FINANCING YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

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Types of Financial Aid – Federal

- Pell Grant
  - up to **$6,095** a year, lifetime eligibility of 6 yrs. f/t equivalent
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
  - up to **$4,000** a year
- TEACH Grant
  - up to **$4,000** a year
- Work Study
  - up to **$4,000**
- Student Loans (Direct, Private)
  - Varies
  - Can be in combination

Direct Loans

- **Subsidized-** Need based. Interest is paid by the federal government while you are in school. Fixed 5.05%. Repayment starts six months after you graduate or drop below half-time.
- **Unsubsidized-** Not need based. You pay the interest or add it to the principle balance and begins to accrue at the time you receive 1st check. Fixed 5.05%. Repayment starts six months after you graduate or drop below half-time.
- **PLUS-** Unsubsidized loan for parents of undergrads. Can borrow up to the COA minus any financial aid. Fixed 7.6% and begins to accrue at the time funds are released. (not need-based)
  - Loan fees apply

*Interest rates may vary year to year and are set by the Dept. of Education

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Loans – What You Should Know

There are different types of loans that can be awarded in combination: **Direct** – Subsidized/Unsubsidized & PLUS; Private

- Borrow only what you need
  - Not necessarily what is offered or awarded
  - Borrowing $10K per yr x 5 yrs = $50K!
- Consider all gift-aid and employment options first
- Repayment ~ Types of repayment plans
  - Pay As You Earn – Income-based repayment
  - Loan Forgiveness
    - Public Service
    - Teachers
    - Disability
- Avoid Default!

Federal Work Study

- Campus-based aid
- Must be earned through work
  - Job may be on or off campus (~18 hrs./wk)
- Undergraduate and graduate students
- No annual maximum (~**$3,000** - **$5,000**)
  - Funding levels vary at each institution
- Need-based

- *Gain work experience, confidence & references*
- *Attend class, study, & work all in the same place*

Types of Financial Aid – State

- Cal Grants A, B, C = CC **$1672***; Univ. up to **$12570**

  ***CC Supplemental** (new)= up to add'l **$4000** as full-time student

  - **Must meet March 2nd FAFSA/CDA deadline**
  - Lifetime eligibility up to **4 yrs.**
- Middle Class Scholarship = CSU **$2298**; UC **$5052**
  - Max income/asset ceiling $177,000
- Enrollment & Fee Waivers = Tuition (**not** lab & mandatory fees)
- EOP/EOP&S Grant = up to **$600**; CARE = **$2000**
- Child Development Grant = CC **$1000**; Univ. **$2000**

California Student Aid Commission

For New & Renewal Cal Grant Recipients

Mar. 2nd Deadline!

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
Family size:		
Six or more	$118,500	$65,100
Five	$109,900	$60,300
Four	$102,500	$53,900
Three	$94,400	$48,500
Two	$92,100	$43,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	$37,600	$37,600
Married, no other dependents	$43,000	$43,000

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students [1]	$79,300
Independent students	$37,700

Students track their award @ **www.webgrants4students.org**

State Aid- Middle Class Scholarship

- For new, continuing and transfer undergraduates
- Attend/plan to attend a UC or CSU campus
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or AB540 status
- Maintain 2.0 GPA
- Family incomes up to $171, 000
- Now fully implemented, the maximum award will be 40% of mandatory system-wide tuition & fees at a UC or CSU

- Apply by either completing the FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application

Fee & Tuition Waivers

- Community College – California College Promise Grant*
  *Formerly Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOG)
  - Waives enrollment fees, FAFSA may be required
  - **www.icanaffordcollege.com**
- CSU State University Grant (SUG)
  - Amounts vary, FAFSA is required
  - **www.calstate.edu** or **csumentor.edu**
- UC Grant Blue & Gold Plan
  - Amounts and application process vary
  - **www.universityofcalifornia.edu**
- Independent College Grants
  - Amounts and application process vary
  - **www.aiccu.edu** or **www.aiccumentor.org**

