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Programs for Foster Youth

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California Student Aid
Commission**

- Financial Aid Myths & Misconceptions
- Financial Aid for Foster Youth
- The applications: FAFSA and CADAA
- WebGrants 4 Students
- Resources



Financial Aid Myths & Misconceptions

Myth #1: My grades aren't good enough to get financial aid

Fact: Most grants are need-based versus merit-based

Myth #2: I'm undocumented so I can't get aid

Fact: Undocumented students who meet AB 540 criteria are eligible for CA state aid by submitting the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA). Students/parents without SSNs can use 000-00-0000 in place of an SSN (and ITINs can also be used on the CA Dream Act application) to report income

Myth #3: I missed the deadline, so there's no point in applying

Fact: March 2nd and September 2nd are Cal Grant deadlines. Other aid, such as the Pell Grant, CA College Promise Grant (CCC), Work Study, and scholarships are still available

Myth #4: I was in juvie, so I don't qualify for financial aid

Fact: Eligibility for financial aid is not affected by juvenile justice involvement. Students may apply for and receive financial aid. Foster youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system may be eligible for the Chafee grant

Tell students...ALWAYS apply- never disqualify yourselves

Programs for Foster Youth

Gift Aid- FREE Money!

Federal

- Pell Grant
- Work Study
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant(FSEOG)

State/CSAC

- Cal Grants:
 - A,B,C
 - Students With Dependents
 - Foster Youth Access Award
- Middle Class Scholarship
 - CSU/UC only
- Chafee Grant for Foster Youth
- **NEW!** Dreamer Service Incentive Grant (DSIG)

College/University

CA Community Colleges

- CA College Promise Grant
- Student Success Completion Grant

Universities

- State University Grants (SUG)
- Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

Private Colleges

- Varies by campus

Cal Grants

A

Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	(Non WASC) For Profit	(WASC) For Profit
CC Reserve	\$5,742	\$12,570	\$9,220	\$4,000	\$8,056

B

Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	(Non WASC) For Profit	(WASC) For Profit
\$1,648 Access Up to 4 years	\$5,742* + \$1,648	\$12,570* + \$1,648	\$9,220* + \$1,648	\$4,000* + \$1,648	\$8,056* + \$1,648

* Beginning year 2

C

Community College	CSU	UC	Private Non-profit	For Profit
\$1,094	N/A	N/A	B/S \$547 T/F \$2,462	B/S \$547 T/F \$2,462

Cal Grant Priority Deadline



**March
2nd**

- **CAL GRANT PRIORITY DEADLINE** for **ALL** students
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement & Competitive awards
- **Applications open on October 1st**
(don't wait until March!)



Sept 2nd

- **NEW Community College Entitlement** deadline, specifically for students enrolled at a California (CCC)
- CCC uploads GPAs to CSAC
- Cal Grant A & B awards granted
- **NEW** Students receiving an award at a CCC may continue to receive their award after transferring to a UC or CSU
- **NEW** Students transferring to a private institution may be considered for a Transfer Entitlement or Competitive Cal Grant
- **Foster youth** who qualify for Cal Grant 'B' by Sept 2nd may also be considered *High School Entitlement* applicants

Cal Grant B for Foster Youth

Cal Grant B for Foster Youth

	Non-Foster Students	Foster Youth
High School Entitlement Application Window	High school seniors and prior-year graduates	Foster youth under age 26 on July 1 of the award year. • <i>Must submit high school GPA</i>
Application Deadline	March 2 nd	September 2 nd <i>for foster youth attending a CA community college</i>
Maximum Eligibility	Up to 4 years of full-time enrollment	Up to 8 years of full-time enrollment

Cal Grant B for Foster Youth applicants must have been in foster care from age 13+

NEW!

Foster Youth Access Award

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Effective 2021-22: Foster youth students can now qualify for a new or increased Access Award to help cover the cost of attendance and is *in addition* to the Chafee Grant.

- Follows Chafee age requirements (in foster care between 16-18; have not reached 26 years of age by July 1st of the award year)
- Available at CA public colleges/universities
- Award amount varies, based on enrollment level

	Regular Access Award	NEW Foster Youth Access Award
Cal Grant A Access:	N/A	Up to \$6,000
Cal Grant B Access:	\$1,648	Up to \$6,000
Cal Grant C Books & Supplies:	\$1,094	Up to \$4,000

** For students who qualify for both the FY Access Award and the Cal Grant for Students With Dependents, FY Access Award will be auto-selected.*

Cal Grant for Students With Dependents

Students With Dependents (SWD)

Students with dependent children under 18 years of age for whom they provide more than 50% support can qualify.

- For students attending *public* institutions
- Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B- Access award maximum: **\$6,000**
- Cal Grant C- Books/Supplies award maximum: **\$4,000**
- Awards are prorated based on enrollment level



Cal Grant B for Foster Youth may receive up to 800% SWD eligibility

California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant



**California Dreamer
Service Incentive Grant
"DSIG"**

- 2,500 Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grants of up to \$3,000 per year
- Eligible students must perform at least 100 hours per quarter or 150 hours per semester of community or volunteer service and attend a California public or independent institution.
- CSAC will administer the program
- Check CSAC List Serve e-mails for updates or visit the link shown here for an overview of the program for students

Program details: www.csac.ca.gov/dsig

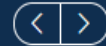
Information for All Financial Aid Programs on our Website



FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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CAL GRANT

Free money for California students attending UC, CSU, Community College, or qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools.

[Learn more about Cal Grant](#)

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides undergraduate students, including students pursuing a teaching credential, with family incomes and assets up to \$184,000.

[Learn more about MCS](#)

CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

If you are or were in foster care between the ages of 16 and 18 and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for postsecondary education including career and technical training.

