FINANCIAL AID 101
Family Night
January 2021

Hoover High School

What is Financial Aid?

Federal, state, and scholarship resources available and awarded to students based on financial need to cover educational expenses at community college, 4-year universities, and most vocational schools

Types of Aid

1

Free money.

Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

2

Borrowed money.

Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

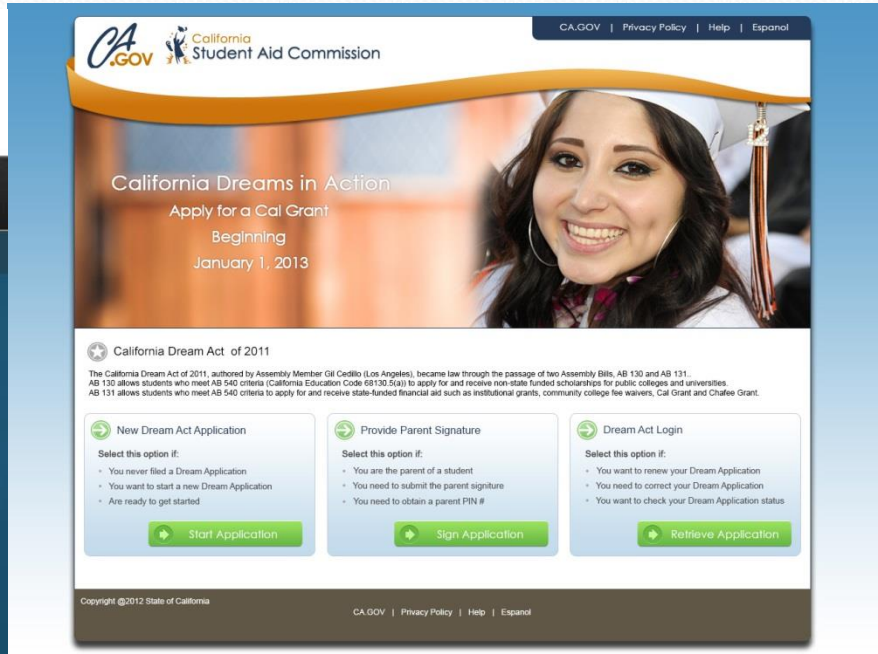
3

Earned money.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.

How Do I Get Financial Aid?

- Submit a FAFSA or Dream Act by March 2nd
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (Cal Grant)



Financial Aid Apps Provide Access To:

- **Federal aid:**
  - Pell grant, subsidized/unsubsidized loans, work study
- **State aid:**
  - Cal Grant *A, B, C*, Middle Class Scholarship
  - California Promise (formerly BOGFW)
- **Institutional Student Aid**— Given by university
  - State University Grant, UC Grant, EOP Grant
  - Campus specific scholarships, merit scholarships

FAFSA VS. CA DREAM ACT

Financial Aid is available for students attending community college, vocational schools *and* 4-year universities

FAFSA Application	CA Dream Act Application
Must be U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	Non-US Citizen or Non-Legal Permanent Resident
Must have valid SSN	NO valid SSN (DACA students)
Must obtain high school diploma or GED	Must obtain high school diploma or GED
Name on FAFSA must match your SSN card	Name on Dream Act must match your birth certificate

For both applications you will need to report your *2019* income (not 2020)

Use tax return ONLY if you/your parent file taxes, otherwise, no tax return needed

