

California Student Aid Commission

**2015
CASFAA/CSAC
High School
Counselors
Workshops**

***Presented by the
California Student Aid
Commission***





Agenda

- Cal Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Resources
- California Dream Act
- FAFSA



Important Changes for 2016/2017

- **Dream Act Application**
 - Male students can register for Selective Service through the Dream Application
- **Cal Grant B**
 - Access Award: \$1,656
 - CCC Augmentation
- **Cal Grant C**
 - Priority points criteria updated
- **GPA Submission**
 - Ting Bill mandates all seniors' GPAs must be submitted electronically
 - Opt-out option must be given to students/parents no later than October 15th each year



FAFSA Changes for 2017/2018

Starting 2017/18

- File FAFSA earlier beginning October 1st, 2016
- FAFSA will use “prior-prior-year data”

CSAC

- Preparing for changes to programs
- Created a workgroup involving different representatives



Partnering With You

- Coordinate an annual High School Counselor Conference Training
- High School Counselor Advisory Committee
- Establish more workgroups to partner together





Commission Programs

- Cal Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Chafee Grant
- Child Development Grant
- CA National Guard EAAP
- Law Enforcement
Personnel Dependents Grant



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Cal Grant





Cal Grant Application

FAFSA/Dream App

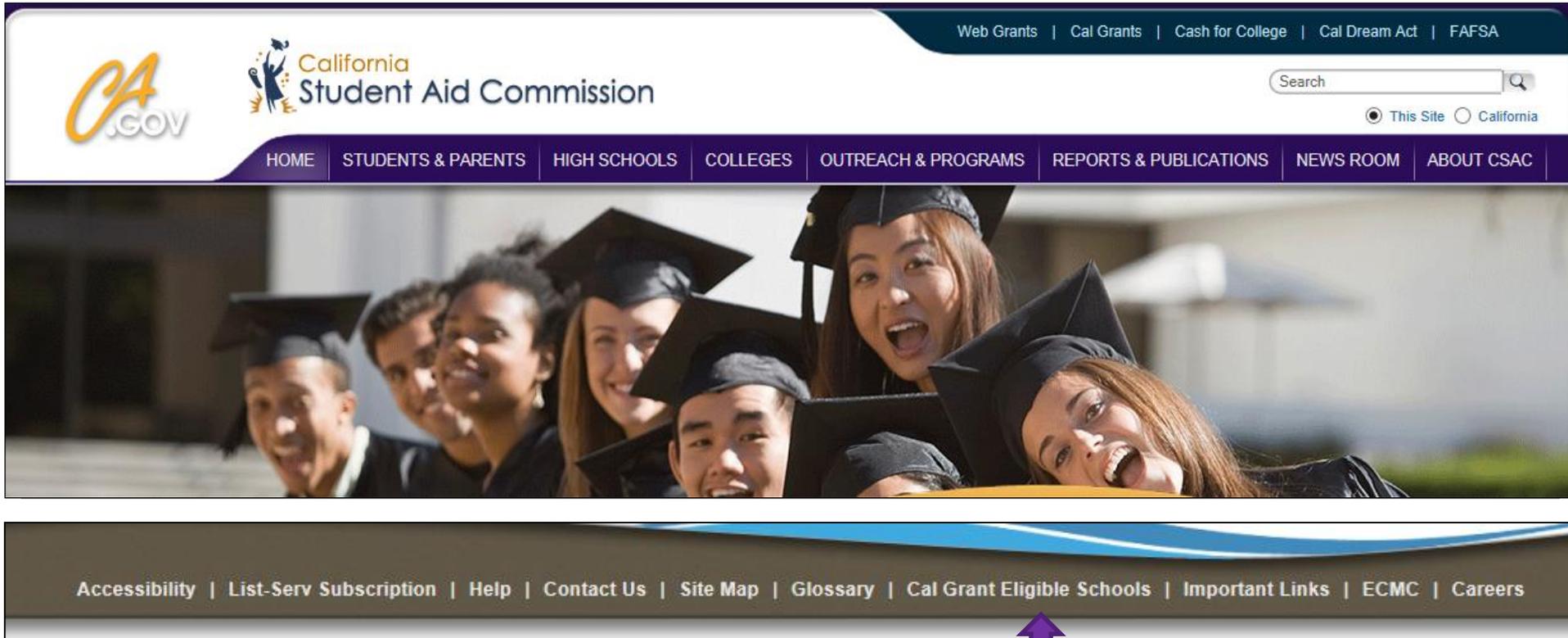
- *Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school
- Must complete the FAFSA or Dream App for year they are applying

GPA Verification

- With or without Social Security Number
- Electronic submission for public high schools and charter schools

*Eligible Schools List is accessed at the bottom of the CSAC Website

Cal Grant Eligible Schools



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Basic Eligibility Requirements

Federal Requirements and Additional Cal Grant Requirements

*U.S. Citizen, Eligible
Non-Citizen

Meets Selective
Service

*Social Security
Number

Maintain
Satisfactory
Academic
Progress

Not Earned a
Bachelor's
Degree

Not Incarcerated

Not in Default on
Student Loan

*California Resident

Attend Eligible
California
College

Enrolled at Least
Half-Time

High School GPA

* These requirements are
supplanted by other
eligibility criteria for AB 540
students



Income and Asset Ceilings

FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS
and
RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$104,600	\$57,500
Five	\$97,000	\$53,200
Four	\$90,500	\$47,600
Three	\$83,300	\$42,800
Two	\$81,300	\$38,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$33,200	\$33,200
Married, no other dependents	\$38,000	\$38,000

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students ¹	\$70,000
Independent students	\$33,300



Financial Need Requirement

Financial Need Calculation:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution} \\ \hline \text{Unmet Financial Need} \end{array}$$

Cal Grant A

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant A award amount + \$1,500

Cal Grant B

Must have a minimum financial need of at least \$700

Cal Grant C

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant C award amount + \$1,500