[Learn more about Chafee Grant Program](#)

CALIFORNIA MILITARY DEPARTMENT (CMD) GI BILL AWARD PROGRAM

The CMD GI Bill issues educational awards to qualifying members of the California Army or Air National Guard, California State Guard and the California Naval Militia.

[Learn more about CA National Guard](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL DEPENDENTS

Need-based educational grant for dependents and spouses of firefighters and law enforcement who became fully disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty.

[Learn more about LEPD](#)

THE GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT

Grants to encourage students to consider earning a teaching credential and teaching in a high-need field for four years, at priority schools in California within five years after completing a teacher preparation program.

[Learn more about The Golden State Teacher Grant](#)

Please visit: www.csac.ca.gov

Chafee Grant



- Chafee Grant is both federally and state-funded
- Pays up to \$5,000 annually
- Chafee Grant paid participation is limited to 5 years
 - Each academic year that a payment greater than \$1 is issued counts as one year of paid participation
 - Participation does not have to occur in consecutive academic years
- Must be current or former foster youth, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
 - Kin-GAP, non-related legal guardianship, and adoptions are not eligible, unless student was also a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Have not reached 26 years of age by July 1st of the award year



Chafee Grant: More Than Financial Aid

The Chafee grant offers financial assistance to help pay for college or career/technical training, and other related expenses, but may be used for expenses beyond undergraduate tuition, books, & supplies. Because it falls under California Health & Human Services guidelines, it is not bound to traditional financial aid constraints. The Chafee Grant and is the only state award that is payable at qualifying out-of-state colleges.

Chafee funds may be used towards:

- Rent/housing, transportation, and childcare
- Post-grad studies and teacher certification
- Eligible out-of-state schools

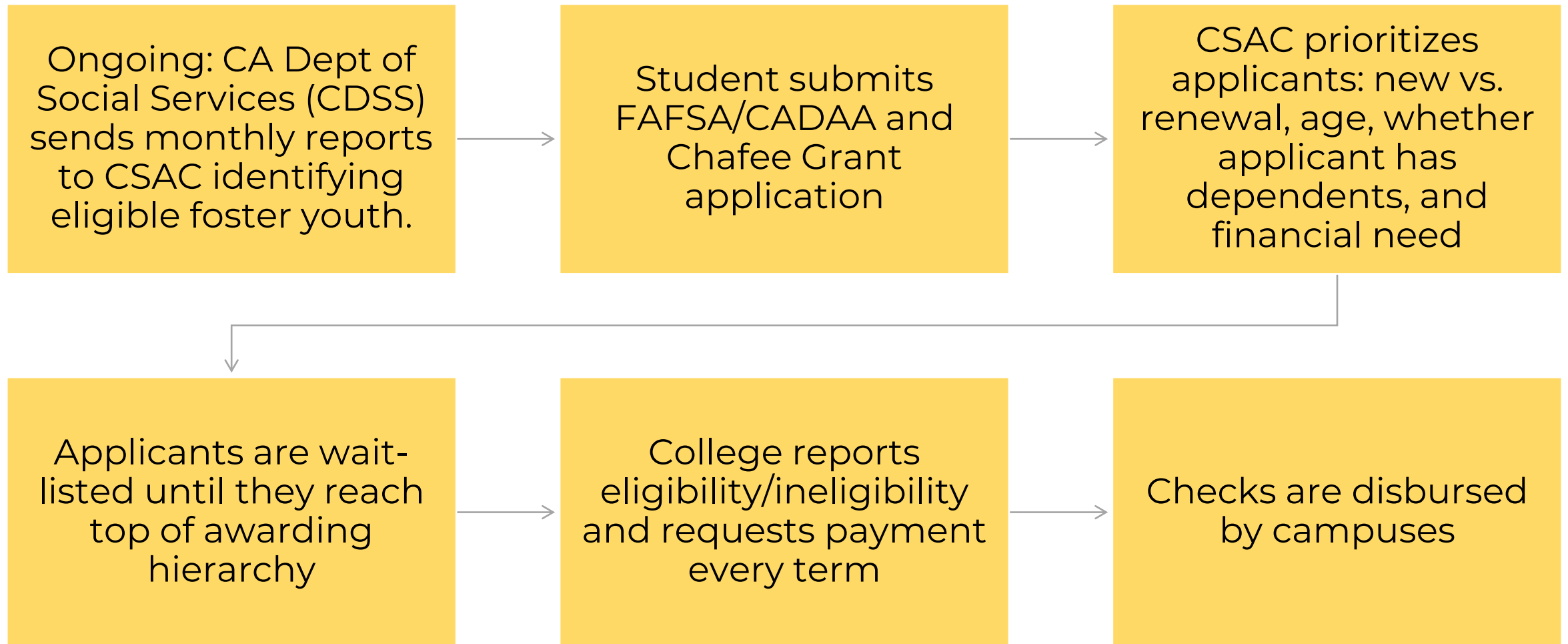
*** Students are NOT required to:**

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Apply by March 2nd (applications accepted through late August) | • Provide a GPA |
| • Have a social security number | • Be clear of default or overpayments |
| • Graduate from high school | • Register for Selective Service |
| | • Meet ability-to-benefit requirements |

*** For Chafee Grant only. Students applying for Cal Grant and other aid must still meet all deadlines and other requirements**

Chafee Awarding Process

Chafee Awarding Flow Chart



Application Process

chafee.csac.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training

What is Chafee?

Chafee Eligibility

Application Process

Awarding Process

More Information

If you are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.



IMPORTANT DATE

Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and CA Dream Act Application opens in **October**

[Start Chafee Application](#)



REQUIREMENTS

The following forms **must be submitted**:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application
- Chafee Grant Application (for first time applicants only)



INFORMATION CHANGE

Name Change?

