

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)



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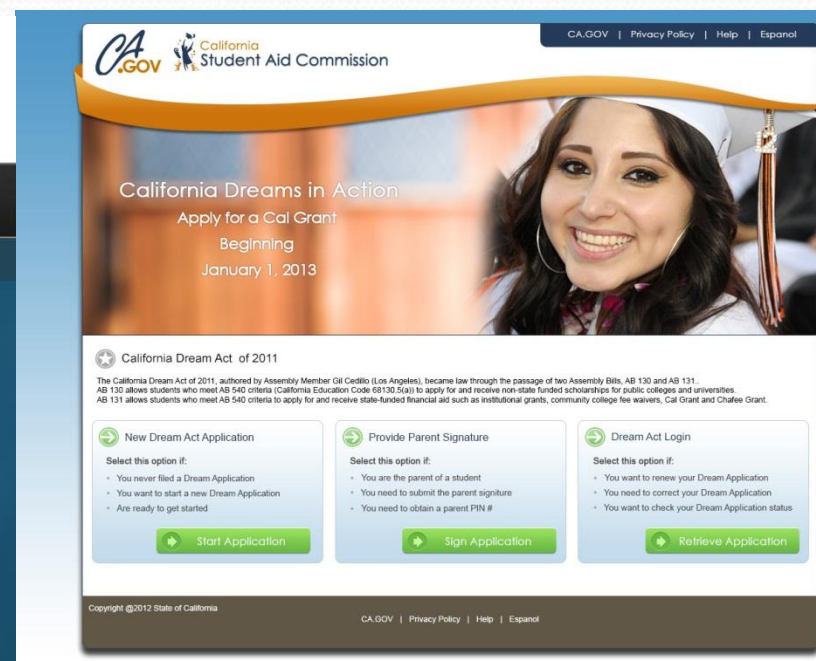
FAFSA®: Apply for Aid

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

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Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

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California Dreams in Action

Apply for a Cal Grant
Beginning
January 1, 2013

California Dream Act of 2011

The California Dream Act of 2011, authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo (Los Angeles), became law through the passage of two Assembly Bills, AB 130 and AB 131. AB 130 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria (California Education Code 53130.5(a)) to apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities. AB 131 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, community college fee waivers, Cal Grant and Chafee Grant.

- New Dream Act Application**
Select this option if:
 - You never filed a Dream Application
 - You want to start a new Dream Application
 - Are ready to get started[Start Application](#)
- Provide Parent Signature**
Select this option if:
 - You are the parent of a student
 - You need to submit the parent signature
 - You need to obtain a parent PIN #[Sign Application](#)
- Dream Act Login**
Select this option if:
 - You want to renew your Dream Application
 - You need to correct your Dream Application
 - You want to check your Dream Application status[Retrieve Application](#)

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Financial Aid Apps Provide Access To:

- **Federal aid:**

- Pell grant, subsidized/unsubsidized loans, work study

- **State aid:**

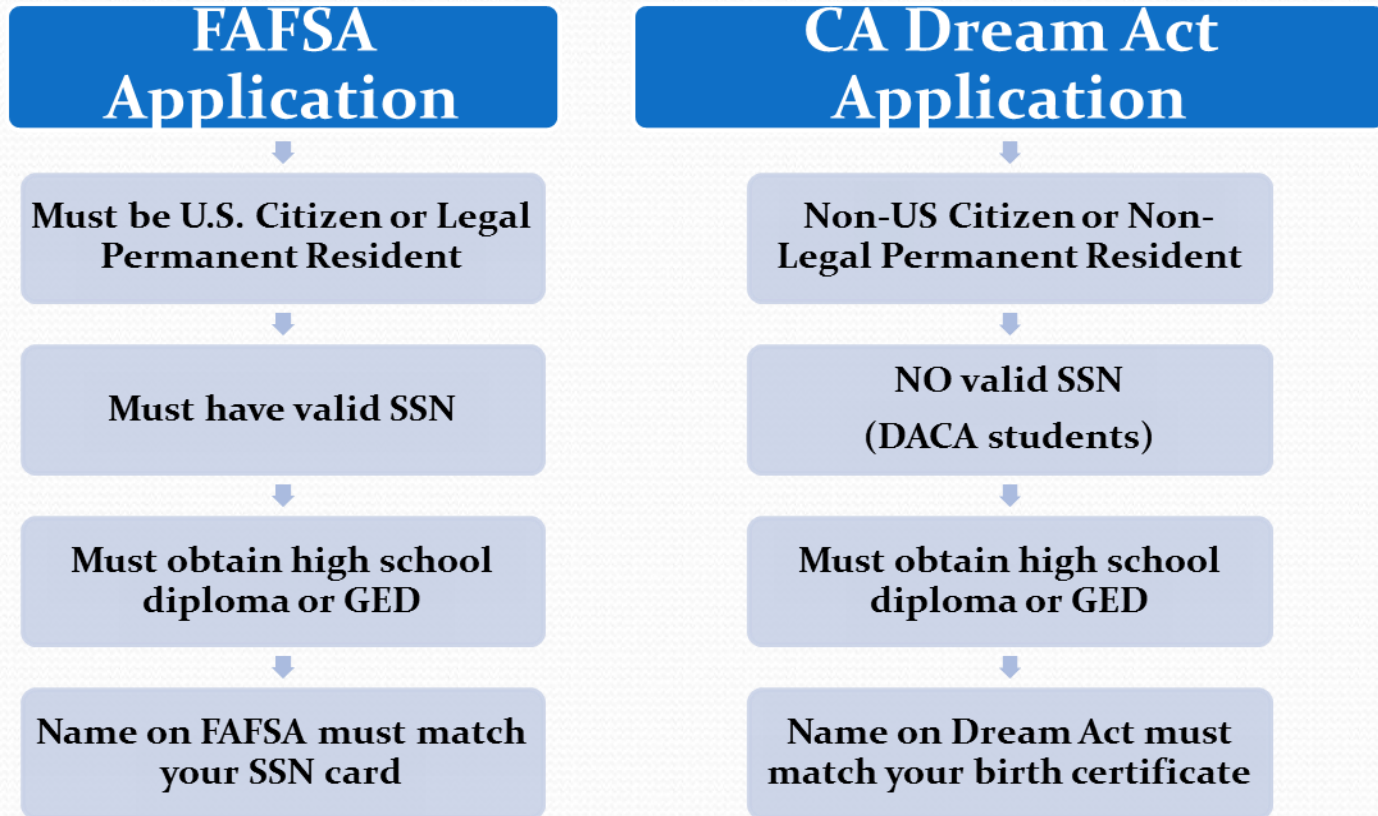
- Cal Grant *A, B, C*, Middle Class Scholarship
- California Promise (formerly BOGFW)

- **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



**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**

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the tagline 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. A search bar on the right contains the text 'Search FAFSA® Help'. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with five menu items: 'Prepare for College', 'Types of Aid', 'Who Gets Aid', 'FAFSA®: Apply for Aid', and 'How to Repay Your Loans'. The main content area has a dark blue background with the heading 'FAFSA®: Apply for Aid'. Below the heading, it states: 'Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.' There are two columns of text: 'NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?' with the subtext 'Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.' and 'RETURNING USER?' with the subtext 'Correct info • Add a school View your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*'. At the bottom of each column are blue buttons with white text: 'START HERE >' and 'LOG IN >'.

Prepare for College

Types of Aid

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FAFSA® Announcements

- The 2019–20 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so submit your application today. Also, check out the new **myStudentAid** app for iOS and Android.

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time.

Login

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.](#)

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I am the student

OR

I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

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Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 30, 2018

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Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.

Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or log in using the [student's identifiers](#).

The student's FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address ?

[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

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Use new FSAID to start FAFSA

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The student's FSA ID Username or verified E-mail Address ?

[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

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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!**

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CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students interested in attending 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.

NEW to the CA Dream Act? First Time User?

- Start a NEW application
- Do not submit multiple applications

Get Started!

Returning User to CA Dream Act?

- Renew your application
- Submit a saved application
- Make a correction or add a school to your application

[Forgot User ID or Reset Password](#)

Submit Parent Signature

- Request a Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN?
- Sign the Student Application

Start Login Parent Signature

Answer the series of questions

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Welcome!

Completion of the California Dream Act Application is required to determine financial aid for California AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

[Continue](#)

Confirm your AB540 eligibility

Do you meet the AB540 criteria list below?

Yes No

Continue 

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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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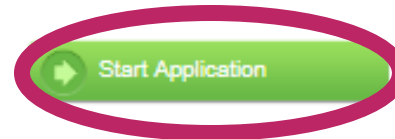
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Based on the responses you provided, you are eligible to file a California Dream Act Application.

Click the link below to begin your California Dream Act Application



Who counts as my parent on my financial aid app?



Widowed
Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster
Parents



Legal
Guardians



Older
Brothers
or Sisters



Aunts
or
Uncles

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](#)!

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!



Join us on Instagram!
[@SWOLremote](#)

OPEN TO 9TH-12TH GRADERS



Sign up anytime
of the year!

How:

Instagram
[@SWOLremote](#)

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



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

Open to
students
all year
long!



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



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

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/>



Learn more at [SDFoundation.org/Scholarships](https://www.sdfoundation.org/Scholarships)

Contact the Scholarships team at 619-814-1343 or scholarships@sdfoundation.org

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:

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Thank you!