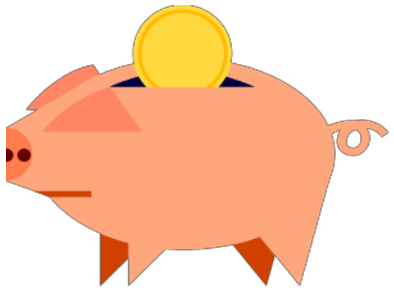
Financial Aid for Specific Populations

- Middle Class Scholarship: www.csac.ca.gov
- Foster Youth: **Chafee Grant** ~ up to **$5000** www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
- Athletes: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Students with dependents: **EOP&S/CARE** and **CalWORKs**
- Students with disabilities: www.heath.gwu.edu
- Military and their dependents: www.gibill.va.gov
- AB540 Students: **California Dream Act** www.caldreamact.org
- Early Childhood Education/Child Development: www.csac.ca.gov
- Teachers: Cal Grant A & B Extended Benefits: www.calgrants.org
  in addition to grants, Loan Forgiveness: www.teachforamerica.org
- Health Occupations-Scholarships & Loan Repayment: www.healthprofessions.ca.gov

Types of Financial Aid – Gift Aid

Institutional and Private Grants & Scholarships*

- **Provider decides on**
  - Awarding criteria
  - Application deadline
  - Forms or applications
- Awards may be
  - Merit-based (academic performance-GPA)
  - Need-based (financial need)
  - Combination of the two
- Providers may be: HS, college, employers, credit union, insurance co. (Foresters), service-based orgs. (Kiwanis)



*Apply during same timeline as other financial aid

General Eligibility Criteria

Status

- U.S citizen, permanent resident or meet AB540 criteria
- For FAFSA, Permanent SS# (Parents do not need a SS#)
  - For CalDreamAct, no SS# is required for student or parent
- Males between ages 18-25 registered for Selective Service
- Received HS Diploma or equivalent: GED, CHSPE, Homeschooled

Enrollment

- BOG Fee Waiver & Pell Grant will pay **as low as ½ unit**
- FSEOG, FWS, DL, Chafee & Cal Grants require at least **halftime** status
- EOP/EOP&S requires full time status (with exceptions)
- Must be enrolled in an eligible program of study

Satisfactory Academic Progress

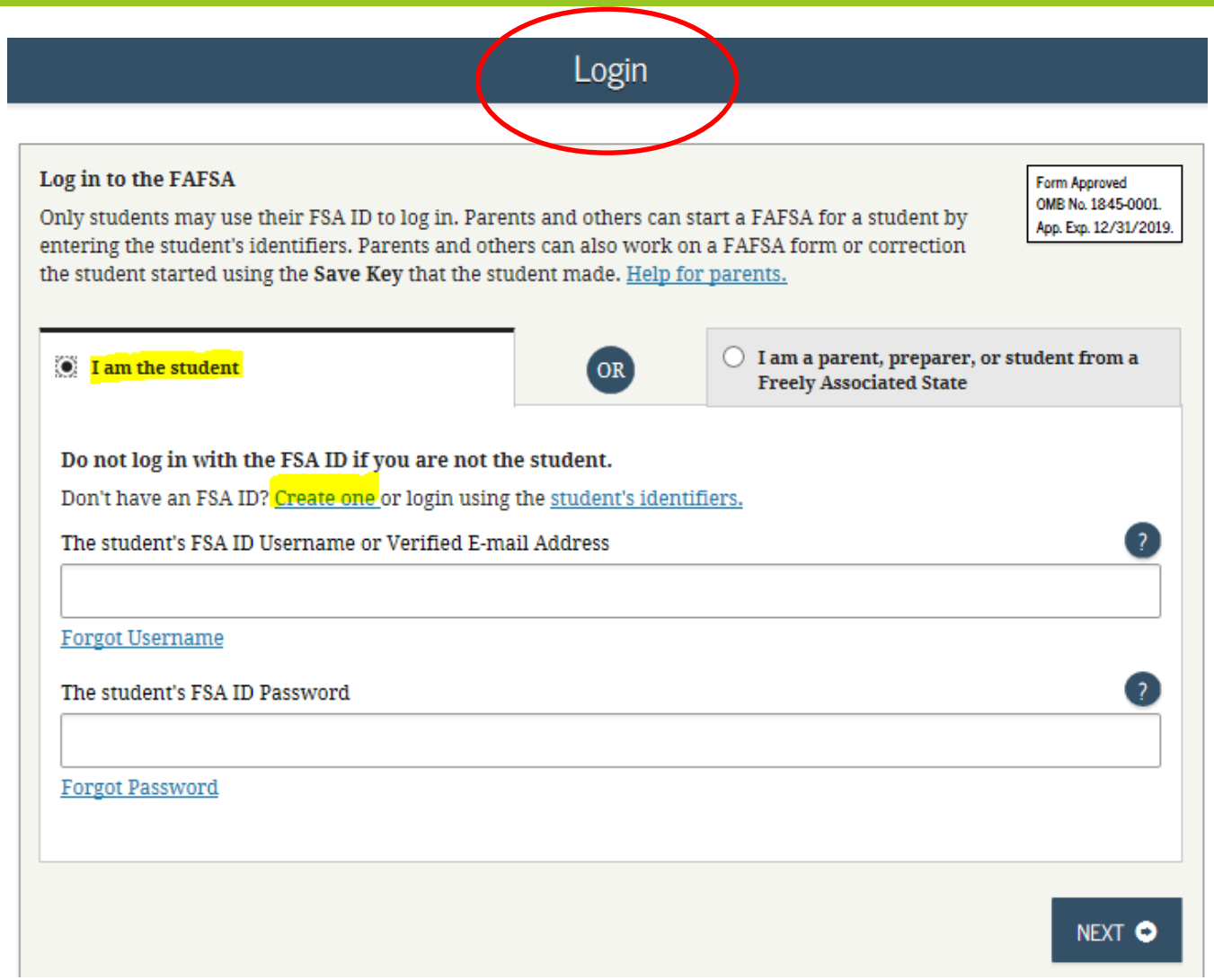
- Must **complete 2/3 of units** attempted **cumulatively**
- Must **maintain a 2.0 'C' GPA**
- 2 consecutive terms of poor SAP can lead to **Disqualification** of aid
  - Financial Aid **Appeal**
    - Have 'lifetime' limits per college – usually 3 maximum (some only allow 1)
    - Must indicate extenuating circumstance; documentation
    - Complete terms of appeal decision; attend SAP session if required
- While changing colleges might seem like a fresh start, you can get caught up in **UEH** = Unusual Enrollment History; you may have to explain why you've changed colleges 2-3 times in same number of years