If so, complete the [Chafee Grant Update/Change Form](#)

New school, mailing address or phone number change?

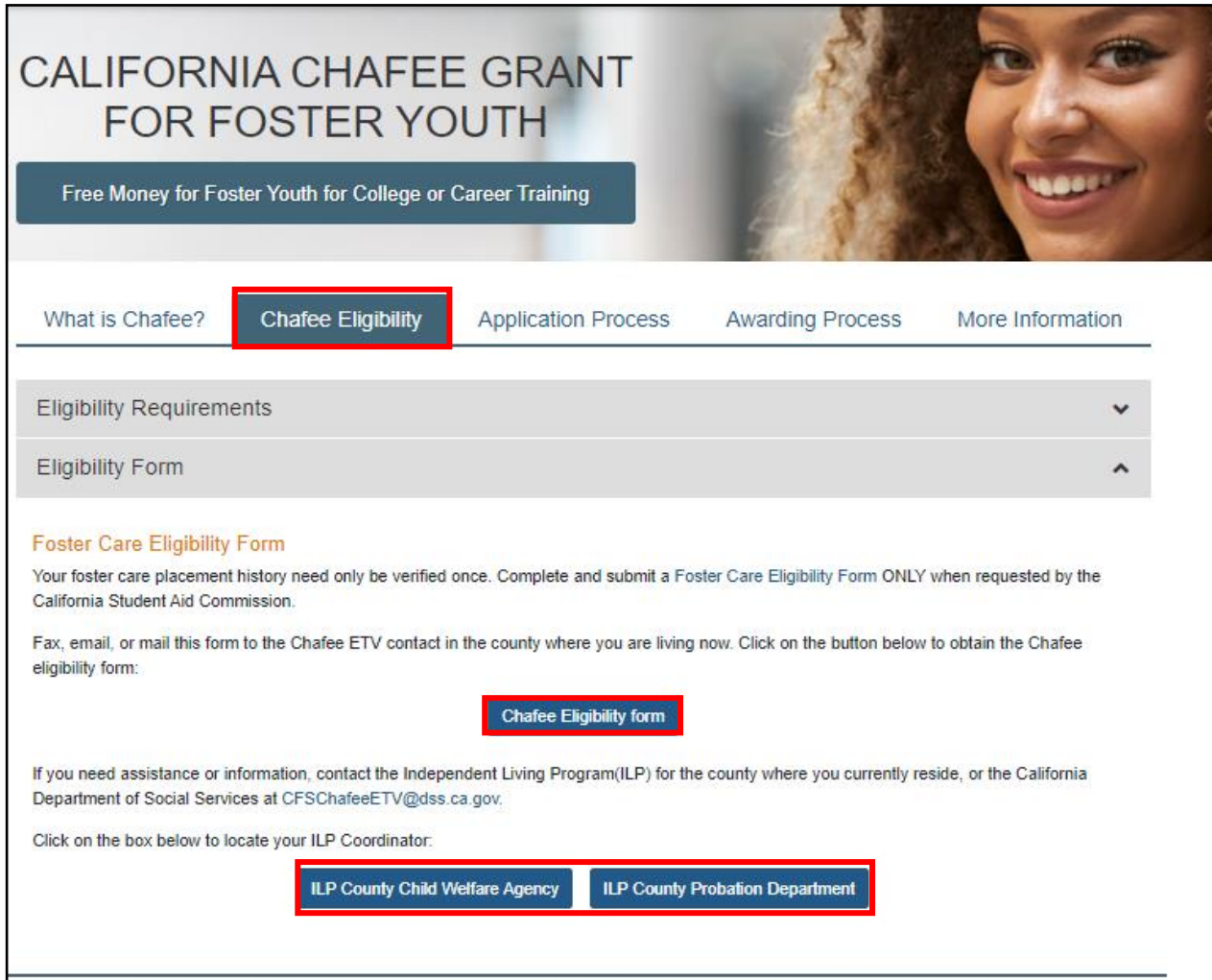
Manage your [WebGrants for Students](#) account 24/7

3 Application Requirements:

1. FAFSA/CADAA: submit **annually**
2. Chafee Application: submit **once**
3. CDSS foster youth status will be electronically verified within a month of submitting financial aid and Chafee applications. *This is a one-time requirement*

Foster Care Verification

chafee.csac.ca.gov



CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT
FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training

What is Chafee? **Chafee Eligibility** Application Process Awarding Process More Information

Eligibility Requirements ▾

Eligibility Form ▲

Foster Care Eligibility Form

Your foster care placement history need only be verified once. Complete and submit a Foster Care Eligibility Form ONLY when requested by the California Student Aid Commission.

Fax, email, or mail this form to the Chafee ETV contact in the county where you are living now. Click on the button below to obtain the Chafee eligibility form:

Chafee Eligibility form

If you need assistance or information, contact the Independent Living Program(ILP) for the county where you currently reside, or the California Department of Social Services at CFSSChafeeETV@dss.ca.gov.

