## The Financial Aid Application

FAFSA and Dream Act App TIPS AND FAQs

## Which application?



#### **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, Tvisa)
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

CADAA

CA Dream Act Application

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

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### 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

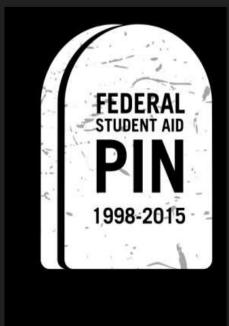
#### CADAA

- 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)







- ✓ 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!



## 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?

- O CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

  Pathways to Higher Ed October 15 @ North HS

  https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/
- Federal Financial Aid www.studentaid.govFafsa4caster
- California Financial Aidhttps://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp



Thank you!

Questions?