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Key Application Filing Deadlines

FAFSA and Dream Application filing period:
2016-17: January 1st thru March 2nd, 2016
NEW! 2017-18: October 1st thru March 2nd, 2017

Cal State LA Scholarships:
Sometime in January, 2017
Application Deadline for 2017-18

FAFSA and Dream Application filing period:

*October 1*st, 2016 thru *March 2*nd, 2017
BIG Change for 2017-18: Reporting Income Information on FAFSA & Dream Application

- 2016-17 Report
  - 2015 Income
- 2017-18 Report
  - 2015 Income (again)
- 2018-19 Report
  - 2016 Income
Basic Eligibility for Financial Aid

1. Demonstrate Financial Need
2. H.S. Diploma or G.E.D. Certificate
3. Working towards a degree or eligible certificate program
4. U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident or AB540
5. Valid Social Security #
6. Maintain SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)
How is Financial Aid Eligibility Determined?

- Complete Applications by March 2nd Deadline
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution) based on family income, assets, household
- COA (Cost of Attendance) Based on school costs, housing
What is SAP?
Satisfactory Academic Progress (based on semester system)

Quality: Minimum GPA Requirement:
• 2.00 (C Average)

Quantity: Completion Rate
• 75% or 3 out of 4 Class

Quantity: Maximum Time Frame
• 180 total attempted units (includes “F”s and withdrawals)
What forms do you need to complete?

- FAFSA
  - www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - U.S. Citizens
  - Eligible non-citizens (green card holders)

- GPA Form
  - www.csac.ca.gov
  - U.S. Citizens
  - Eligible non-citizens
  - AB 540 “Dreamers”
What forms do you need to complete continued...

CSS Profile
www.collegeboard.org

- Not all schools require it

Dream App.
https://dream.csa.ca.gov

- AB 540 “Dreamers”
Types of Financial Aid

**Grants:**
- Pell Grant - Up to $5,920
- SEOG - Amount Varies
- SUG - (Cal State University Grant) Up to State Tuition of $5,472
- Cal Grant A - Up to Tuition (UC: $12,240, Private: $9,084, CSU: $5,472, For-Profit: $4,000)
- Cal Grant B - Up to Tuition (Same as Cal Grant A after 1st year plus Access Grant of $1,670)

**Loans:**
- Federal Subsidized Direct Loan: Up to $3,500/$4,500/$5,500
- Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan: Up to $2,000
- Additional Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan: Up to $4,000/$5,000 if Parent Loan is denied
- Parent PLUS Loan: Up to Cost of Attendance
- Private Loans: Based on Credit
- NEW-Dream Loan for AB540 students starting 2015-16

**Other:**
- Workstudy
- Outside Scholarships
  - Apply Today
- Internal Scholarship
  - Check with your institution
AB 131 – Dream Act Part II

Signed into law on October 8, 2011.

**Became effective:**

**January 1, 2013**

* Requirements:
  - Be eligible for AB 540
  - GPA and income requirements as decided by CSAC (California Student Aid Commission)

Allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to receive:

- UC Grant, State University Grant (at CSU’s), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) grant and Educational Opportunity Program and Services fee waivers.
- Apply for and receive Board of Governors fee waivers @ California Community Colleges.
- Apply for and receive state financial aid, including Cal Grants and Chafee Foster Youth Grants for use at eligible public and private institutions.
- NEW! Dream Loan for 2015
When applying to any California public college or university:

- Check to see if the student might be eligible for in-state tuition/fee costs.
- Verify your residency status with Admissions.
- Check timelines in order to apply for institutional financial aid and private scholarships.
- Apply for all other private scholarships for which the student may be eligible.
- For more information please visit www.CalDreamAct.org
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Getting Started (FSA ID)

- Go to StudentAid.gov/fsaid
- Click the “Create an FSA ID Now” button
Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online. If you're ready, you can create an FSA ID now.

Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an FSA ID, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your federal student aid documents.

If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it! Create an FSA ID Now

If you'd like more information first, keep on reading...

Quick Links
- Filling Out the FAFSA
- Dependency Status
- Leave Us Feedback

Glossary

FSA ID
The FSA ID is a username and password combination that serves as a student’s or parent’s identifier to allow access to personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems and a...
FSA ID Continued

• Make sure your Social Security number, date of birth, and name match what’s on your Social Security card
• You must have a Social Security number to create an FSA ID.
Select/Create Challenge Questions and Answers

Answering your challenge questions is one way to unlock your account or reset your username and password.

**Questions 1 and 2:**
- Select a question from the dropdown menu and then enter your answer.

**Questions 3 and 4:**
- Make up your own question and enter your answer.
- Make sure the answers will be easy to remember.
- Examples of questions:
  - What’s your favorite color?
  - What’s your favorite food?

**Question 5:**
- Enter a significant date.
- It can’t be your date of birth.
- Examples of dates:
  - Favorite holiday
  - Sibling or parent date of birth.
If you provided an e-mail address, then you will be taken to the E-mail Verification page.

Once you verify your e-mail, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging in to Department of Education websites.

You can also continue without verifying.

