

Financial Aid Application Checklist

The FAFSA and California Dream Act are available starting October 1st! Deadline: March 2nd!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> California Dream Act (CADA) <u>www.dream.csac.ca.gov</u>

In order to complete a financial aid app, a student needs the following information for themselves and their parent(s)¹:

	<u>Student</u>		<u>Parent(s)</u>
Full, Legal Name From Social Security card ² or birth certificate or DACA SSN			
Social Security number ² If parent(s) don't have a SSN, enter all Os SSN is not required for CADA, do not list DACA SSN			
If student is a US Resident, ² Include USCIS number on Resident Alien "Green" Card May be preceded by "A"			n/a
Date of Birth			
Parent(s) Date of Marriage / Separation / Divorce	n/a		
If taxes were filed: use previous year income Tax Return Tax return address (+) parent FSAID needed for IRS Data Retriev	al	-	
If taxes were NOT filed: use amount earned in previous year Use parent(s) W-2 forms, check payments, or cash earnings			
Amount of income from other sources Unemployment, Welfare, Social Security, child support, etc.	n/a		
Amount of savings (after all bills paid) & investments		-	
FAFSA FSA ID for student & one parent ³ Go to <u>https://fsaid.ed.gov/</u> to create an FSA ID. FSA ID serves as login for FAFSA and allows for electronic signature. You will be able to use your FSA ID from 1-3 days after you create it. Parents can create FSA ID if they have a valid SSN, otherwise parents w Parents will be able to use FSA ID to link tax return information from IF			

Parents without SSN will need to request a tax transcript for reference https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript

After FAFSA submission: student will receive an email from the U.S. Dept. of Education stating that the FAFSA was received. NEW! After CADA submission: student will receive an email from the California Student Aid Commission confirming submission.

¹Parent means a biological or adoptive parent who lives with student. If the parent is legally re-married, then the step-parent is also included. If a student does not live with a biological/adoptive parent, check in with counselors Unaccompanied Youth eligibility.

²For FAFSA applicants ONLY, a Social Security number and legal residency is required for students, but not for parents.

³FSA ID provides the fastest way to sign your application, have it processed, as well as access or correct your information online.