

Financial Aid

Scholarships & Grants

CA. Student Aid & Cal Grants

www.calgrants.org
www.csac.ca.gov
www.ca.gov/education

Federal Financial Aid

www.fafsa.gov
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.studentloans.gov

Free Scholarship Directories

www.scholarshare.com www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.com/pay www.scholarships.com

Specific Resources

African American Scholarships

www.uncf.org

Latino Scholarships

www.hsf.net
www.maldef.org
www.latinocollegedollars.org

GATES Millennium

www.gmsp.org

Students with Disabilities

www.health.gwu.edu
www.dor.ca.gov

Sports Scholarships

www.ncaa.org

Native American

www.collegefund.org
www.aises.org
www.bie.edu

Asian & Pacific Island

www.apiasf.org

Colleges



California Public Colleges

www.californiacolleges.edu

California Community Colleges

www.icanaffordcollege.com

California State University

www.csumentor.edu

University of California

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

Independent CA. Colleges

www.aiccu.edu

College Costs & Career Exploration

www.californiacolleges.edu
<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>
www.whodoyouwant2b.com
www.finaid.org

Other Resources

Citizenship-www.uscis.gov

Foster youth

www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
www.calyouthconn.org

Military and Veterans

www.gibill.va.gov

AmeriCorps

www.americorps.gov

Tax benefits

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Publications/970-Tax-Benefits-for-Education-1>

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Who should apply for financial aid?

Everyone! No matter your background, everyone should apply for financial aid.

Yes, even if you think that you are not going to attend college directly after high school (you may change your mind and you don't want all the money to be gone); or, even if you think your family makes too much money, complete the forms! (Many colleges use the FAFSA to even determine their own institutional financial aid awards.)

What is financial aid?

➤ **Scholarships**

Free money from the college or private organizations

➤ **Grants**

Free money from the Federal Government, State, or college

➤ **Work Study**

The college gets you a job on or around campus that helps you pay for your education

➤ **Student Loans**

You have to pay this back; but, they are low-interest, paid back over time starting six months after you complete your education or until you have a job that will support you. Your education is an investment in your future!

How does Financial Aid work?

- Complete the FAFSA form www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - You may start on October 1st; be sure to submit before March 2nd
- The federal government will calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) based on your family income and expenses
- You will then be sent the Student Aid Report (SAR) which will explain your EFC, but you can find out an early estimate of your EFC by using www.FAFSA4caster.gov
- Your SAR results will also be shared with the colleges you listed on your FAFSA
 - To avoid bias, be sure to list your colleges in alphabetical order
- Once you receive your financial aid package from our college(s), you will have the option to: accept all, part, or none of your financial aid offer
- First step to Apply?
 - Go on the FAFSA website to obtain a PIN number www.pin.ed.gov
 - You and your parents will both need a PIN to sign the forms electronically
- Complete the Cal Grant GPA verification form
 - This single page form is given to you in your Government class in the fall