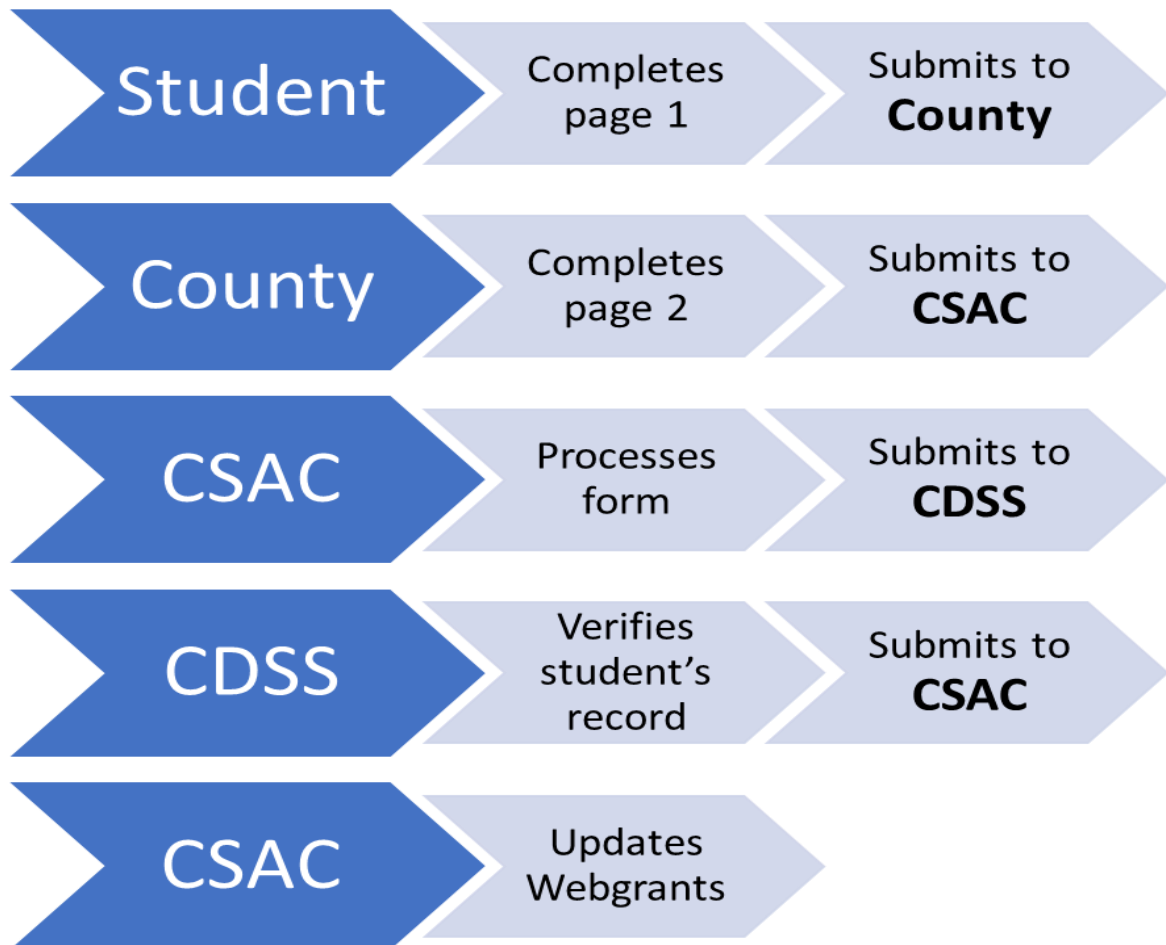
Click on the box below to locate your ILP Coordinator:

ILP County Child Welfare Agency **ILP County Probation Department**

If foster youth status is not automatically matched through CDSS, it can be verified manually by submitting the Foster Care Verification Form:

- Online-fillable
- Submit to ILP Coordinator for authorization

Foster Care Verification Form



FOSTER CARE VERIFICATION FORM CALIFORNIA CHAFEE EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM		
INSTRUCTIONS The California Chafee Education Training Voucher (ETV) Program awards grants to eligible youth to attend postsecondary education or training programs. Anyone under 26 who was a dependent or a ward of the court and in foster care for one day or more between the ages of 16 to their 18 th birthday can apply. On this form, applicant and designated county official provide information to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify the applicant's foster care placement history. Foster care placement history need only to be verified once.		
<i>For Applicant Only:</i> Before completing this verification form, please complete the following steps:		
1. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for the academic year in which you intend to apply for the Chafee Grant - https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa / https://dream.csac.ca.gov 2. Complete the Chafee application. - https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/StudentApplication.aspx 3. Create an account at WebGrants for Students. - https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/login.asp ❖ <i>Issues with WebGrants for Students? Contact California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) at chafee@csac.ca.gov / 1-888-224-7268, option 3.</i> 4. View your Student Application Status page on WebGrants for Students to check if you have already been verified as foster care eligible under the Chafee Grant Program requirements.		
FOR APPLICANT TO COMPLETE ONLY		
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME
PREVIOUS NAME / KNOWN ALIASES (if applicable)	DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER / DREAM ACT ID (9-digits)
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER
LIST THE COUNTIES YOU WERE IN FOSTER CARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 to 18 th BIRTHDAY. BETWEEN AGES OF 16 to 18 th BIRTHDAY, WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE OUT OF STATE (NOT IN CALIFORNIA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>If you selected "YES", please provide the information below.</i> CITY, STATE	
THIRD PARTY RELEASE	I, _____, hereby authorize that the California Department of Social Services and the California Student Aid Commission have permission to verify my Foster Care status. Furthermore, I authorize the County to complete and release the information requested on this form.	
I certify that the information above is correct.		
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		DATE

Chafee Grant Application

Student Application Form

All fields marked * are 'Required'

SSN/DREAM ACT ID

If you are an undocumented student and do not have a Dream Act ID, please submit a Dream Act Application to obtain an ID.

* Enter

Show

WHICH APPLICATION DO YOU WANT TO FILE?

If you are currently enrolled in college, submit a 2020-2021 application.
If you are a high school senior and plan to attend college in the Fall of 2021 or Spring 2022, submit a 2021-2022 application.

* Choose Year

2021-2022

Select Academic Year

2021-2022

2020-2021

FOSTER CARE COUNTY

* Choose One

Select County

Select County

ALAMEDA

ALPINE

AMADOR

BUTTE

CALAVERAS

COLUSA

CONTRA COSTA

OUT OF STATE

UNKNOWN

PLANNED COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL, AND /OR TRADE SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE

If you do not see your school listed, please contact CSAC at 1-888-CAGRANT (1-888-224-7268), option 3.

