

The Financial Aid Application

FAFSA and Dream Act App TIPS AND FAQs

Which application?



It's FREE!

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Student is citizen or permanent resident (Green Card)
- Must have a SSN or Alien Registration Number
- Eligible non-citizen (refugee, asylum, T-visa)
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

CADAA

CA Dream Act Application

- Student is undocumented / AB 540
- SSN through DACA
- <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

LIVE OCTOBER 1—APPLY ASAP!

What will I need?



FAFSA

- **Social Security Number for student and parents(if you have them)**
- **Alien Registration Number if student is not a citizen**
- **2015 Federal Tax Info for parents and students (if you have them)**
- **FSA ID to sign electronically**

CADAA

- **California State ID (on your transcript)**
- **DACA card (if applicable)**
- **2015 Federal Tax Returns for student and parent (if you have them)**

Bank statements and investment records (If applicable)
Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

FSA ID

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/>



- ✓ It is your electronic signature
- ✓ Need SSN
- ✓ Create FSA ID—one for parent and one for student
- ✓ Parent and student each need their own email address that is easily accessible
- ✓ Create your own FSA ID...write it down!

COMMON ERRORS

- YOUR NAME, DOB, SSN...GET THESE RIGHT!
- NAME MUST MATCH YOUR SSN!
- AGI AND INCOME TAX ARE NOT THE SAME THE SAME THING...PAY ATTENTION TO THE HINTS!
- CORRECT APPLICATION YEAR IS 2017-2018!
- USE CORRECT WEBSITE...REMEMBER IT IS FREE!



CAUTION

Don't make these mistakes

FAQs

- Do I have to provide my parent's tax information?
- What if my parents are divorced/separated? Whose financial information do I use?
- What if my financial situation has changed since 2015?
- My parents don't have a SSN, can I still do the FAFSA?
- I know I won't qualify for any financial aid, should I still complete the FAFSA?



Need help?

- CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

Pathways to Higher Ed - October 15 @ North HS

<https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>

- Federal Financial Aid

www.studentaid.gov

Fafsa4caster

- California Financial Aid

<https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>



Thank you!

Questions?