Application Deadline: March 2nd

FAFSA

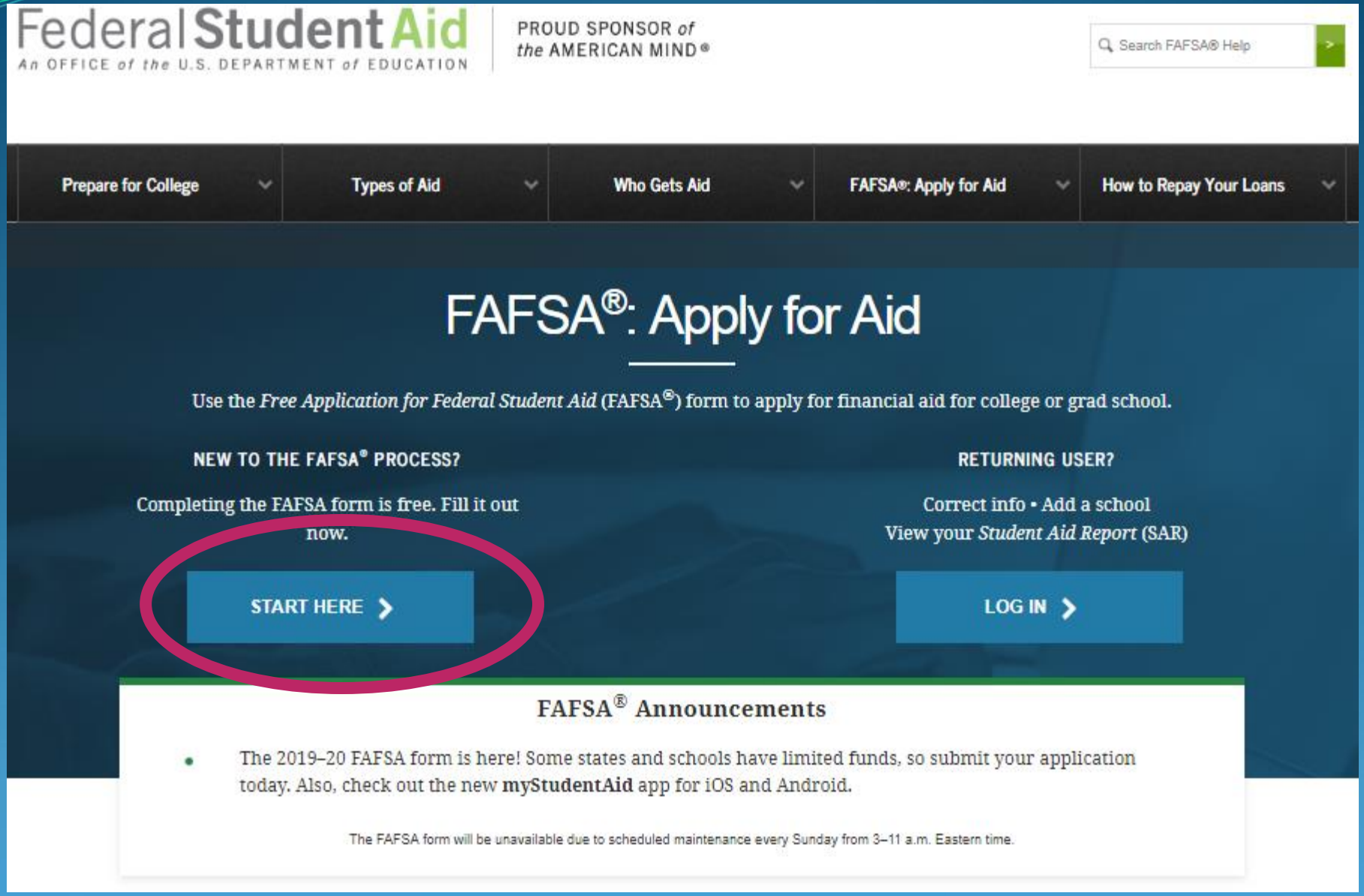
2021-2022 Application