

# Applying for Financial Aid 2016-2017

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# Types of Aid

### **Where \$ Comes From**

State (California)

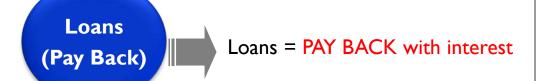
Federal Government

College Universities Organizations &
Private
Companies

### Free - Earn - Pay Back







# Types of Aid – For Tuition

Name of Grants	Covers Tuition
Cal Grant A/B	Up to \$5,472 at CSU Up to \$12,240 at UC Up to \$9,084 at Private (non-profit) Up to \$4,000 at Private (for-profit)
State University Grant	Covers full system-wide tuition at CSU
UC Grant	Covers full system-wide tuition at UC
Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan  income up to \$80,000/year	Covers system wide tuition & fees at UC
Middle Class Scholarship  → income up to \$150,000/year	Assist with part of tuition cost at CSU/UC
CCC Board of Governors Fee Waiver	Waives tuition cost = free classes at CCC

### **Please Note:**

All grants above pays tuition only. You can only get one of the above listed grants.

# Types of Aid – Cash

Name of Grants	Amount
Pell Grant	Up to \$5,845 – Lifetime Eligibility 600% Max
Federal SEOG	Varies – Priority to Pell eligible students
Cal Grant B Access	\$1,656 + \$600 at CCC for attending full-time
Cal Grant C	Up to \$547 at CCC Up to \$2,462 at Vocational/Trade
Chafee Grant (Former Foster Youth)	Up to \$5,000
Institutional Grant	Varies
Federal Work-Study	On/Off-campus employment (Earn a paycheck)
Direct Student Loans	Subsidized: \$3,500 - \$5,500 (Need based) Unsubsidized: Up to \$2,000 (for dep student)

### Cal Grant A

### Cal Grant B

### Cal Grant C

At Least 3.0 GPA

At Least 2.0 GPA

No Minimum

GPA

Required

#### **H.S. Seniors – Recent Grads:**

- ☐ Meet <u>all</u> Requirements
- Submit by <u>March 2:</u> FAFSA or Dream Act + GPA Verification
- Cal Grant High School <u>Entitlement Award</u> Means...



### **Income/Asset Ceiling Limits:**

□ www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1122

#### **WebGrants for Students:**

https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp



# How to Apply



OR

- FSA ID: User Name & Password (Student/Parent)
- www.fafsa.gov



- prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- California Dream Act: www.dream.csac.ca.gov
- For Undocumented, AB540 or DACA Students

Submit One Application – Not Both!

Application Will Determine Eligibility for ALL Types of Aid

# When to Apply – Key Deadlines

### Do Not Miss - March 2nd Deadline!

- Cal Grants A/B
- State University Grants (CSU)
- UC Grants (UC)
- Middle Class Scholarship (CSU/UC)
- Submit/Re-new <u>every</u> academic year until you graduate!



#### **CSS/Financial Aid Profile:**

- https://profileonline.collegeboard.org
- Cost: \$25 for application and one college
- \$16 for additional colleges

### Western Undergraduate Exchange:

- http://wiche.edu/wue
- Stay in the West Reduced Tuition

### **Private & Out-of-State**

- ✓ May have <u>Earlier</u> Deadlines
- ✓ Check directly with <u>each</u> college

# FAFSA & Dream App Application Cycle

### **Starting 2017-2018**

- FAFSA available October 1<sup>st</sup> (2016)
- FAFSA will use "prior-prior-year" (PPY) income data
  - 2017-2018 FAFSA will use 2015 tax year information



When a Student Is Attending College (School Year)	When a Student Can Submit a FAFSA	Which Year's Income Information Is Required
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016





### The FAFSA: A Seven – Section Online Form

- Section I Student Demographics
- Section 2 School Selection
- Section 3 Dependency Status
- Section 4 Parent Demographics
- Section 5 Financial Information
- Section 6 Sign and Submit
- Section 7 Confirmation

### **Please Note:**

The CA Dream Act has very similar sections!

However, the log-in process and submission process are slightly different.

## Submit the Correct FAFSA

#### **Get Started**

Welcome, Student FSA!

#### Fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

#### When are you attending college?

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Fall 2016

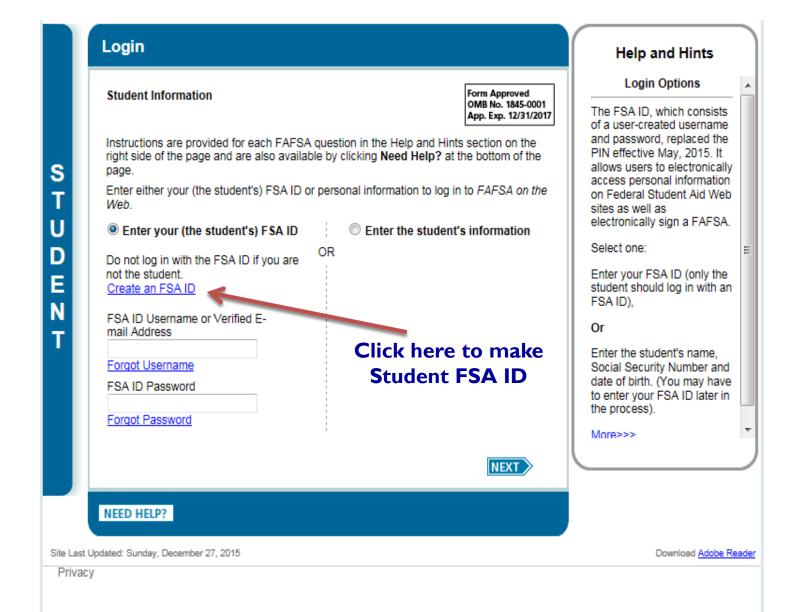
Submit "2016-2017"

START 2015-2016 Summer 2016

FAFSA Submit "2016-2017"

If you are applying for a summer session, or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

# Getting Started – FSA ID



# Help Available on Every Page



#### ? Help Icon

- ✓ Chat (in English or Spanish)
- ✓ Live technical support staff

#### **Help and Hints**

√ Located on the right side of any page

#### **Need Help?**

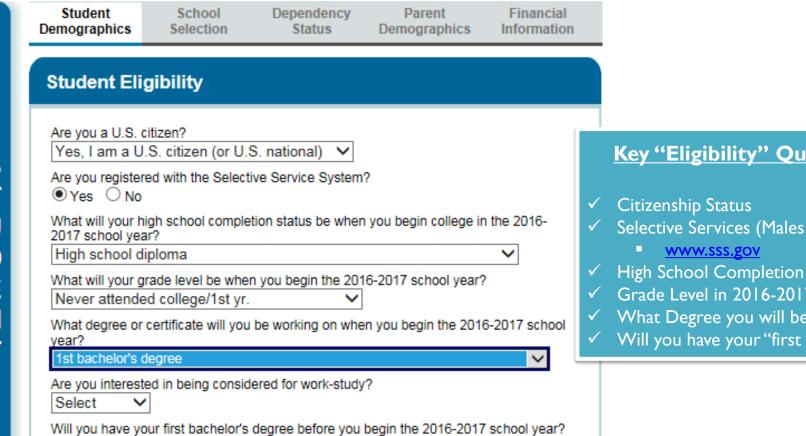
✓ Located at the bottom of any page

○ Yes ● No

# Section I – Student Demographics

#### **Very Important!**

Enter "Legal Name" as it appears on Social Security Card Enter correct Social Security Number and Date of Birth (Avoid Typos)



#### **Key "Eligibility" Questions**

- Selective Services (Males 18-25)
- Grade Level in 2016-2017
- What Degree you will be working on
- Will you have your "first bachelor's"

### Section 2 – School Selection

Student Demographics

School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit

Confirmation

#### **School Selection Summary**

For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the dropdown list.

You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, click on the school name and then use the buttons on the right to change the position of the selected school. The **FIRST** and **LAST** buttons will move the school to either the top or bottom of your list, and the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons will move the school one position up, or one position down.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid. Find more information on your state's preferences for listing schools here.

School Name	Federal School Code	Housing Plans	
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY	0.01154	With Parent 🗸	Remove
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY	001155	On Campus 🗸	Remove
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY	001312	On Campus 🗸	Remove
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UCLA)	001315	On Campus 🗸	Remove
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO	001611	On Campus 🗸	Remove
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	001326	On Campus 🗸	Remove

#### **Important**

- ✓ List up to 10 schools
- ✓ List California colleges first
- ✓ List each college separately
- ✓ Search for Federal School Code
- ✓ Indicate Housing Plans

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# Section 3 – Dependency Status

Student Demographics

School Selection

Dependency Status

Parent Demographics

Financial Information

#### **Dependency Determination**



Application was successfully saved.