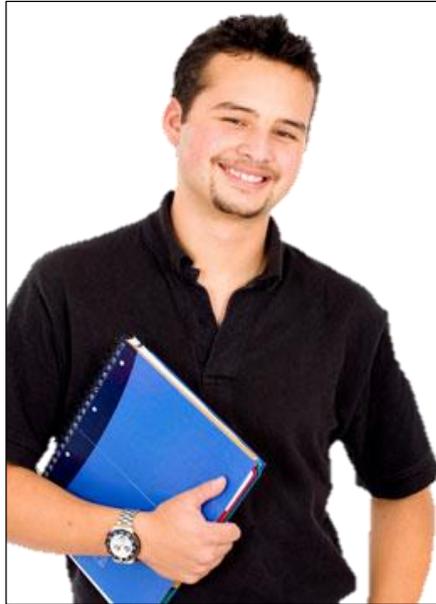


Cal Grant Types

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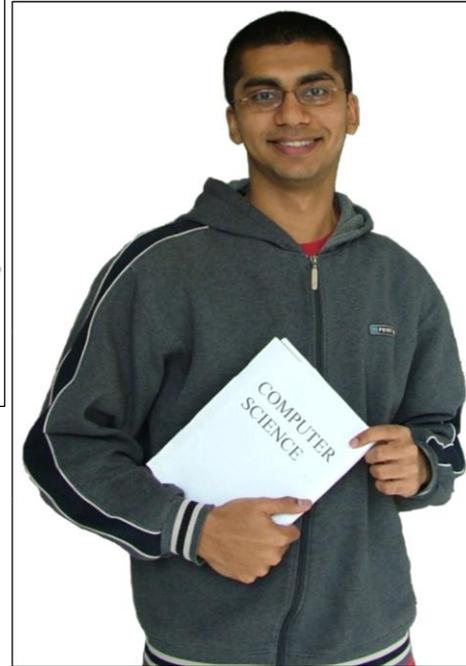
Transfer Entitlement



High School Entitlement



Competitive



Cal Grant C



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Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income students who:
 - 3.00 High School GPA minimum
 - Have financial need
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Associates or Bachelors programs only

CSU	UC	Independent*	For Profit^
\$ 5,472/yr	\$ 12,240/yr	\$ 9,084/yr	\$4,000/yr

* Private non-profit institutions and WASC accredited for-profit institutions

^ Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions

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Cal Grant B

- Low income students who:
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Have financial need
 - 2.00 GPA minimum
 - Associates, Bachelors, and Certificate programs
- Annual Awards
 - \$1,656 stipend first year
 - Tuition/Fees plus \$1,656 in 2nd, 3rd, 4th year
- CCC Access Award Augmentation
 - Students with 12 units or more may qualify
 - Amount varies upon the number of qualifying students

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Cal Grant C

- Low and middle income students who:
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Have financial need
 - Enroll in vocational courses of study
 - Associates and Certificate programs only
 - Must complete C Supplement Form
- Annual Awards
 - Used for school expenses including tuition and fees \$547 to \$2,462



Cal Grant C

- Two of the following must be met:
 - High employer need or demand
 - High employment growth or industry cluster
 - High employment salary and wage projections
 - Economic security
- Special consideration to long-term unemployed



Most Beneficial Grant Applied

- Can only receive one Cal Grant
- Considered for all awards applicable
- Awarded most beneficial award





Student Notifications

- Award indicates Cal Grant eligibility
 - Sent as early as February
 - Letter notification will be sent if no email address
- Mark these email addresses as safe:
 - calgrantoffice@csac.ca.gov
 - studentsupport@csac.ca.gov





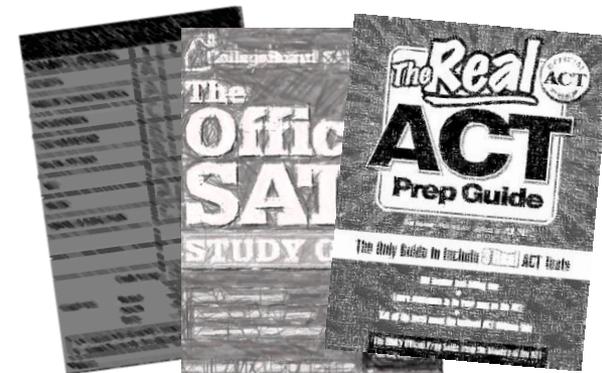
GPA and Academic Qualifier Submission

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Academic Qualifier Types

- High school GPA
- Test Scores – SAT (Reasoning Test), ACT, GED, HiSet, TASC, allowed if:
 - student does not have a GPA
 - has coursework that can't be converted to a 4.00 maximum GPA
 - attended a non-accredited high school



California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

- July 2015: CAHSEE exam canceled
- Senate Bill 725: Exempts class of 2015 from CAHSEE
- Senate Bill 172: Would suspend CAHSEE for 3 years



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Assembly Bill 2160

- Requires public high school/charter schools to:
 - Electronically upload GPAs
 - Create opt-out process
 - Provide opt-out by October 15th
- Important Steps
 - Establish a WebGrants account
 - Check WebGrants account status
 - Refer to the WebGrants User Guides & Trainings



Cal Grant GPA Calculation

Current High School Seniors

- High School GPA calculation– **sophomore** and **junior** grades only!
- Remember to exclude P.E, R.O.T.C, and Remedial

Last Year's High School Graduates

- High School GPA calculation– **sophomore, junior, and senior** grades
- Remember to exclude P.E, R.O.T.C, and Remedial

http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/gpa_calculation_instructions.pdf



Ways to Submit GPAs

- By using WebGrants
 - **SSN**
 - **Non-SSN**





Non-SSN GPA Submission

Matching of GPAs to FAFSAs is done using other application elements - *up to 20 elements*

- Name, Address, Phone, DOB, email, SSID etc...