opens October 1st

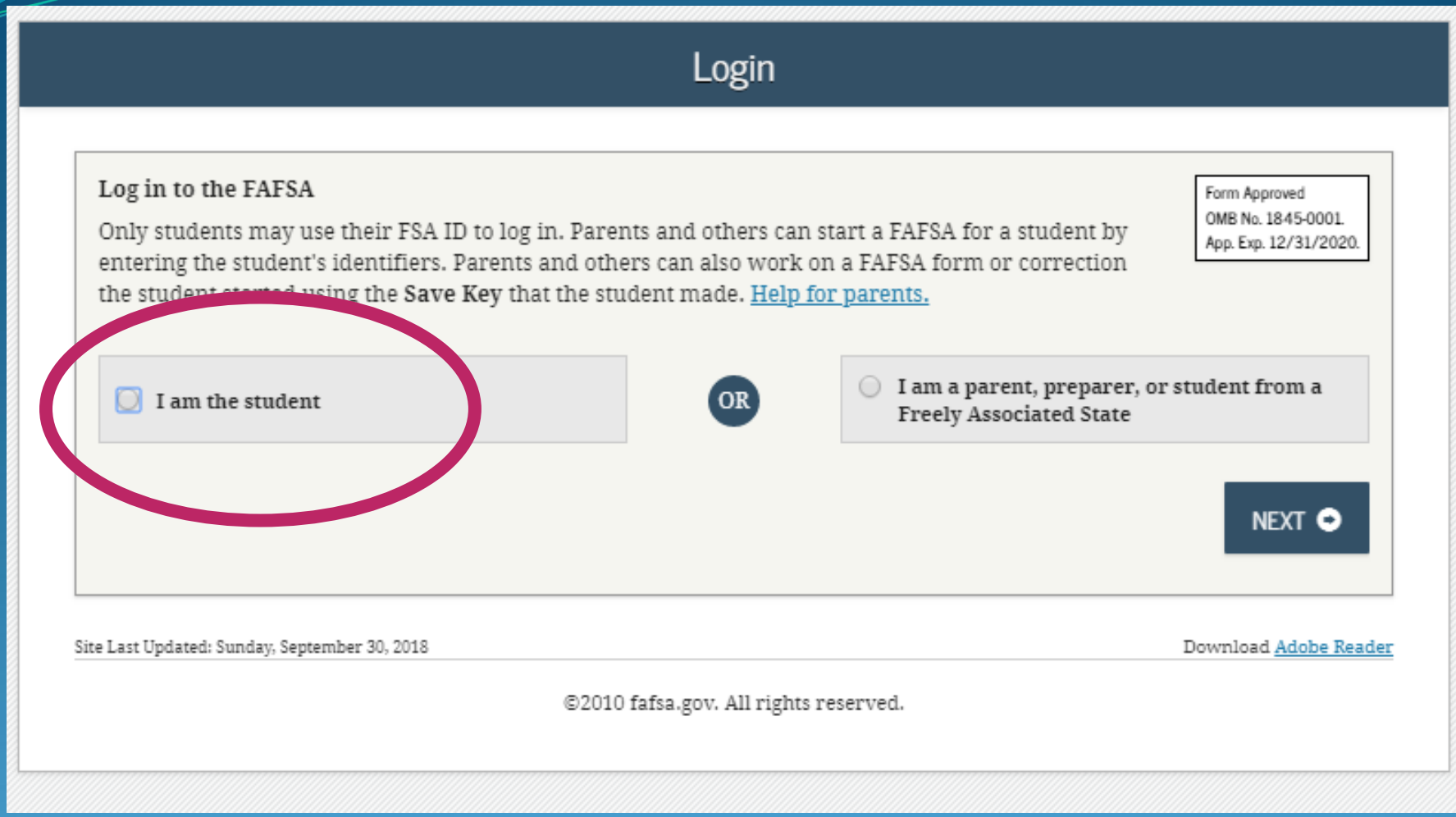
Students must complete app online by MARCH 2nd

