

FINANCIAL AID IN 5 STEPS

HIGH SCHOOLERS & PARENTS: MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON TRACK TO APPLY AND QUALIFY FOR FREE FINANCIAL AID!

CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

- 1 Make the decision to **invest in your future by pursuing an education beyond high school**. By attending a college, university, or vocational school you can open doors to gain new skills, expand your career options, and earn more income throughout your lifetime.



APPLY
NOW
DEADLINE
APRIL 2*

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APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** & **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)** for 2024-25 is now open! Meet the **state priority deadline of April 2, 2024***. Some colleges have earlier deadlines for institutional aid, so check with your colleges to ensure you are meeting all important deadlines.

***Secondary deadline: Sept. 3, 2024** for Community College students



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GET HELP WITH APPLYING

Join our free **Cash for College workshops** for help with your **FAFSA or CADAA**. Financial aid experts can answer all of your questions & help you complete your application!

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EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Apply for as many scholarships as you can—it's free aid! Check application deadlines & apply on time. Research & tour colleges, universities, & vocational schools

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CHECK YOUR STATUS

Create a **WebGrants 4 Students account** to track your financial aid status. Check your email & other messages for other pending items & requested documents.

Before making a decision, understand what each school is offering in aid & compare costs of attendance. Try using the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial aid tool**.