This is necessary since dreamers may not have an SSN

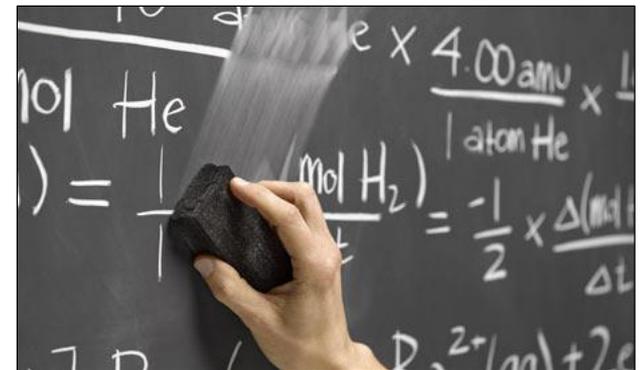




Corrections

- Address letter (on school letterhead) to Cal Grant Operations
- List incorrect information and correct information
- List your contact information in case we need clarification
- Mail to:

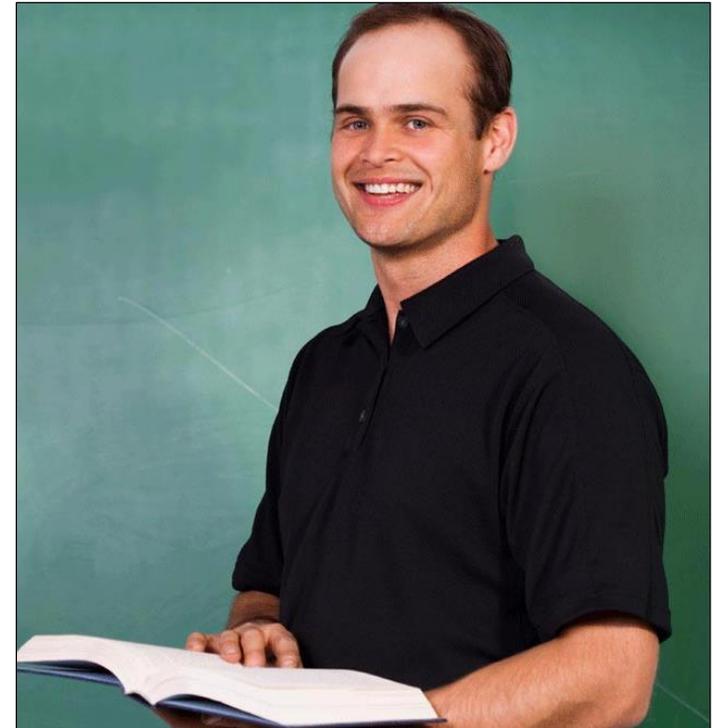
CSAC
Cal Grant Operations
P.O. Box 419077
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741





GPA-Best Practices

- **Don't Wait!** (*GPA's can be uploaded right now*)
- File layout & User Guide available under "Help" in WebGrants
- Checkout on-demand resources
- Utilize WebGrants reports
- Contact Institutional Support





WebGrants for Schools

- WebGrants Home Page <https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov>
- www.csac.ca.gov Look for “WebGrants” in the “High Schools” tab
- Download WebGrants Access Request forms
- CSAC Technology Help Desk
(888) 294-0148 or
csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov





High School GPA Reports



WebGrants GPA Reports

Non-SSN GPA Upload Report	Upload Confirmation with Total Record Count
Non-SSN GPA Roster Report	Summary of Non-SSN GPA Records Submitted
Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Displays Student's Statuses after the Non-SSN GPA has been received
Non-SSN GPA Unmatched Report	Displays Non-SSN GPA Student Records that have not been Matched to FA Application
Student Summary Report	Displays Student Statuses -includes SSN GPAs and Matched Non-SSN GPAs
Financial Aid Application (No GPA) Report	Displays list of Students who have Submitted a Financial Aid application but no GPA
Your Cal Grant Awardees Report	Displays Students that have been offered a Cal Grant Award



Non-SSN Edit or Matching



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High School Graduation Verification

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HS Graduation Verification

Name	Date of Birth	Graduation Status
APPLESEED JOHN A	02/07/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
BROWN BLEU	07/26/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
DOE JANE	11/14/1995	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
TEST STUDENT	04/29/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending

Verify Students

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WebGrants for Students (WGS)

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WWW.WEBGRANTS4STUDENTS.ORG



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WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS



view your **AWARD STATUS**

Welcome!

The California Student Aid Commission has created WebGrants 4 Students (WGS) just for you, the student. The goal is to provide you with the resources, information and tools needed to assist you with the college financial aid process. WGS will allow you to manage your Cal Grant and/or Chafee account(s) online by letting you view updates, make school changes, make address changes, make corrections, and post leave of absence requests. It is important for you to understand that your WGS account does not replace your School or FAFSA accounts. Each account must be monitored and managed independently.

THE CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSIONS CUSTOMER RELATIONS BRANCH FIELDS CALLS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M. AND FROM 1 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M. WHILE AT OUR WEBSITE, PLEASE CLICK THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS LINK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS PAGE OR E-MAIL US BY CLICKING THE CONTACT US LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

Enter your User ID and Password. Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive.

Authorized Use Only

WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In

User ID

Password

[Create an Account](#)

Forgot your User ID and/or password? Having problems logging in?



- [Executive Director's News Releases](#)
- [How to Apply for a Cal Grant Award](#)
- [Important Facts About Your New Cal Grant Award](#)
- [Important Facts About Your Renewal Cal Grant Award](#)
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Common Errors in Creating WGS Accounts

- Name mismatch
- Application has not been submitted
- Compatibility issues
- Mobile devices





WGS – Requirement Section

Requirements Section - High School Graduation Confirmation (G8)



Your Cal Grant award has requirements that must be satisfied before final award eligibility can be determined and the awarding process completed. **You may not be able to select any options on the Cal Grant Main Menu below until this requirement is satisfied.**

You are not eligible to receive Entitlement Cal Grant benefits if you have not graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent. However, state law gives Entitlement Cal Grant applicants until December 31 of the award year to complete their high school graduation requirements.

- If you have not yet graduated, but expect to graduate prior to December 31 of the award year, please complete the confirmation at that time. Confirmation of your high school graduation is required.
- If you have not graduated, or achieved the equivalent, by December 31 of the award year, your Cal Grant offer is void. To be considered for a Cal Grant award you will have to reapply next year by the March 2nd application deadline.

[Submit High School Graduation Confirmation](#) Please note that you will not be paid unless you are confirmed.



WGS – California High School Graduation Confirmation

California High School Graduation Certification Form

Earlier this year the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) offered you a Cal Grant Entitlement Award to help pay for your college expenses. Prior to receiving your Cal Grant Entitlement Award, CSAC must receive confirmation of your high school graduation, or its equivalent. Please complete the information below so we can continue processing your Cal Grant Entitlement Award.