www.fafsa.gov

APPLICATION FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE A SSN & ARE U.S. CITIZENS/ PERMANENT RESIDENTS

www.fafsa.ed.gov

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Log in to the FAFSA
Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. Help for parents.
Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001.
App. Exp. 12/31/2020.
I am the student
OR
I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State
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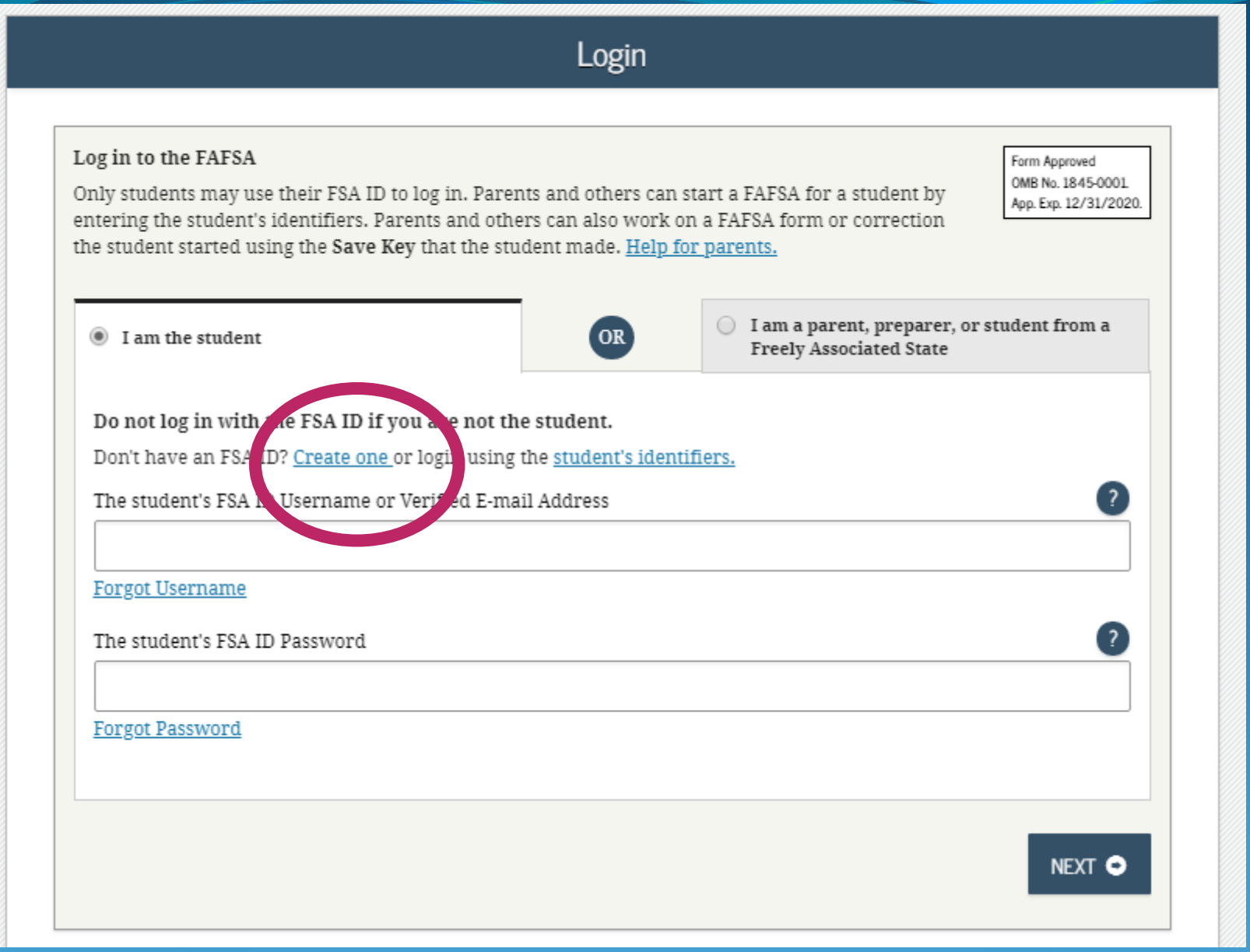
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Don't have an FSA ID? Create one or login using the student's identifiers.
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Forgot Username
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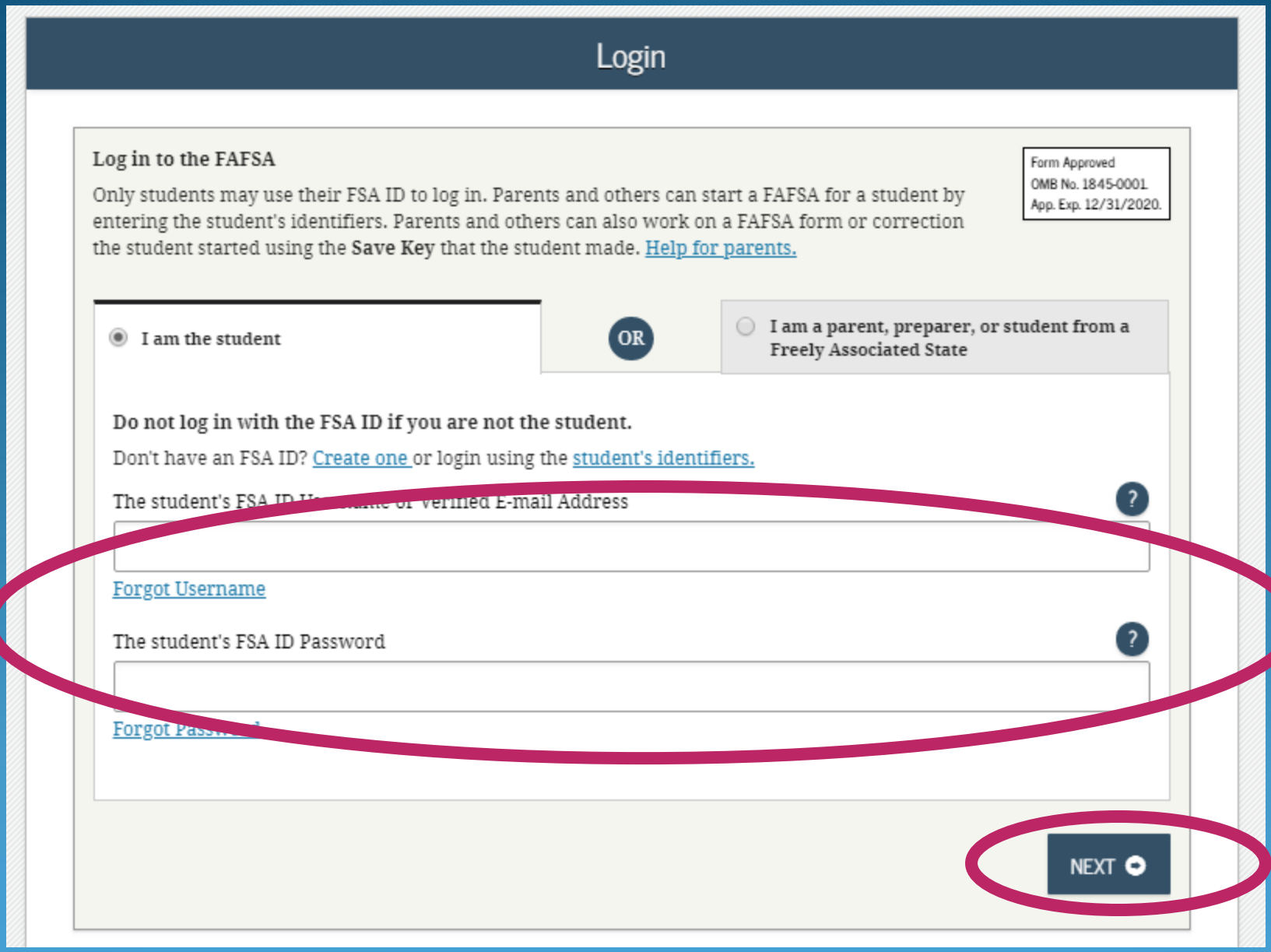
Use new FSAID to start FAFSA