➢ ***BOG Waiver now relies on Institutional SAP (50% compl., 2.0GPA)***

FAFSA on the Web's Homepage

www.fafsa.gov

FSA ID


Login
Log in to the FAFSA
Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. Help for parents.
Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001.
App. Exp. 12/31/2019.
I am the student
OR
I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State
Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.
Don't have an FSA ID? Create one or login using the student's identifiers.
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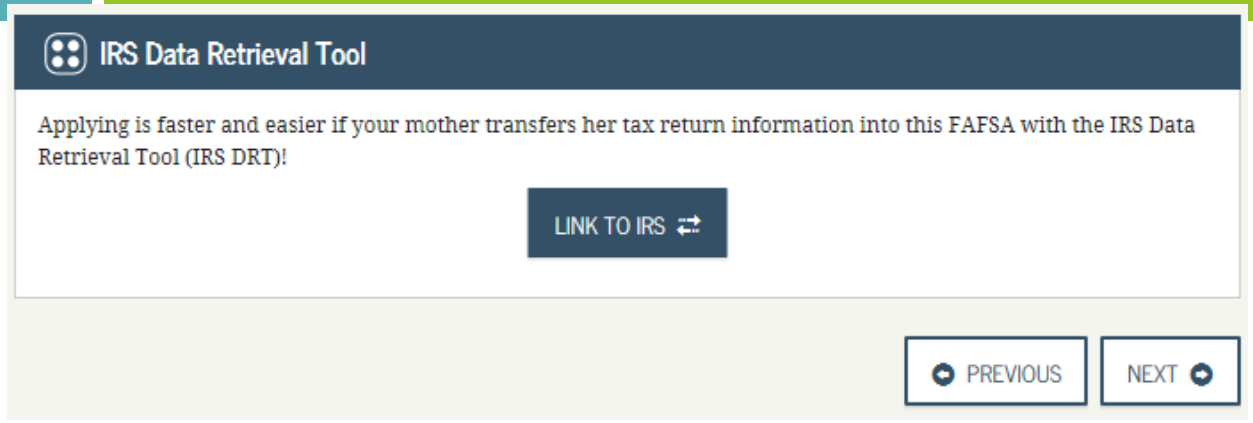
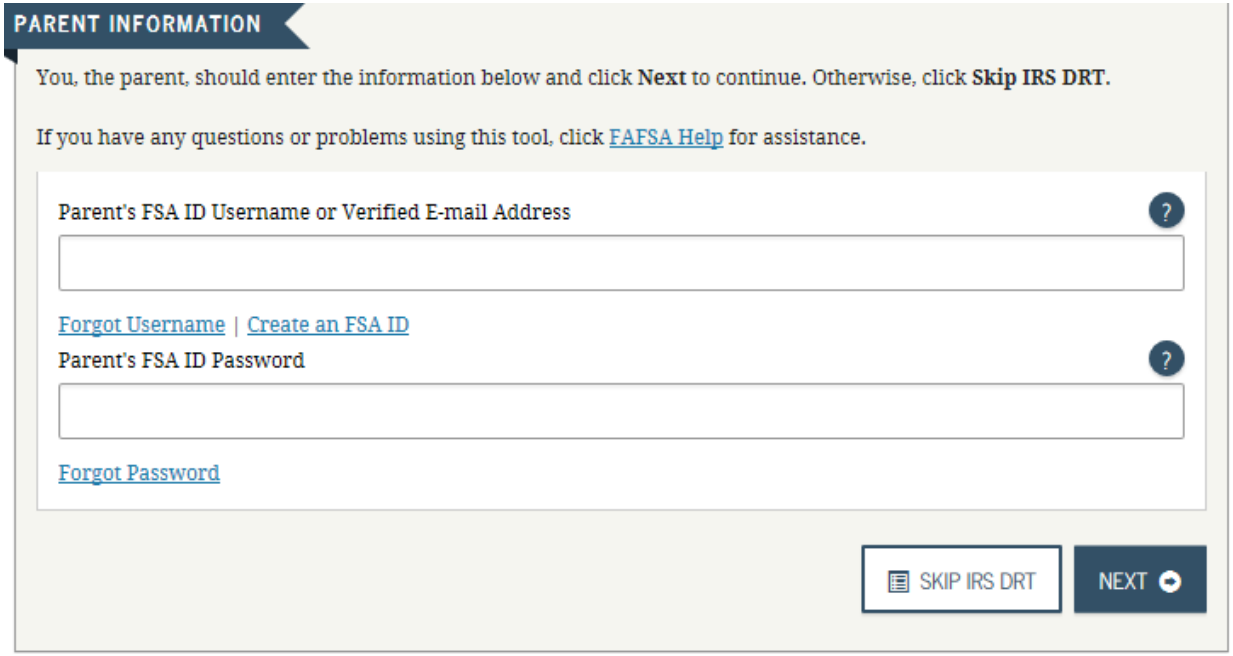