What if I still have courses or other requirements to complete before I actually can graduate high school?
Do not complete the form below until you have completed all of your high school's graduation requirements. If you have not yet completed all of your high school's graduation requirements, but expect to graduate before December 31, 2015, please do not complete the information below at this time. You have until December 31, 2015, to complete your high school's graduation requirements. Once you do graduate, come back to this form and complete it at that time.

If you definitely will not graduate by December 31, 2015, select button C below.

Please select a button that best fits your educational status.

A I have completed all of my high school requirements and graduated.
Month and year of your high school graduation date. The current date on file is: **MAY, 2015** Update high school graduation date **ONLY** if different than date on file:

Or

B I did not complete the standard high school graduation requirements, but did pass the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or General Education Development (GED) Date:

Or

C I did not graduate. Please note that selecting this option will disqualify you from the Cal Grant Entitlement Award.

Student Certification: By selecting the check box and clicking the **Submit** button below, I am affirming that I have completed all of my high school graduation requirements or I have passed a high school equivalency test such as a GED. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the information above is true and correct.

WGS – California Aid Report (CAR)

California Aid Report (CAR)		
<p>Congratulations on meeting the preliminary requirements for the 2014-2015 Cal Grant Program! Based on the information you reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Grade Point Average (GPA), the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering you a Cal Grant. To receive your Cal Grant award offer beginning in the fall 2014, you will need to take some of the steps identified below. This Cal Grant award offer may be reduced or withdrawn based on the final State Budget or final eligibility determined by your campus.</p>		
Date Issued: 07/03/14		CSAC ID:
School Choice	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648
UNIV OF CA - IRVINE	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648
CSU POMONA-POLYTECHNIC	SEE CODE #99	\$1,648

[Code Descriptions](#)
[New Recipient Change Form](#)

Some schools you listed on your FAFSA/CADAA may not participate in the Cal Grant Program. To view the list of eligible schools, please visit the CSAC homepage at: www.csac.ca.gov, click Colleges, and then "Cal Grant Eligible Schools" located at the bottom of the page.

To Receive the Cal Grant award you must:

- Confirm that the first school listed above is the one you plan on attending. If it is not, you must submit a school change in your WGS account so that we can get the award to the campus you will attend beginning in the fall 2014.
- Understand your financial aid disbursement options. These may include a paper check, debit card or direct deposit to your bank account. You have a choice as to how you want your Cal Grant funds paid to you so make sure you make a wise decision to get the most out of your Cal Grant award offer and other financial aid. Check your campus student account or contact your financial aid office for Cal Grant disbursement dates.
- Register with the Selective Service if you are a male living in the U.S. and are between the ages of 18 through 25. For more information about Selective Service requirements go to www.sss.gov
- Use this award offer during this academic year or your award offer may be withdrawn. Let us know if you do not plan to use the award for the 2014-2015 academic year.

PRIVACY STATEMENT: Please be aware, Cal Grant information for students who are 18 years of age or older or students who have attended a postsecondary institution will only be released to parents or guardians with written authorization from the student.

Diana Fuentes-Michel, Executive Director
California Student Aid Commission

If you have any questions, please contact us at (888) 224-7268 or e-mail us at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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**Middle
Class
Scholarship**





MCS Recap

- Awarded 85,394 students
 - 16,224 at UC
 - 69,170 at CSU
- Maximum Award Amounts in 2014/15
 - \$1,710 at UC
 - \$768 at CSU





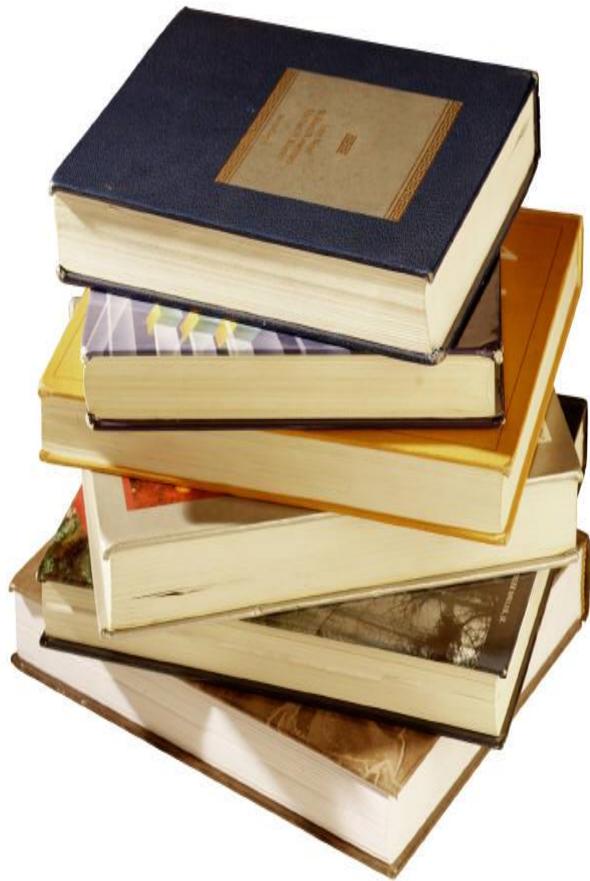
What to Expect

- 2015/16 Maximum Award Amounts
 - \$2,448 at UC
 - \$1,092 at CSU
- Eligibility Changes
 - 2016/17 Income and asset ceiling adjusted annually CPI
 - Lifetime cap on award based Education Level





Middle Class Scholarship



- Submit FAFSA/Dream Act application by March 2 deadline
- Students must apply every year



Middle Class Scholarship Who's Eligible?

Only students who have less than 40% of their UC or CSU fees covered by grants and scholarships

Not in default
on student loan

Meet SAP

Not
Incarcerated

Income
\$150,000 or Less

Asset
\$150,000 or Less

Exempt from
paying nonresident
tuition

Meets Selective
Service

U.S. Citizen,
eligible Non-
Citizen, or AB 540

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Middle Class Scholarship

Enrollment Requirements

Must enroll in a CSU/UC

Must be at least ½ time

1st Undergraduate program

Benefits extend to Teaching
Credential Program

Maintain SAP





MCS Award Amounts

- Final award based on students eligibility & funding allocated
- Eligibility determined after students awarded federal, state and institutional aid





Middle Class Scholarship

The following scholarship offer is based on the information from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Application (CADA) and your pertinent financial aid as reported by your school.