California DREAM ACT Application

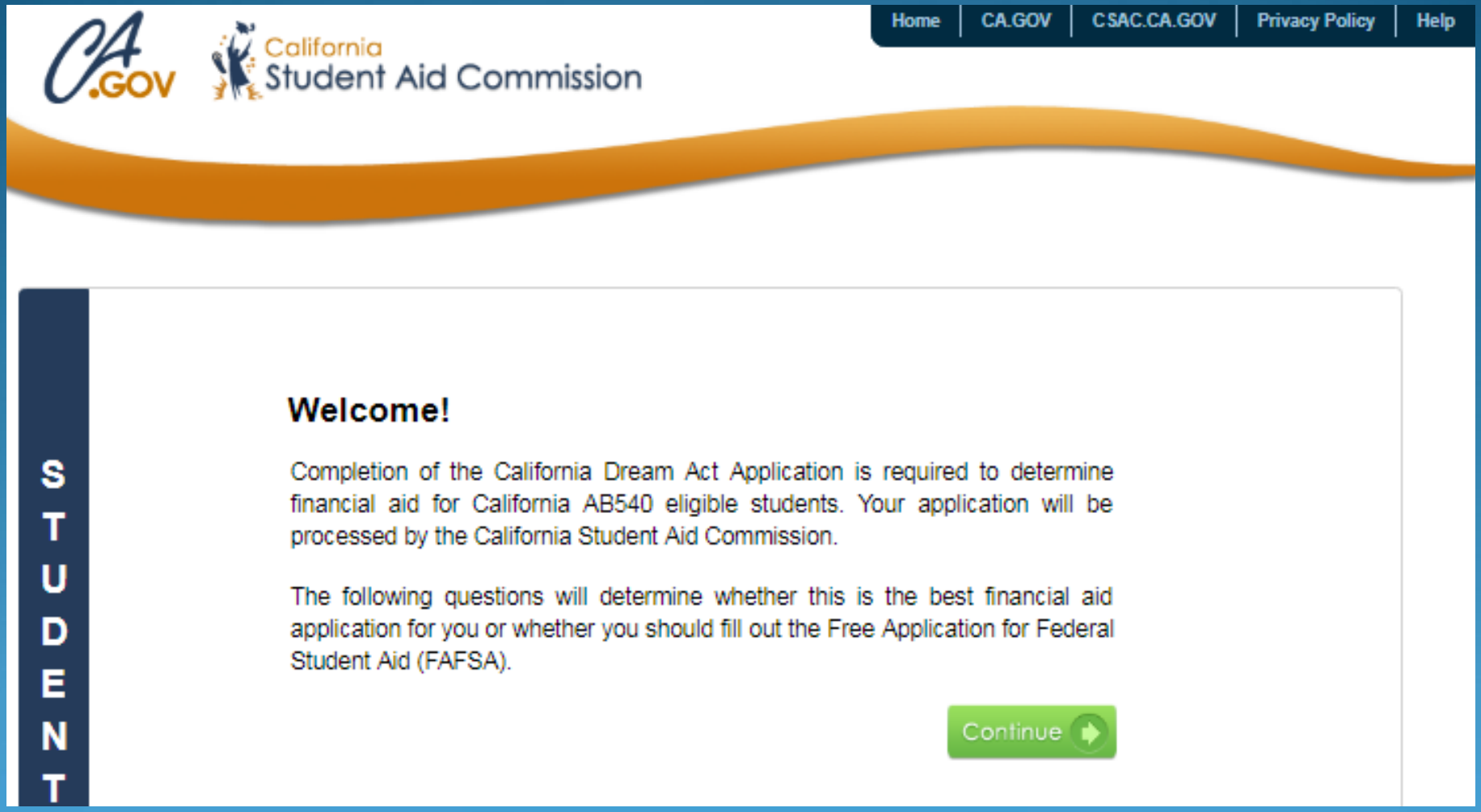
2021-2022 Application opens October 1st

https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

APPLICATION FOR STUDENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A VALID SSN OR HAVE A DACA SSN & ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS/ NON-PERMANENT RESIDENTS

THIS IS NOT A DACA APPLICATION!

