse home situations
- High unreimbursed medical and/or dental



RESOURCES AND QUESTIONS

State Financial Aid: www.csac.ca.gov

CA Dream Act Application: www.caldreamact.org

FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov

Application workshops: www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov

Selective Service Info: www.sss.gov

Support for DREAMER students: www.immigrantsrising.org

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