*2015/16 Scholarship Amount	School on File
\$192	CSU BAKERSFIELD

*Your Middle Class Scholarship amount may be adjusted or withdrawn based on revised information provided by your school.

Important Middle Class Scholarship Information

- ✓ If you are not attending the school listed above, you must contact the financial aid office of the CSU or UC campus you are attending to inform them of your potential MCS eligibility.
- ✓ Complete all financial aid requirements with your financial aid office.
- ✓ Schools disburse the funds to their students based on their disbursement schedules.

To check the status of your MCS award, go to the WebGrants for Students (WGS) website located at www.webgrants4students.org. On WGS, you should create an account by clicking the link that says "Create an Account" or log into your existing account. Make sure to visit WGS periodically to obtain important program and contact information. For more information about the Middle Class Scholarship, go to <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>

WGS – MCS Award Detail

Middle Class Scholarship Award Detail

- [Click on Withdrawn Reason title to display descriptions.](#)
- [Click on Award Status title to display description.](#)
- [Click on the School of Attendance on File to display description.](#)

Search = Academic Year =

E-Mail: SSN/DREAM ID:

School E-Mail: CSAC ID:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Annual Award Amount	Fall	Winter	Spring	Award Date	Award Status	Withdrawn Reason
\$1,092	\$546	\$0	\$546	08/07/2015	AWARDED	

Total Income Reported: \$47,177

Other Financial Aid Reported by Your School of Attendance:

Federal Aid: \$0

State Aid: \$0

Institutional Aid: \$0

School of Attendance on File

Name: CSU SACRAMENTO

School Code: 00115000

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Resources





Scholarships References

- XI. **Fastweb** – Online resource for finding scholarships to help pay for school.
Access to online resources to download and print.
<http://www.fastweb.com>

Special Circumstances & Populations References

- XII. **Scholarships For Military Families**
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/scholarships-for-military.pdf>
- XIII. **Unaccompanied Youth Toolkit for High School Counselors and McKinney-Vento Liaisons**
<http://www.naehcy.org/toolkit-high-school-counselors>

Other Information References

- XIV. **The Selective Service System**
www.sss.gov
- XV. **Tax Benefits for Education: Information Center**
<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Benefits-for-Education:-Information-Center>
- XVI. **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE – Student Guide**
https://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/PROFILE_Student_Guide.pdf
- XVII. **NASFAA Guide to Planning and Conducting a Financial Aid Night**
http://www.nasfaa.org/EntrancePDF.aspx?id=3341&ekfxmen_noscript=1&ekfxmensec10d177_6_341
- XVIII. **Student Aid and Identity Theft**
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/misused/idtheft.pdf>
- XIX. **College Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents**
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>
- XX. **Financial Aid Consultants and Scholarship Search Services**
<http://www.nasfaa.org/EntrancePDF.aspx?id=5236>

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Mini-Trainings

The Commission provides on-demand training for high school and financial aid administrators. Each mini-training below is approximately five minutes in length and targets a specific subject. To watch a mini-training, simply select a link below.

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Front Desk 101- **Coming Soon! Please check back.**

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Important News



California Educational Facilities Authority
College Access Tax Credit Fund
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2015

Accepting Applications for 2015 Taxable Year Tax Credit.
Application Period Opens: Wednesday, July 1, 2015
Deadline: Monday, January 4, 2016 5 p.m. (PT)

The California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA) is pleased to invite taxpayers to submit an application to the College Access Tax Credit Fund. Email: collegeAccessTCF@treasurer.ca.gov or call (916) 653-2872. Or visit www.treasurer.ca.gov for the application and further information. For assistance with tax questions, please contact the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) at www.ftb.ca.gov or call 800-852-5711. 2015 California Financial Literacy Summit



California Colleges.EDU

CaliforniaColleges.edu is the one-stop website for information about higher education in California for students, counselors, and parents. It has been developed in

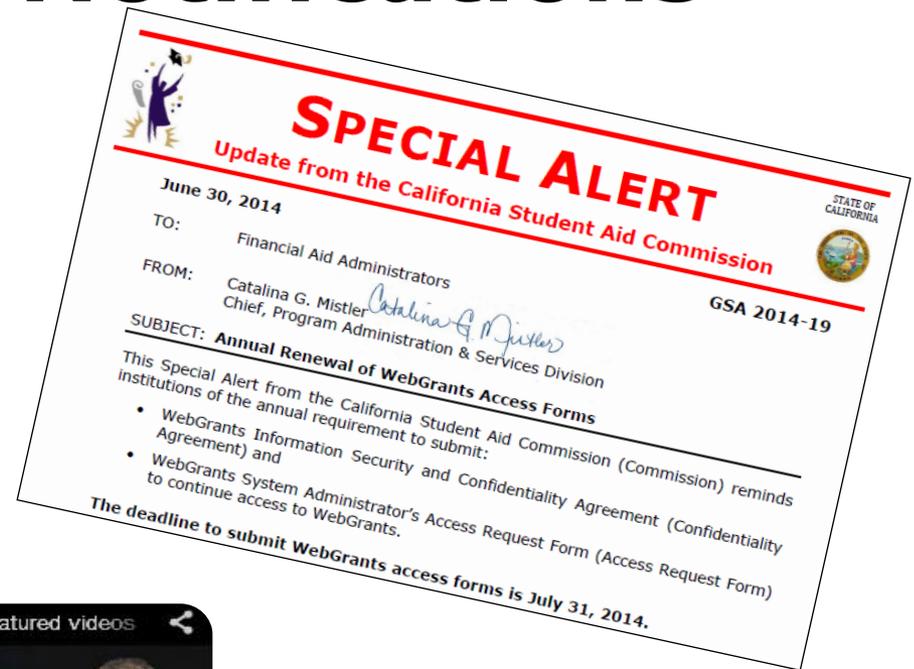
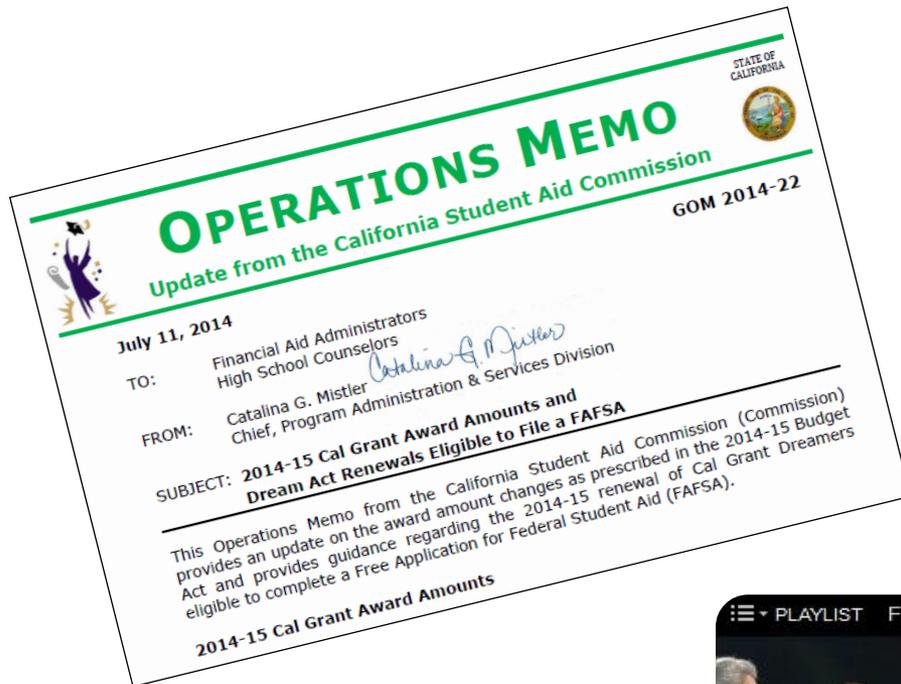