Parents will create FSAID either to transfer IRS data or at the end for signature



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Questions About Assets

Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 41. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 89, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in questions 40 and 88.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate.

Net worth means current market value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter '0'

California Dream Act

www.caldreamact.org

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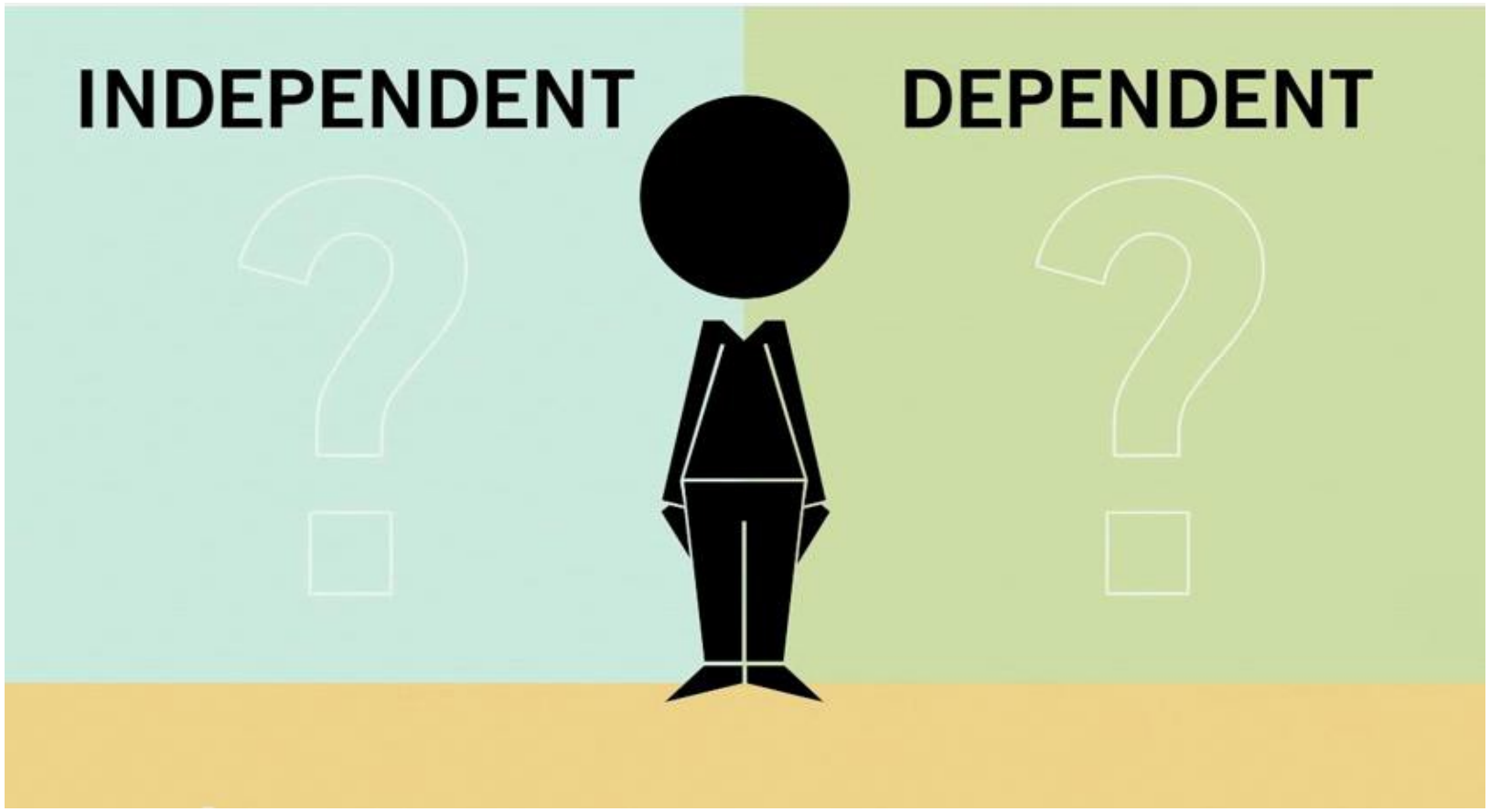
Dependency Status