Answer the series of questions



Confirm your AB540 eligibility

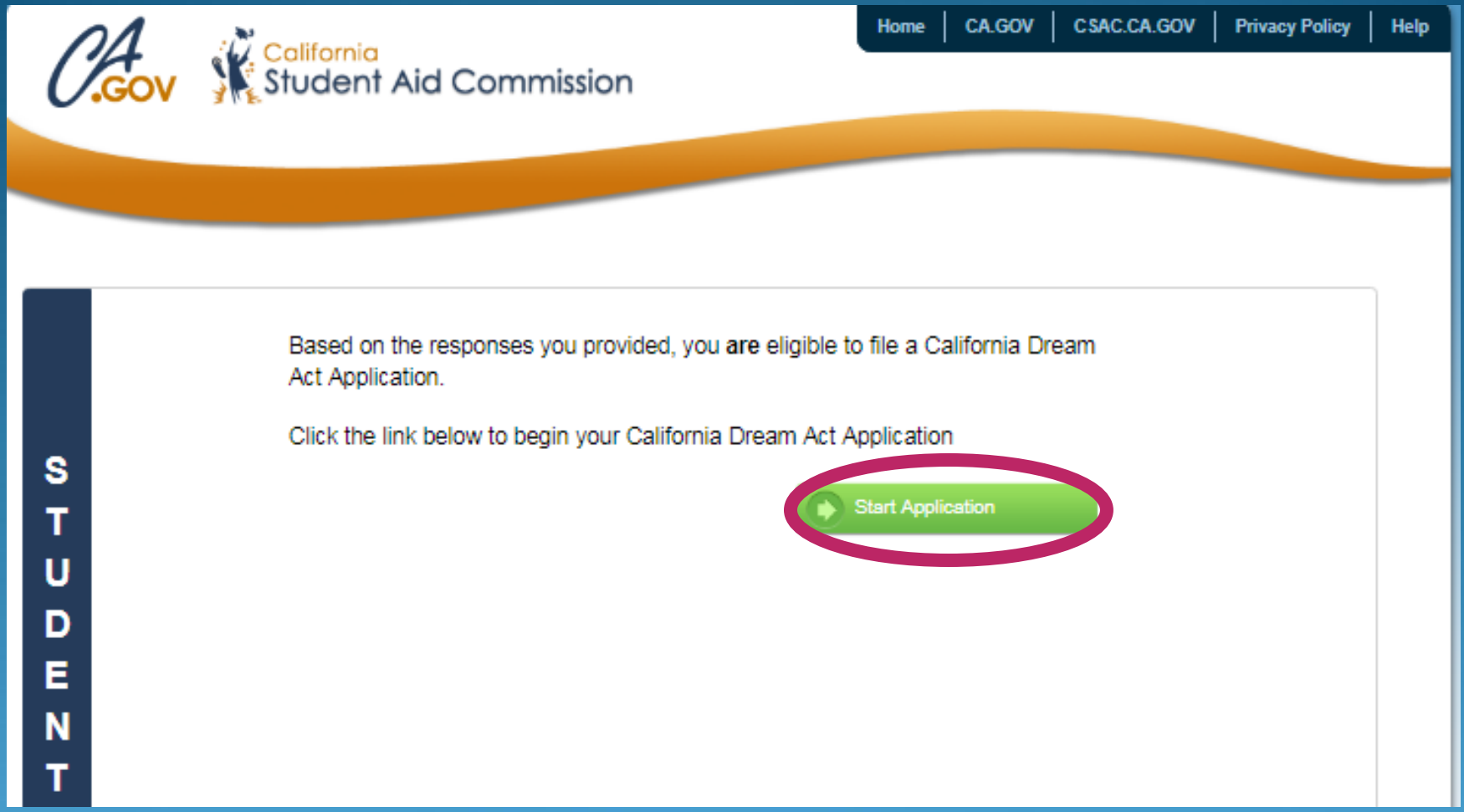
STUDENT

Do you meet the AB540 criteria list below? ○ Yes ○ No

Continue

1. Satisfaction of either of the following:
   A. High school attendance in California for three or more years, **OR**
   B. Attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools. **OR**
   C. Attainment of credits earned at a California adult school, **OR**
   D. Credits earned at a California Community College, **OR**
   E. A combination of the schools listed above
2. Graduated or will graduate from a California high school, **OR**
   Attainment of General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), **OR**
   Attainment of an associate degree from a California Community College, **OR**
   Fulfillment of minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a University of California or California State University, **AND**
3. Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, **AND**
4. If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **AND**
5. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)*

*If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa select "Yes"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Privacy Policy
Help
California
Student Aid Commission
STUDENT
Based on the responses you provided, you are eligible to file a California Dream Act Application.
Click the link below to begin your California Dream Act Application
Start Application

Who counts as my parent on my financial aid app?

Info from these individuals cannot be used unless they have **legally adopted** YOU!

Parents = biological or adoptive parents

Legal Guardians are designated through US courts not through notarized letters

Let's review some scenarios!

Parent(s) don't file taxes

Student CAN STILL fill out a Fin Aid app & report any $ earned

$0 income (parent does not work)

Student reports $0 for parent income on Fin Aid app

Someone else other than parent(s) claims student on taxes

Student must STILL report parent's income, NOT other persons

Parent(s) doesn't have SSN

Student enters 0's for parent SSN; no parent FSA ID required

FAFSA: Parent prints, signs, and mails FAFSA Signature Page

CA Dream Act: Parent creates PIN to sign app electronically

Student doesn't live with parent(s)

Consult with a high school counselor; student may be considered "Unaccompanied Youth" = independent for Fin Aid Apps

Financial Aid Checklist

- Includes info needed to fill out financial aid apps:
  - Student Info – **USE FULL, LEGAL NAME!!!**
    Check Name on SSN card if you have one
    OR Name on Birth Certificate
  - Parent Info
  - **Identify what student/parent knows and doesn't know**
- All information is used to determine student eligibility

What's next after submitting app?

- Colleges present financial aid award in spring of senior year
  - Combination of state, federal, and institutional aid
- Student reviews financial aid offers
- Student may be selected for ***INCOME VERIFICATION!!!!***
  - ***Additional steps to confirm family income***
- Student will accept or decline financial aid offers
  - **ALWAYS accept free money**
  - Student may accept OR decline loans (optional)

APP SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Saturday Cash4College Webinars

- These webinars will provide students and their families information and support on the FAFSA and California Dream Act

  - Saturday, January 23, 2021 9am-12pm
  - Saturday, January 30, 2021 9am-12pm
  - Saturday, February 6, 2021 9am-12pm
  - Saturday, February 20, 2021 9am-12pm
  - Saturday, February 27, 2021 9am-12pm

- REGISTRATION LINK:
  https://www.calsoapsandiego.org/workshops

PM Cash4College Webinars

- These webinars will provide students and their families information and support on the FAFSA and California Dream Act
  - Thursday, January 14, 2021 - 5:30pm-8:00pm
  - Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 5:30pm - 8:00pm (Español/Bilingual)
  - Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 5:30pm-8:00pm
  - Monday, February 22, 2021 - 5:30pm-8:00pm (Español/Bilingual)
  - Thursday, February 25, 2021 - 5:30pm-8:00pm
- Open to all students! Register for a webinar here!

