



## Workshop Instructions for Seniors and Parents

### Getting Started

Go to [cash4college.csac.ca.gov](https://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](https://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](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov) to track your progress in the financial aid application process and to be notified if you received a Cal Grant.