Dependency Status –FAFSA/CDA

If students are **NOT** able to check any of the boxes below, parents income and asset information will be required to complete the FAFSA process.

❑ I was born before January 1, 1995	❑ I am married	❑ I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)	
❑ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	❑ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	❑ I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019	
❑ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	❑ I was in foster care since turning age 13	❑ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support	
❑ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13	❑ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	❑ I am currently or I was in legal guardianship	❑ I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless

"Parent" includes: Step (married); **adoptive**; both biological living together but not married; 'custodial' parent if separated or divorced

Verification

You may be asked to provide documentation to support what was reported on the FAFSA/CADAA such as:

- High School Completion
- Identity
- Tax Transcript = if IRS Link not used
- Citizenship
- Dependency Court

Calculating Financial Aid Eligibility

Basic Equation of Need (Eligibility)

The financial aid application is trying to determine your family's financial strength & ability to contribute to your education, your EFC

Cost of Attendance (COA)

– Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Eligibility for Need-based Aid

Calculating Financial Aid Eligibility

▶ Cost of Attendance / Allowances

Standard Allowable Costs:

- Tuition and fees: **$ 1,380**
- Room and board: **$ 5,418**
- Books and supplies: **$ 1,917**
- Transportation: **$ 1,251**
- Misc. personal: **$ 3,258**

Total standard allowance: **$13,320**

(based on 18-19 'not paying rent' COA)

(18-19 'paying rent' COA **$21,681**)

Additional Allowable Costs:

- Dependent care
- Study-abroad
- Disability-related
- Employment expenses for co-op study
- Student loan fees

Each student will be assigned a COA/budget based on housing plan: with parent/relatives; on campus; off campus. Tuition is what the biggest difference among colleges will be.