CSAC CASH FOR COLLEGE

Drop-in CAC Office Hours

Every Tuesday/Thursday (1pm-4pm) – Spring 2021
Via Zoom - Link: https://bit.ly/cacOfficeHours

Hands-on support available on FAFSA, CA Dream Act, and Scholarship Applications

Open to CAC Seniors &
Seniors without a College Access Program

Sign up for one-on-one DREAM Act application sessions!

STUDENTS WITHOUT LIMITS
RESOURCES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Join us on Instagram!
@SWOLremote

OPEN TO 9TH-12TH GRADERS

INTERESTED IN *IMMIGRATION* AND *SOCIAL JUSTICE*

Safe space to get information for you and your family

- *ICE Encounters – What To Do
- *DACA
- *College/Financial Aid

Led by Immigration Attorney Mrs. Scully

Sign up anytime of the year!

Open to students all year long!

How:

Instagram @SWOLremote

- *Information
- *Support
- *Safe space for undocumented students

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

Preparing for Scholarships

- All students can apply for scholarships
- Applications have ongoing due dates & prompts
- Scholarship apps available on GoogleClassrooms:

  Class of 2021: gld6qdb

  9th-11th Grade: bv5q466

- Scholarship Highlight: San Diego Foundation
  - 1 app for up to 40+ scholarships
  - Deadline: Feb 3rd, 2021
  - Requires a completed FAFSA/CA Dream Act to submit

Hoover Specific Scholarships

- Larry Hall: Community College and Academy Scholarships
  - Both 2 and 4 year- up to $1,000 each
- Hoover Alumni/Foundation Scholarships
  - 4 year and 2 year/vocational/trade- up to $1,500 each
- Effron Scholarship- Price Philanthropies:
  - 4 year and each scholarship is $20,000 dollars
  - More information to follow in March

Send scholarship specific questions to Mrs. Pringle:
tpringle@sandi.net or send text msg/call to (619) 363-2544
Mon-Fri 7:30pm-3pm

The San Diego Foundation
Growing a Vibrant Region

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

MAKE YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION DREAMS A REALITY

In 2019, The San Diego Foundation awarded more than **$2.8 million in scholarships to over 900 students**, making The Foundation the largest private non-university scholarship provider in San Diego County.

Opportunities are available for San Diego County residents pursuing a higher education locally and nationally
Apply as early as December 4th if you have:

- Commitment to your education
- Potential for success in college
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 for many scholarships
- Participation in community service, extracurricular activities and/or work experience
- Financial need (including middle income families)

Applicants can be:

- Graduating high school seniors
- Career/technical school students
- Community college students
- Current undergraduate students
- Graduate, medical and professional students
- Adult re-entry students

Attending:

- Four-year universities
- Community colleges
- Career/technical schools
- Graduate, medical and professional schools
- Teaching credential programs

Application Deadlines

- **Application available online:** December 4, 2019
- **Deadline to finish application:** February 5, 2020 (2:00 p.m.)
- **Applicants notified:** By June 1, 2020

Learn more at SDFoundation.org/Scholarships
Contact the Scholarships team at 619-814-1343 or scholarships@sdfoundation.org

Done with Financial Aid Apps? & Your App has been reviewed?

Work on San Diego Foundation Common Application Scholarship: go to link

https://www.sdfoundation.org/students/community-scholarship-program/

SAN DIEGO PROMISE

UP TO TWO YEARS OF FREE TUITION

The San Diego Promise is a two-year completion program designed to ensure students complete their educational goal whether it be to earn a certificate of completion and enter the workforce, complete an associate degree, or transfer to a university.

BENEFITS

Up to two years of free tuition and health fees
Book grants for eligible students
Access to Peer Mentor/Success Coach
Individualized counseling and guidance support to help you complete your educational goals

•ELIGIBILITY

•Must be a first-time college student
•Must be Class of 2021 high school graduate (H.S. Diploma or GED)
•Must be a California resident or AB 540 eligible
•Must enroll in a minimum of 12 units each semester (does not apply to DSPS students with eligible academic accommodation)
•Must maintain a 2.0 college GPA

How to reach your child's school counselor:

thank you!