* Choose One

-- Select School --

-- Select School --

ACADEMY FOR SALON PROFESSIONALS - 04189800

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY - 00753100

ADVANCED CAREER INSTITUTE - 04208900

ADVANCED COLLEGE SALIDA - 03786302

ADVANCED COLLEGE SOUTH GATE - 03786300

ADVANCED COLLEGE STOCKTON - 03786301

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE - 00111100

EDUCATION LEVEL

Select Education Level

Select Education Level

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Vocational

Graduate

ARE/WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT UNDER COURT DEPENDENCY?

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

HAVE YOU COMPLETED A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)?

The FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The FAFSA can be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

- FAFSA applicants enter SSN; CADAA applicants enter Dream ID
- Submit application for correct academic year
- List CA county where foster care took place, or out-of-state/unknown
- Expected college of attendance
- Education Level (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)
- Are/Were you in foster care placement under court dependency? YES
- Have you completed a FAFSA (if not CADAA)? YES

Priority Awarding Hierarchy

It is common for students to be wait-listed for an entire school year before they are awarded

Priority Awarding Hierarchy:

1. Paid renewal students who have not reached their 26th birthday by July 1st of the award year
2. New and non-paid renewal students who will have reached 25 years of age by July 1st of the award year
3. New and non-paid renewal students who have dependents
4. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need greater than \$5,000
5. New and non-paid renewal students with an unmet need less than \$5,000

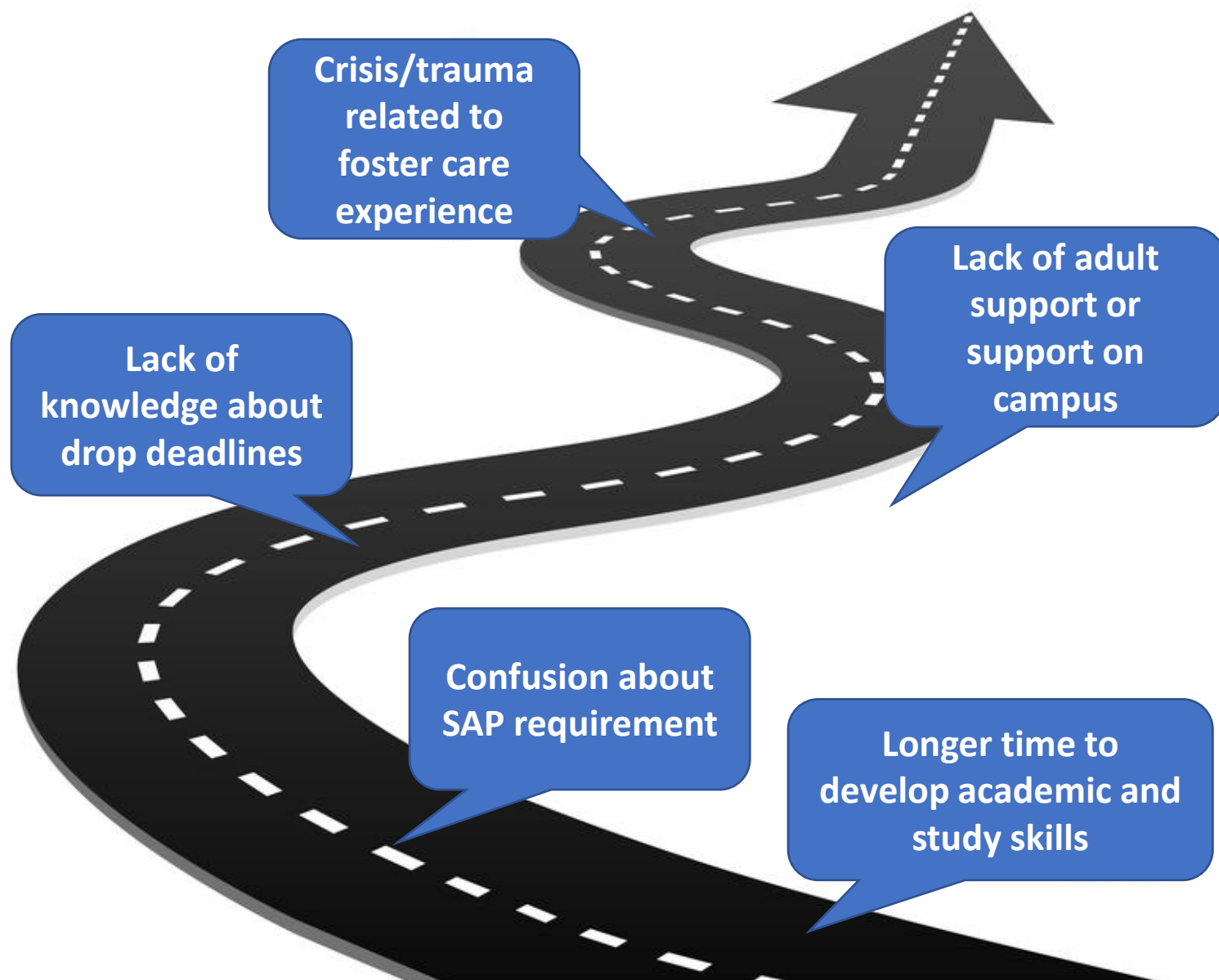
*** WebGrants System automatically prioritizes students**



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SB 150 Relaxed SAP

Why do foster
youth
commonly not
meet SAP?