Transfer Entitlement Program
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Commission Notifications



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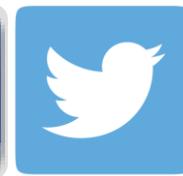
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CASH FOR C//LLEGE

Provides line-by-line help on the FAFSA, CA Dream Act & Chafee Applications. Workshops offer computers so students can apply on the spot.

- Jan – Mar 2. Open to all students and parents. Focus on low-income and first-generations.
- For Workshop Registration & Materials email Cash for College.
- Facebook: CashforCollegeCalifornia
- Twitter: @cash4collegeca
- Email: cashforcollege@csac.ca.gov





California Student Opportunity and Access Program

14 Regional Consortia Serving 126 School Districts

- Central Coast
- Central Valley
- East Bay
- Long Beach
- Merced
- North Coast
- Sacramento
- San Diego and Imperial
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Santa Barbara
- Solano
- South County Gilroy
- South San Joaquin

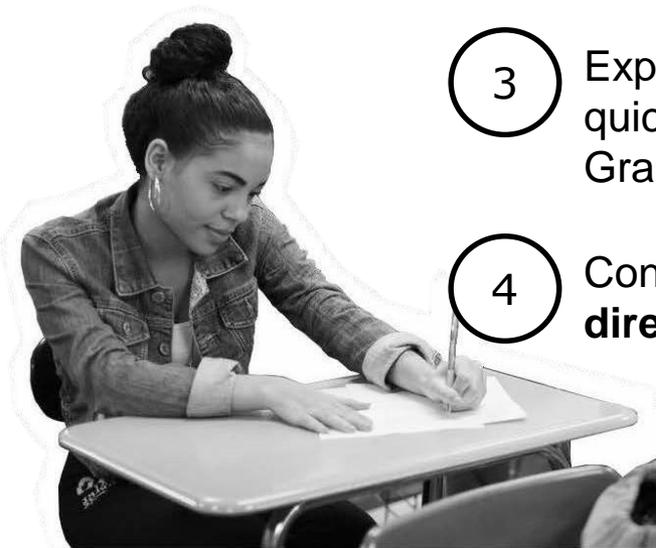
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THE 2015-16 GET SCHOOLED COLLEGE CAMPAIGN WILL SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS



- 1 Work with up to 100 high schools to **improve FAFSA completion rates and college readiness rates.**
- 2 In partnership with Univision, continue to **enhance Spanish language content and promotion** of college planning resources.
- 3 Expand **our texting hotline** to enable more students to access quick answers to questions about college applications, Cal Grants and other forms of financial aid.
- 4 Continue to **build our library of California specific directories, tools and resources.**



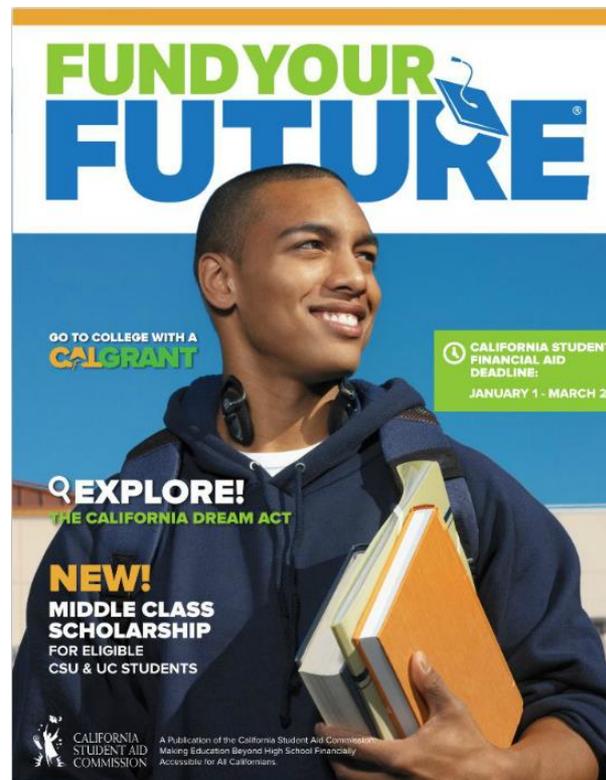
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- Fund Your Future Magazine

<http://www.fundyourfuture.org>



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**California
Dream Act**





Dream Act Eligibility

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Who is the California Dream Act Application for?

