Are You in a **Mixed Status Family** & Struggling to **File Your First FAFSA?**

CSAC ALL IN!
FOR FAFSA/CA DREAM ACT

WHAT *is this for?*

The **California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)** has opened the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for FAFSA-eligible students from mixed status families who are unable to complete the parent verification portion of their first FAFSA

WHO *is qualified?*

You are in a mixed status family:
You are a US citizen or eligible noncitizen, but your parent(s) does not have a Social Security Number (SSN)

You are a first time FAFSA applicant:
You have never submitted a FAFSA or CADAA application before to apply for financial aid

HOW *does this help me?*

If you are having issues with the FAFSA, submitting a CADAA now will allow you to:

- **Lock in your application submission date to meet the May 2 priority deadline**
- **Receive preliminary financial aid award letters to make an informed decision on which college to select before the intent to register deadline**

You can then complete your FAFSA later to access additional federal financial aid

4 STEPS FOR STUDENTS

1 **Attempt to complete the FAFSA first**— If you're experiencing difficulties due to your contributor not having a Social Security Number (SSN), go to step 2

2 **Complete CADAA now** to receive a preliminary financial aid award letter

3 **Complete the FAFSA later** once the application issues are resolved if you want to maximize your federal financial aid eligibility

4 **If you complete FAFSA, follow up with your college financial aid office** to make sure your financial aid records are linked together

WHERE *can I find more information?*

Visit our landing page for first time FAFSA filers with mixed status families for information on how to access the CADAA and to register for available webinars for both professionals and students and families:

castudentaid.org/mixedstatuscadaa