Were you born before January 1, 1993?

O Yes 

No

As of today, are you married?

O Yes ● No.

At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?

O Yes 

No.

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017?

○ Yes ● No.

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2017?

○ Yes ● No

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than

○ Yes ● No.

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

○ Yes ● No

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

○ Yes ● No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

○ Yes ● No.

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

○ Yes ● No

On or after July 1, 2015, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

○ Yes ● No.

**Students Under Age 24** Answer "No" to <u>ALL</u> Questions!

There are Some Exceptions...

### **Important**

If "Yes" to any of these You must provide documents

# Section 4 – Parent Demographics

Student School Dependency Parent Financial Demographics Demographics Information Selection Status **Parent Demographics Information** As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents (biological and/or adoptive)? Never Married Which parent's information will be provided? What is your father's Social Security What is your father's last name? Number? Mark 123-45-6789 What is your father's first initial? What is your father's date of birth? W (mmddyyyy) 12/16/1974 Your father's e-mail address test@gmail.com Re-enter your father's e-mail address test@gmail.com Has your father lived in California for at least 5 years? Yes O No Your father's number of family members in 2016-2017 (household size) If you are not sure who is considered a family member, click Household Size to answer the guestions on the worksheet. HOUSEHOLD SIZE How many people in your father's household will be college students between July 1. 2016 and June 30, 2017? Do not include your parents.

#### Who is a "Parent"

- Biological and/or Adoptive
- Even if student does not live with them

#### **Provide:**

- Correct marital status
- > If married, divorced or widowed
  - ✓ need date
- Legal Name (Last and First Initial)
- Correct SSN and Date of Birth
  - √ No SSN enter 000-00-0000
- Number of People in Household
- Number of People in College

### Section 5 – Financial Information

# For 2015, has your father completed his IRS income tax return or another tax return? Will file For 2015, what will be your father's tax filing status according to his tax return? Head of Household

#### Student Tax Information

For 2015, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Not going to file

#### **Tax Return Filers**

- ✓ Select "Will file"
- ✓ Select "tax filing" status

#### **Non-Tax Return Filers**

✓ Select "Will not file"

#### Don't Wait - Estimate!

- ✓ Meet the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline
- ✓ Enter "estimate" of 2015 Income/Assets
- ✓ Update amounts after taxes are filed



### Asset Net Worth =

Current Value of Assets – What is owed on those assets

### **Eligibility/EFC Based On:**

- Income
- Assets
- No. of people in household
- No. of people in college

### **Assets – Do NOT Include:**

- Primary home in which parents live
- Retirement plans such as:
  - ✓ 401k
  - ✓ pension funds
  - ✓ Annuities
  - ✓ non-education IRAs
  - ✓ Keogh plans, etc.
- Value of life insurance
- UGMA and UTMA accounts for which your parents are the custodian, but not the owner

### **EFC Does Not Factor in:**

- > Debts
- Expenses
- Liabilities

### FAFSA4caster

Estimate your eligibility for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.gov

# Section 6 – Signature Page

### <u>Student</u>

- ✓ Sign electronically with FSA ID
- ✓ Read/mark "Agree" to Terms of Agreement
- ✓ Student will click "Sign"

What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?

Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the parent.

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address

FSA ID Password

Create an FSA ID Forgot Username Forgot Password

Other options to sign and submit

SIGN

### **One Parent**

- ✓ Sign electronically with FSA ID
- ✓ If no SSN Click "Other Options..."

#### Sign & Submit



Application was successfully saved.

#### VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION

Are you a <u>preparer</u>?