- **AB 540 requirements:**
 - CA HS 3 years or equivalent credit
 - Graduate CA HS or equivalent
 - Attend qualifying CA college
 - Complete affidavit (if applicable)





Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Protects young undocumented applicants from deportation
- Issues SSN cards valid for work only
- Has specific program criteria applicants must meet





Selective Service

Males 18 to 25 must register with Selective Service for Cal Grant and other state aid:

- Do not need a SSN to register
- **BEST WAY TO REGISTER**: Answer "Register me" on CA Dream Act question 23a
- **OR**: Get registration form at U.S. Post office, or download at Caldreamact.org
- Students will receive a Confirmation by mail from the Selective Service





Taxes

- Students and parents residing in the United States must file US tax returns, if earning threshold is met
 - May be required by college/university if selected for verification

http://www.irs.gov/publications/p501/ar02.html#en_US_2014_publink1000270109



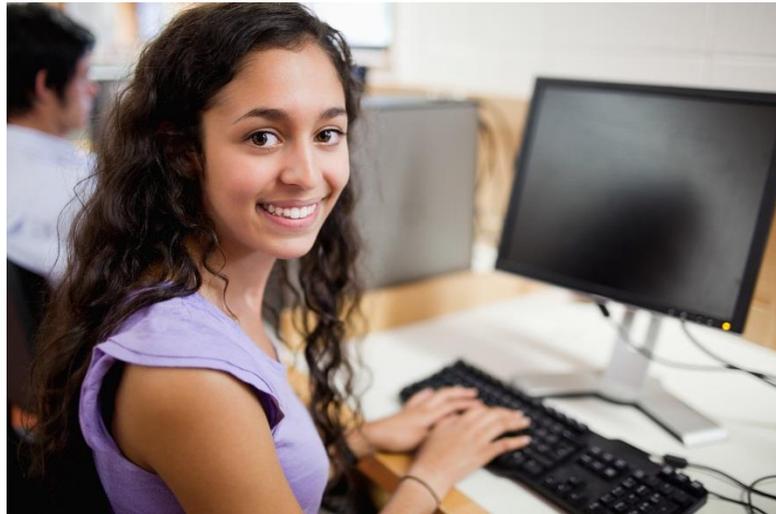
California Dream Act Application

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CA Dream Act Enhancements

- Adjusted landing page layout
- Improved resources page
- Clarified determination logic questions
- Revised help text in application



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Aid Under California Dream Act

- Commission Administered Aid
- Private scholarships administered by campuses
- Institutional Aid

California Community Colleges 2014-15 Board of Governors Fee Waiver Application

This is an application to have your ENROLLMENT FEES WAIVED. If you need money to help with books, supplies, food, rent, transportation and other costs, please complete a FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) or the California Dream Application (for eligible AB 540 students) immediately. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov and the Dream Application is available at http://www.ccsac.ca.gov/dream_acl.asp. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1099: VICTIMS OF TRAFFIC, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES

AD 1099, enacted in December of 2012, provides for a non-resident enrollment fee exemption for Victims of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes. In addition, the legislation allows these students to apply for and, if eligible, receive financial aid from programs administered by public postsecondary institutions or the state of California. Finally, the legislation provides that enrollment fees shall be waived for these students who apply for and are eligible to receive Board of Governor enrollment fee waivers.

THIS FEE WAIVER APPLICATION IS FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS, ELIGIBLE AB 540 STUDENTS, AND ELIGIBLE AD 1099 STUDENTS, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMISSIONS OR REGISTRARS OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD YOUR CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY OR ELIGIBILITY STATUS DETERMINED BY THE ADMISSIONS OR REGISTRARS OFFICE, PLEASE SEE ONE OF THOSE OFFICES TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION. FEE WAIVER ELIGIBILITY CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL YOUR STATUS HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

Has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are a California resident? Yes No

If no, has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are eligible for a non-resident tuition exemption as an AD 540 student? Yes No

If no, has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are eligible for a non-resident tuition exemption as an AD 1099 student? Yes No

Name: _____ Student ID # _____
Last First Middle-Initial Telephone Number: _____
E-mail (if available): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____
Street City Zip Code Date of Entry: _____

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT

The California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act extends rights, benefits, responsibilities and obligations to individuals in domestic partnerships registered with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code. If you are in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP), you will be treated as an independent married student to determine eligibility for this Enrollment Fee Waiver and will need to provide income and household information for your domestic partner. If you are a dependent student and your parent is in a Registered Domestic Partnership, you will be treated the same as a student with married parents and income and household information will be required for the parent's domestic partner.

Note: These provisions apply to state student financial aid ONLY, and not to federal student financial aid.

The California Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code? (Answer "Yes" if you or your parent are separated from a Registered Domestic Partnership and have NOT FILED a Notice of Distribution of Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State's Office.) Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the question above, treat the Registered Domestic Partner as a spouse. You are required to include your domestic partner's income and household information on your parent's domestic partner's income and household information in Questions 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Student Marital Status Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed Registered Domestic Partnership

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CA DREAM ACT

Apply by March 2, 2015

Questions about types of CA Dream Act financial aid?

- Wondering if you are a CA Dreamer?
- AB 540 eligible?
- Do you need to submit a GPA?

[Check out our Dream Act information & resources.](#)

Announcements:

- To apply for a Cal Grant, the 2015-16 Dream Act Application is due by Monday, March 2, 2015.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

New California Dream Act Application

Select this option if you:

- * Have never filed a California Dream Application
- * Want to start a new California Dream Application
- * Are ready to get started

Start Dream Application

Provide a Parent Signature

Select this option if you:

- * Need to request Parent PIN
- * Forgot your Parent PIN
- * Need to sign your child's application

Sign Student Application

California Dream Act Application Login

Select this option if you want to:

- * Continue or renew your CA Dream Application
- * Update or correct current CA Dream Application
- * View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...

Login To Application

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Welcome!

Completion of the Dream Act Application is required to determine financial aid for California AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).





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Are you a US Citizen (US National) or eligible non-citizen? (see below to check status)

Yes No

Continue 

Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if:

1. Permanent US resident with a permanent resident card (I-551)
2. Conditional permanent resident with a conditional green card (I-551c)
3. Holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security with the following designations:
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
 - Victim of human trafficking, T-visa holder (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.)