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Santa Clara

COA $61,333

- EFC 4,000

= Need $57,333

San Jose State

COA $17,931

- EFC 4,000

= Need $13,931

Mission/WVC

COA $13,320

- EFC 4,000

= Need $ 9,320

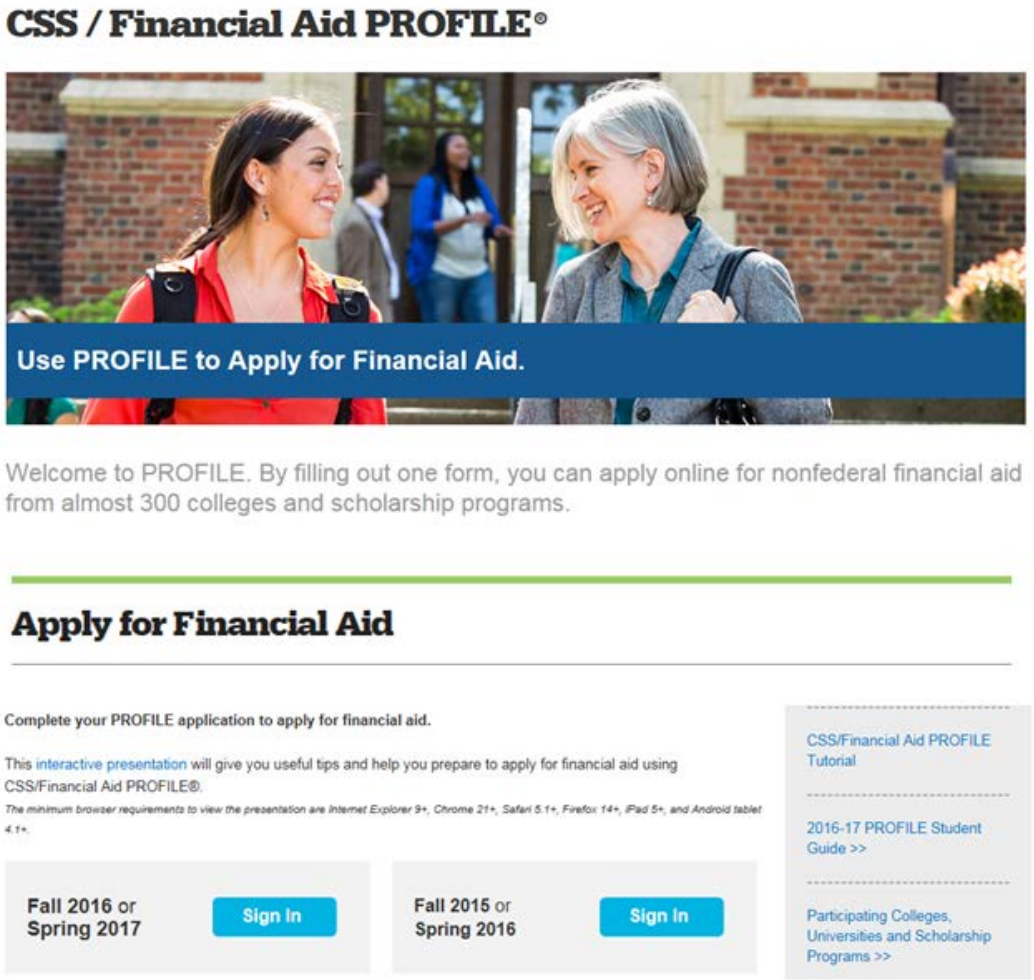
Special Circumstances

- Adjustments may be made to information on a case-by-case basis
- Special circumstances may include changes to
  - Dependency status
  - Marital Status (Parent/student separates/divorces)
  - Income and assets
  - Child support
  - Number in household or college
  - Private elementary/secondary tuition
  - Medical or dental expenses (not covered by insurance)
    - After initial filing up through current AY

CSS Financial Aid PROFILE

https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile

- Student Guide
  - No paper registration form
  - On-demand webinar
- 3 step process
- $25 initial application & one college report
- $16/add'l college



Note: CA public colleges do not require (UC, CSU, CC); Private colleges may require – check their FA webpage

Timeline of Financial Aid

Application Forms

- **FAFSA** or **Cal Dream Act** Application
  - **October 1st ~ Priority Deadline:** March 2nd
- **CSS Profile** opens Oct. 1st, **deadline set by university**
- **Cal Grant GPA Verification**
  - By March 2nd of the senior year & 1 year after
  - All HS & Colleges will send GPA electronically
  - Colleges will not send until 16 units completed
- Establish **Webgrants4students.org** account to track state awards
- **Scholarships** = usually 1st quarter of new year

Applying for Aid

- When applying to an institution, a student should ask the following:
  - What forms does the institution require?
  - In addition to the FAFSA, does the school require the completion of an institutional form?
    - For example, CSS Profile
    - Verification documentation
  - What are the filing deadlines for each form?
  - What type of deadline?

$$Cash For College Events$$

Look for local high schools & colleges hosting Financial Aid application workshops (CFC) which are open to the public;

For a listing by zip code, go to:

https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/

Andrew Hill HS, 4-8pm Oct. 3th, Library Lab

Yerba Buena HS, 4-8pm Nov. 29th, Student Ctr

Oakgrove HS, 4-7pm Dec. 12th, Rm E7

Financial Aid experts will be onsite to help!

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That's It!

Thank you!

Questions?