O Yes

No

#### Student Signature

Student's Social Security

XXX-XX-9811

Number

Student's last name Mark

Student's date of birth

06/11/1994

#### READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN, username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it.
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- 4. will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- 5 will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same
- I, the student, agree to the terms outlined above.
- Agree O Disagree

SIGN

# Section 7 – Confirmation Page

### **Review and KEEP!**

- A copy will be sent via email don't delete it!
- Confirms date/time of submission
- Initial submission satisfies March 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline
- Make sure **ALL** colleges are listed
- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**
- Federal Pell Grant Estimate
- Federal Student Loan Eligibility

#### 2016-2017 Confirmation Page



Your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: random@fsa.go

#### PRINT THIS PAGE

Confirmation Number: F 01500243001 11/19/2013 13:55:26 Data Release Number (DRN): 6634

Congratulations, Student! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid



Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA? If so, you can transfer your parents' information into a new FAFSA for your brother or sister to save time. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all



What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s)

#### School(s) on your FAFSA

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from College Navigator
UNIV OF ILLINOIS @ URBANA- CHAMPAIGN	84%	94%	NA	NA
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	32%	68%	NA	NA
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	70%	86%	24%	NA



Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 000000 The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

The EFC is not how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following:

Pell Grant Estimate - \$5 645 00

Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - \$5,500.00 You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or

In addition, you should learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC).

You and your parent(s) indicated that you had filed an IRS tax return when you provided your financial information and it appears that you were eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which allows you to view information from your IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA. The benefit of using the tool is that it's the easiest way to provide accurate tax information, and it also eliminates the need for providing a copy of your and your parents' tax return to the financial aid office at your college. Once your FAFSA has been processed, you and your parents can return to FAFSA on the Web and use the tool to transfer your tax information.

If you have questions, visit www.fafsa.gov and click the "Help" icon on the FAFSA home page



TAKE A SURVEY

# Next Steps

- □ Student Aid Report (SAR) Federal Aid/FAFSA
  - Review and Make Corrections if necessary
- WebGrants for Students: State Aid
  - ✓ Create an account: <a href="https://www.webgrants4students.org">www.webgrants4students.org</a>
  - Check the status of your Cal Grant, CA Dream Act or Chafee Grant Application
  - Review your California Aid Report (CAR)
- □ Be PROACTIVE Check Student Portal, To Do List & Email weekly!
- Verification Documents Submit on-time!
- □ If unsure Don't Assume Ask Questions!
- Scholarships if you meet eligibility requirements, apply to <u>ALL</u>!

# KASP Scholarship Program



THE KRUTTSCHNITT ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ARE YOU A TRANSFER ORIENTATED, COMMITTED, AND ACADEMICALLY-PROMISING STUDENT WITH HIGH FINANCIAL NEED?



KASP Scholars receive a \$6,000 scholarship per year and wrap-around services including connection with on-campus programs and services. KASP Scholars are required to attend KASP meetings and workshops to support their academic success and to enrich their student experience. KASP Scholars who maintain good academic standing are eligible to receive another \$6,000 scholarship the following year.

\$6.000 Annual scholarship for 30 students











### KASP Scholars

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Application period is OPEN NOW and closes February 18, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Finalists will be invited for an interview, and 30 of those students will be selected as KASP Scholars. All applications submitted through AcademicWorks and that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Be a graduating high school student and:

- •Enroll in at least 12 units, and
- Resident of San Mateo County, and
- Demonstrate financial need, and
- Plan to transfer to a 4-year college or university, and
- •Be a high school student entering an SMCCCD College with a 2.5 GPA or better in a-g courses completed in grades 9-12.

Be a continuing SMCCCD student and:

- •Have completed at least 12 college units at an SMCCCD College, and
- •Are entering the Semester in good academic standing as defined by the colleges' Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress ("SAP") policy, and
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and
- Not be in default on any Student Loans.

Submit your application today on <a href="mailto:smccd.academicworks.com">smccd.academicworks.com</a>
For more information, visit <a href="mailto:smcccfoundation.org/kasp">smcccfoundation.org/kasp</a>

OR





# Need Help...

### **FAFSA** on the Web – Live Help/Chat:

- Monday Friday from 5:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- □ I-800-4-FED-AID (I-800-433-3243)
- U.S. Department of Education email at:
  - FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov



### **Special/Unusual Circumstances**

- Contact/speak with Financial Aid Office
- Ask about "professional judgment" process



### Remember:

It maybe an overwhelming process, but we are here to help!

### **Event Schedule**

### FAFSA & Dream Act Open Lab

- Building 9, Learning Center
  - 10:00 AM 2:00 PM

### College Resources, Food & Refreshments

- Building 9, CEITL
- 10:00 AM 2:00 PM

### **SMCCCD Scholarship Session**

Building 9-123 at 11:00 AM

### **College Funding for Foster Youth**

Building 9-123 at 12:00 PM





# Questions?

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Thank You for Attending!



Congrats!