EFFECTIVE THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR, SB 150 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

- Authorizes CSAC to award up to 200% of the Chafee allocation during the first award cycle, allowing more students to receive funds at the *beginning* of the school year, when they are needed the most
- Replaces existing Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements with more flexible standards and requires each school to offer an appeal process that considers the unique circumstances of foster youth
- Colleges are required to provide Chafee recipients with information about support services available on campus with their first grant payment

WHAT ARE THE NEW SAP STANDARDS?

- If a student fails to maintain SAP, as defined by the institution, for 2 consecutive terms, the student may continue to receive the Chafee grant but must meet with designated college staff to develop an **Educational Plan** for improving academic progress
- If a student fails to meet SAP for a 3rd consecutive term, the student must update their Educational Plan
- A student who fails to update their plan or who fails to meet SAP for a 4th term loses eligibility for subsequent awards but may *appeal* to regain eligibility


Private Scholarships

MORE FREE MONEY!

Most scholarships require:

- An application
- Letters of recommendation (teacher, counselor, coach, etc.)
- Transcript
- The occasional interview
- Some require a bit of creativity

**There are scholarships for
nearly everyone!**


SCHOLARSHIPS.COM®
bigfuture™
by The College Board
fastweb®
A MONSTER COMPANY
IMMIGRANTS
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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION
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Where to find scholarships:

- Financial Aid Office on campus
- College counselor
- Public Library
- Employer
- Online

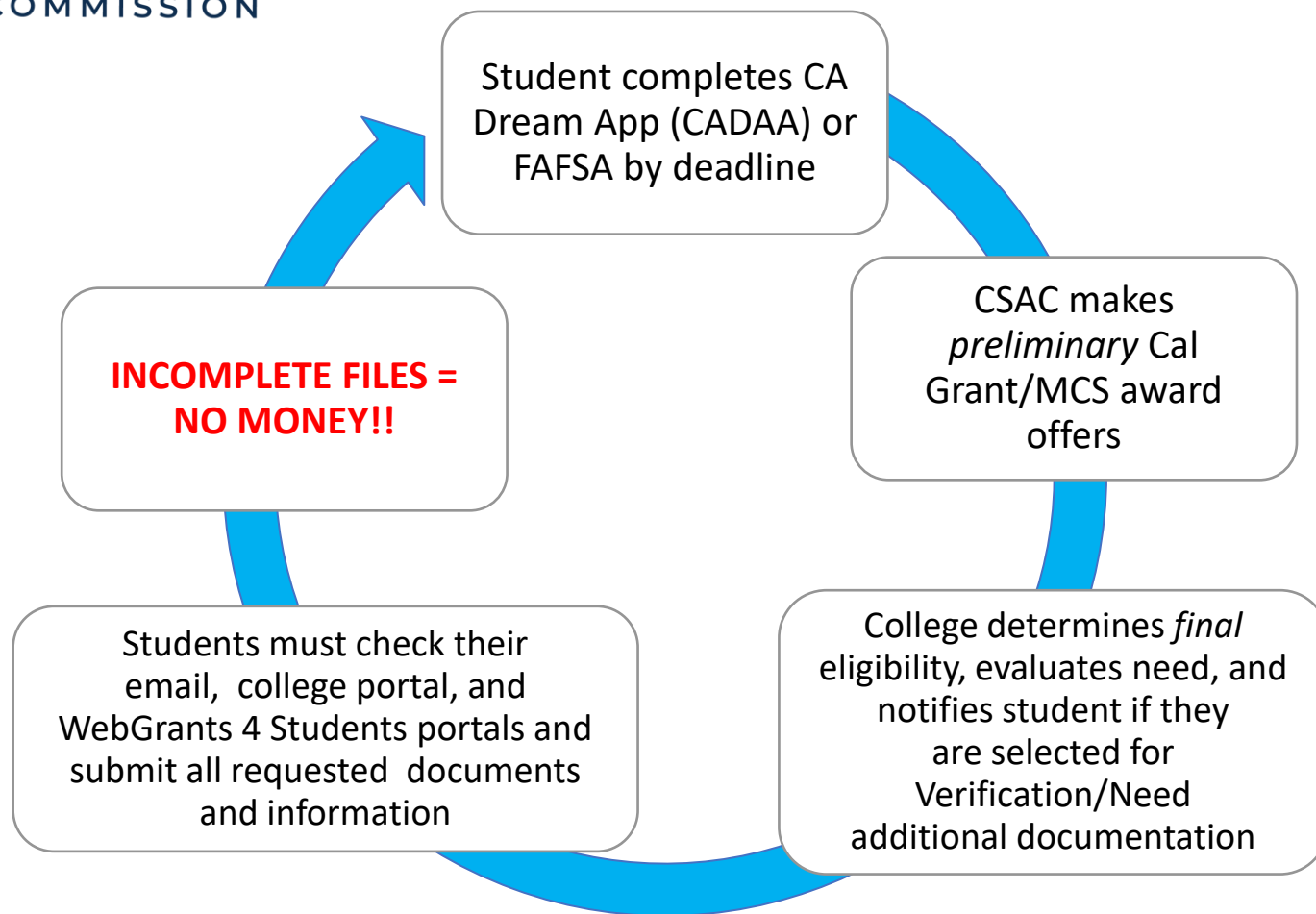


<https://www.duckbrand.com/stuck-at-prom>

The Applications



Financial Aid Process



Note: The Commission will follow the recent federal **V1 verification waiver** for 2021-22 CADAA/FAFSA applicants. Reference: CSAC GSA 2021-27

Register for CSAC List Serv at www.csac.ca.gov to receive information about education-related changes, state budget updates, deadline reminders, and training workshops

The Applications

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal
Student Aid)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