**How to Verify Your E-mail**

- Do not close the E-mail Verification page.
- We'll send you an e-mail with a secure code.
- Log in to your e-mail account using a different tab or browser window or another device.
- Look for an e-mail with the subject line, “Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action Required.”
- The e-mail will include a six-digit, numeric code that you will enter in the “Secure Code” data field.
Forgot My Username

• Select “Forgot My Username” at the Log In Screen
• The appearance of the link may vary depending on what website you are visiting
Forgot My Username

You can retrieve your username by either:
• Having a secure code e-mailed to you (enter the e-mail address associated with your FSA ID account and click the “E-mail Secure Code” button)
• Providing personal information and answering your challenge questions (click the “Challenge Questions” button)
Retrieving Username
Option #1: Using Secure Code

• If you selected “E-mail Secure Code,” an e-mail will be sent to your e-mail account and you will be taken to a page where you can enter a secure code.
• Do not close this page!
• Open your e-mail in a new browser window or tab or different device and copy the code from your e-mail and enter it into the “Secure Code” box.
Retrieving Username Using Secure Code

Once you enter the secure code the screen will display your username

Forgot Username

Your username is shown below.

Note: If you have an e-mail address associated with your FSA ID and have verified it, you can use it, with your password, to log in to FSA systems instead of your username.

- Your FSA ID username is: fsatestuser1

Select RETURN TO LOGIN to return to the log-in page.
Retrieving Username
Option #2: Using Challenge Questions

- You will be taken to a page where you will need to answer three of your challenge questions.
- After answering the challenge questions, you will be taken to page that displays your username.

IMPORTANT
If you retrieve your username using the challenge questions, you will need to wait 30 minutes before you can use your username.
Locked Out

If you’ve been locked out of your FSA ID account for providing the wrong username or password, you can unlock your account using either e-mail or the challenge questions.

Unlock Your FSA ID

Your FSA ID is locked. To unlock it, use one of the following options:

1. E-mail
   If you provided an e-mail address with your FSA ID, we will send you a secure code that you will enter on the next page. Select E-MAIL for this option. If you’re accessing your e-mail via the Web, make sure to open a separate browser window.

2. Challenge Questions
   Answer three of your five challenge questions. Select CHALLENGE QUESTIONS for this option.
FAFSA Select 2017-18

Be sure to select the correct year:

For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

- 2017-2018 school year
- 2016-2017 school year
Be sure your name matches what’s on your social security card.
Use your FAFSA ID

Have your FAFSA ID & Password

NEW applicants can create a new account
What is Your Dependency Status?

Answer “No” to all the questions will require parent information.

Answer “Yes” to any 1 question will consider you as an independent student.
Eligible Noncitizen

If eligible noncitizen, write in the student’s eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number (ARN)

• Precede an eight-digit ARN with a zero
• Copy of the student’s Permanent Registration Card might be requested by the financial aid office

If neither a citizen or eligible noncitizen, the student is ineligible for federal/state aid, but might still be eligible for institutional funds
Selective Service Registration

- Male students who are between the ages of 18 and 25 years must be registered with Selective Service to receive federal and state aid.
- Answer “Register me” only if you are male, aged 18-25, and have not yet registered.
- The student may also register by going to: www.sss.gov
School Selection: Can list up to 10 schools online
FAFSA Confirmation

You’re almost done!

- Be sure your email address is correct
- Verify the schools that you want listed
- Your eligibility is determined by your EFC
Federal Verification, What is it?

If Selected
- The IRS Date Retrieval Process, or
- IRS Tax transcript if requested by the college or university

Non-tax filers
- Signed statement confirming that they did not file a federal tax return and were not required by IRS to do so
- Copies of W-2s from each employer, if any income earned from work

Demographic Data
- Household size and number in college
- Child Support paid and Food Stamps/SNAP, if reported on the FAFSA
Applicants Selected for Verification

Applicants and parents selected for verification **will have to use the tool** to update their income information.

**OR**

Applicants and parents may choose to **request a tax transcript** from the IRS.

- Transcripts requested online may take a couple days.
- Transcripts sent by mail may take the IRS within 6 – 8 weeks.
- Transcripts may then be submitted to the Financial Aid Office to verify income information.
Who Can Use the IRS Tool?

Under the Financial Information section you will be asked a series of questions to determine whether or not you (or your parents) are eligible to use the tool.
Utilize IRS Data Retrieval Tool
If you are eligible to use the IRS tool, you will be prompted to:

1. Enter your PIN number, then
2. Select “LINK TO IRS”
Once you are connected to www.IRS.gov website

1. Review your tax information for accuracy.
2. Select the appropriate box below.
3. Select Transfer Now.

You will then be returned to the FAFSA web site.

Data transfer completed!
How Can I Receive Help Completing My Federal Tax Return?

- Unfortunately, Financial Aid Administrators are not allowed to assist you with completing your tax return.
- Visit www.IRS.gov for help and assistance.
- Select INDIVIDUALS. Then go to “Tax Answers and Help”
How to Apply for Scholarships?

• Visit your school’s Financial Aid web site for scholarship information and announcements.
• Apply for as many scholarships as you can and don’t wait.
• Be mindful of the scholarship application deadline.
• Don’t just go for the home-run. Play small ball.
Other Scholarship Opportunities

All Students:

www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.scholarships.com
www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
www.finaid.org

AB540 Students:

www.latinocollegedollars.org
http://www.maldef.org
www.hsf.net

IMPORTANT! Beware of scholarship and financial aid services that ask for a fee or charge
Questions