Getting Started

Go to cash4college.csac.ca.gov and find the box that says “Apply Now” to begin filling out the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Not sure which application you should be filling out? Start with the CADAA – the first few questions are designed to determine if you should be filling out the CADAA or FAFSA.

Tips

- We recommend that you work on your application in a secure, private space to protect your information.
- If possible, we recommend that you use separate devices for participating in the workshop and working on your financial aid application.
- If you have not already done so, it is recommended that you create an FSA ID before filling out the FAFSA. Your FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for the FAFSA. Go to FSAID.ed.gov to create your FSA ID. Both students and parents will need their own FSA ID.
- If you have a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) SSN, please note that they are valid for work purposes only, and cannot be used to create an FSA ID or complete the FAFSA. If you have a DACA SSN, you should fill out the CADAA.
- You are NOT required to have DACA to complete the CADAA.
- The email address you use on your FAFSA/CADAA should NOT be a school email address, since you will lose access to that account once you graduate.

Questions?

- If you have a general question you may type it in the chat box.
- If you have a question regarding sensitive personal or financial information, please let us know and you will be placed in a breakout room with workshop staff who will be able to answer your question privately.

Don’t Forget

- Before you leave, follow the link to our short survey located in the chat box. Completing the survey and submitting your FAFSA/CADAA will qualify you to be entered into a raffle to win a $1,000 Cash For College Cal-SOAP Scholarship.
- If you haven’t already created a WebGrants for Students account, go to mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov to track your progress in the financial aid application process and to be notified if you received a Cal Grant.