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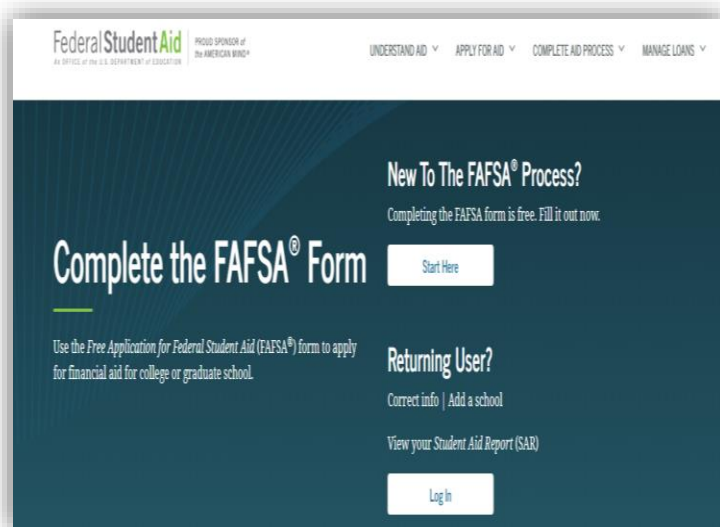
California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

www.caldreamact.org

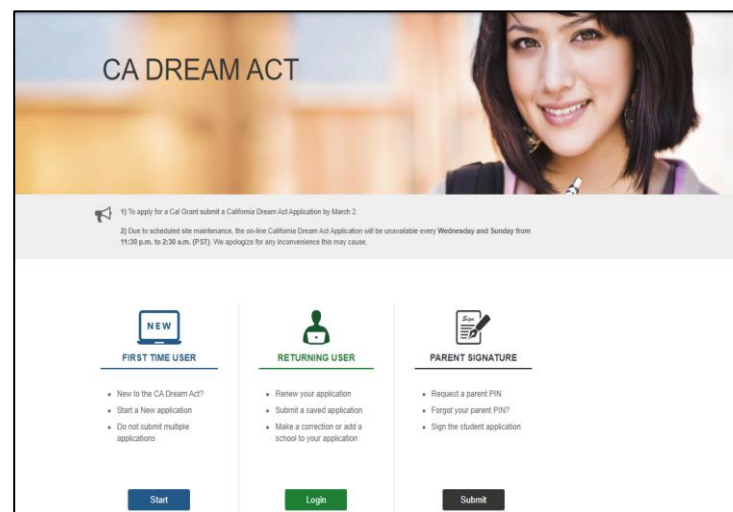


Chafee Grant Application

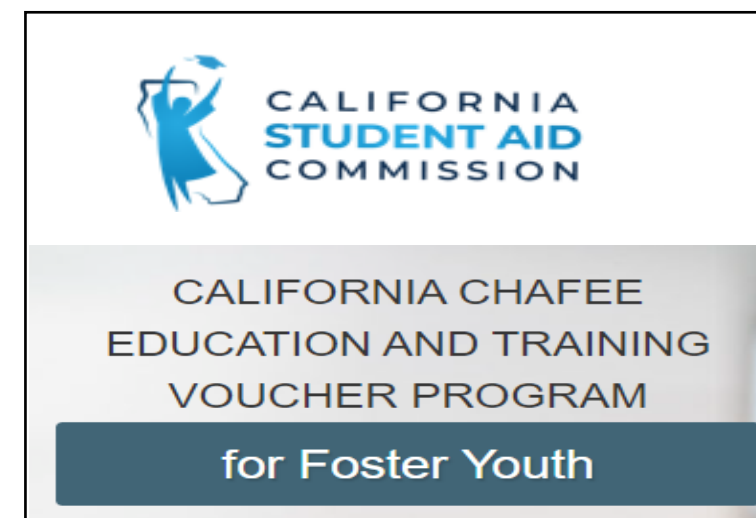
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The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it says 'Federal Student Aid' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN BOND'. Below this, there are navigation links: 'UNDERSTAND AID', 'APPLY FOR AID', 'COMPLETE AID PROCESS', and 'MANAGE LOANS'. The main heading is 'Complete the FAFSA® Form'. Below this, it says 'New To The FAFSA® Process? Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.' and 'Returning User? Correct info | Add a school | View your Student Aid Report (SAR)'. There are 'Start Here' and 'Log In' buttons.



The screenshot shows the CADAA website interface. At the top, it says 'CA DREAM ACT'. Below this, there are three main sections: 'NEW FIRST TIME USER', 'RETURNING USER', and 'PARENT SIGNATURE'. Each section has a list of instructions and a button to start or login. The 'NEW FIRST TIME USER' section has a 'Start' button. The 'RETURNING USER' section has a 'Login' button. The 'PARENT SIGNATURE' section has a 'Submit' button.



The screenshot shows the California Chafee Education and Training Voucher Program website. At the top, it says 'CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION'. Below this, it says 'CALIFORNIA CHAFEE EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM' and 'for Foster Youth'.

Students submit *either* the FAFSA or CADAA- never both

Tax information reported on the FAFSA/CADAA is always from 2 years prior

To apply for aid for the 2022-2023 academic year you will use tax information from the 'prior-prior' year, i.e., 2020



2022-2023 applications open October 1st



Selective Service

While the US Department of Ed is waiving the Selective Service requirement for the 2021-22 school year, males between the ages of 18-25 receiving **CA state financial aid** are currently **still required** to register for Selective Service. For information, please refer to our CSAC List Serv GSA 2021-27.

FAFSA filers can elect to **register automatically via the online FAFSA**.

CADAA filers must **print and mail** the registration form. They should do this as soon as they turn 17 and three months old.