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Based on the responses you provided, you **are** eligible to file the California Dream Act Application and should **not have** filed the FAFSA.

However, since you have already filed a 2015-16 year FAFSA, you should press the Green Button below to complete the Dream Act Application but you **must also** do the following:

1. Send an email to studentsupport@csac.ca.gov stating:
 - a. You have already filed the 2015-16 FAFSA
 - b. You should have filed the Dream Application
 - c. Include your full-name as it is on the FAFSA, your mailing address and Date of Birth
2. Complete the Dream Act Application as soon as possible
3. Tell the college you will be attending that you filed both the FAFSA and the Dream Act Application
4. If it is before the March 2nd deadline, file a Cal Grant GPA

[Start a Dream Application](#)

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Welcome Test Case !

Which academic year application would you like to retrieve?

If you filed a Dream Application for 2015 - 2016 and want to Renew click on the academic year 2016 - 2017 button...

You may choose to retrieve your Dream Act Application by the academic school year to either view or to make corrections.

 **2016 - 2017 School Year**

(July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

 **2015 - 2016 School Year**

(July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)

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The screenshot shows the California Student Aid Commission's Dream Application portal. At the top left is the CA.GOV logo and the commission's name. A navigation bar at the top right includes links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. Below this, a user is logged in as 'Finest Student' with a 'Logout' link. The main heading is 'Dream Application'. A series of tabs at the top of the content area includes 'Instructions', 'Student', 'Dependency', 'Parent', 'Signature', 'Confirmation', and 'CaISAR'. The 'Instructions' tab is active, displaying a list of 9 tips for users. To the right of the instructions is a large digital timer showing '29:51' in minutes and seconds, with a 'Save Application' button below it. A purple arrow points from the timer to the 'Save Application' button, and another purple arrow points from the 'Save Application' button to the 'Next' button at the bottom right of the instructions box. The footer contains copyright information for the State of California and the document ID 'DA_SID.1'.

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Welcome *Finest Student* | [Logout](#)

Dream Application

Instructions | **Student** | Dependency | Parent | Signature | Confirmation | CaISAR

Welcome to your California Dream Act Application! Read these 9 tips first:

1. Questions with a **star (*)** require an answer.
2. Clicking the **Save button** will add time to the running clock and give you as much time as you need to complete your application. You can also save your application and return to it another time.
3. The **red text** throughout the Dream Act Application means "**further action is required from you.**"
4. Based on your answers to questions, this application may skip questions that are not required.
5. Use the tabs above or the Next & Previous buttons below to move through your application. **Do not use your web browser's Back or Forward buttons.**
6. Make sure you **submit your application** when complete. **Saving your application** is not the same as **submitting** your application. Only **submitted applications** can be processed for financial aid.
7. After you have hit the **submit** button, if you need to make changes, your wait time is a maximum of 24 hours to modify your submitted application.
8. You will see help screens pop up throughout the application.
9. You do not have to file taxes in order to complete the application. However, if you will file taxes, but haven't done so yet, you can submit your Dream Application now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return.

Click on the Student Tab to begin your application!

Next →

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Save Application

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The screenshot shows the 'Dream Application' confirmation page on the California Student Aid Commission website. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. The user is logged in as 'Finest Student' with a Dream Act ID of 000012154. The main content area has tabs for Instructions, Student, Dependency, Parent, Signature, Confirmation, and CalSAR. A large green button labeled 'Parent Signature' is visible. Below it, the text reads 'Finest R. Student' and 'Dream ID # 000012154', with a purple arrow pointing to the ID number. Transaction details include 'Transaction Date: 12/11/2014' and 'Transaction Number: 1'. A congratulatory message states: 'Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your application. Use your Dream ID to communicate with your school and CSAC and to renew your application next year! Always keep your email up-to-date.' A table titled 'Section I-Action Needed' lists three items with comment codes: 'WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW' (001), 'There are issues with your Dream Act Application...' (047), and 'Your parent DID NOT sign your Dream Act Application...' (108). A large digital timer on the right shows '29:18' (Min:Sec). The footer contains copyright information for 2013 State of California and the code 'DA_SID.1'.

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Welcome *Finest Student* | [Logout](#)
Dream Act ID: 000012154

Dream Application

Instructions | Student | Dependency | Parent | Signature | Confirmation | CalSAR

Parent Signature

Finest R. Student
Dream ID # **000012154**

Transaction Date: 12/11/2014
Transaction Number: 1

Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your application. Use your Dream ID to communicate with your school and CSAC and to renew your application next year! Always keep your email up-to-date.

Section I-Action Needed	Comment Codes
WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use any comments listed below to make sure that any issues are resolved)	001
There are issues with your Dream Act Application that need to be resolved before your eligibility can be determined. Be sure to read all the comment codes listed on this page, review your application and make any necessary corrections to your Dream Act Application.	047
Your parent DID NOT sign your Dream Act Application after you submitted it. At least one parent must sign to complete the Dream Act Application. Your parent can sign right now by clicking the green Parent Signature	108

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Instructions Student Dependency Parent Signature Confirmation **CalSAR**

Cal Student Aid Reports

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Dream Act Student Aid Report

Dream Act Application Data

Assumed fields, based on the data you entered, are marked with an "*" (asterisk) sign.
The fields that are changed from last transaction are displayed in red.

Transaction Number: 1 Submitted By: SOFIA FIRST Processed: 01/18/2015 **EFC:**

1. Student's last name:	FIRST
2. Student's first name:	SOFIA
3. Student's middle initial:	T
4. Student's permanent mailing address:	123 PRINCESS STREET

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How will students be notified?

- Cal Grant awardees receive email
- California Aid Report (CAR)
- Contact financial aid office





When and Where

www.caldreamact.org

- Fall 2016 Financial Aid: Apply January 2016
- Submit application by March 2 deadline



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Today's Takeaways

- Direct Students to Dream Act application
- Submit your GPAs early
- Work your unmatched reports
- Browse our many Resources





Next Up, FAFSA!

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1-888-294-0153

schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Student Support

1-888-224-7268

studentsupport@csac.ca.gov