The image shows the "SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM" (SSS FORM 1M, dated 04-30-2021, OMB APPROVAL 3240-0002). A red callout box with a downward arrow points to the "SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER" field, stating "SSN is optional. Leave blank". The form includes fields for: DATE OF BIRTH (MM-DD-YYYY), SEX (Male/Female), SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME, CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER), CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, ELECTRONIC MAILING ADDRESS (EMAIL ADDRESS), PHONE NUMBER, TODAY'S DATE (MM-DD-YYYY), AGENCY USE, and a signature line. There is also a small "INT" label in the top right corner. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer about the public reporting burden and OMB control number.

<https://www.sss.gov/forms/>

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Application Challenges

Dependent vs. Independent Students

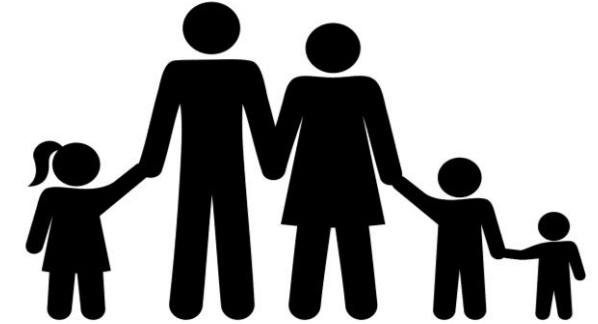
Dependent students are required to report parent information, while *independent students can bypass parent questions*. Answering “yes” to any one of these questions makes the student independent. Students are *automatically* independent at age 24.

Other factors can make students who are under age 24 independent:

- Married
- Pursuing Master’s/Doctorate
- Active-duty or military veteran
- Has children or other dependents and provides at least half of their support
- Since age 13, both parents were deceased; student in foster care; or a ward of the court
- Emancipated minors
- Under court-appointed legal guardianship
- Unaccompanied AND homeless

Ward of the Court: For federal student aid purposes, *someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court*. If your student is not sure if they were in foster care, check with the state child welfare agency: childwelfare.gov/nfcad

Household Size



For Independent Students, household size includes:

- Student
- Student's spouse
- Student's children (unborn children should be counted in household size), if student provides more than half of their support between July 1 and June 30, even if they do not live with the student
- Also include other people who live with the student, if the student provides more than half of their support *and will continue to* provide more than half of their support from July 1 through June 30

How many people in the household will be college students between July 1 and June 30?

- Count only the family members who will be enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program that leads to a degree or certificate



Youth with Juvenile Justice Involvement



Youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system can and do go to college!

Eligibility for financial aid programs is not affected by juvenile justice involvement. Youth are eligible for federal and state aid.

Many youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system are foster youth, and are eligible to apply for Chafee Grants

Counselors at all schools should be aware that youth with juvenile justice involvement can qualify for financial aid.

Additional resources: YLC.ORG

Common Application Issues

Common reasons students are not awarded, or why applications may not get processed for Cal Grant consideration:

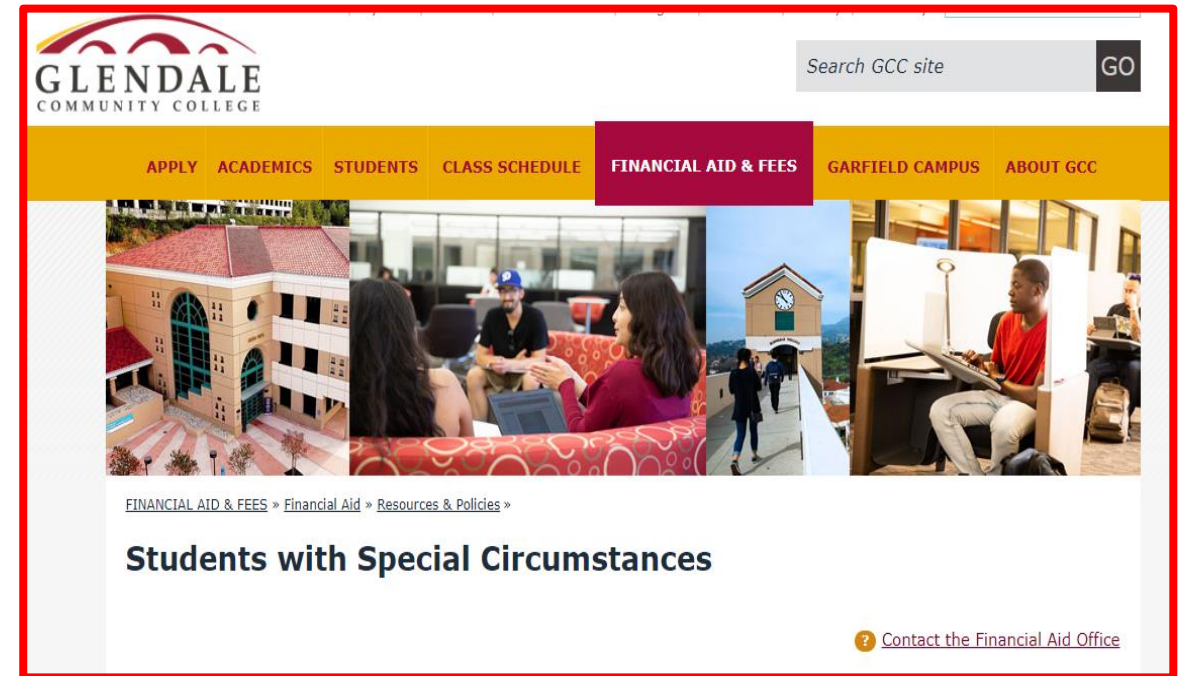
- Did the school upload an on-time GPA? And did the GPA match to the FASFA/CADAA?
- Was the application submitted for the correct academic year (2022-23 vs. 2021-22)?
- Was the correct application (FAFSA vs. CADAA) completed?
- Was the application submitted by the deadline?
- Was a CA college listed?
- Is the student a twin?
- Are there unresolved errors or pending requirements on the application?
- Was an EFC generated?



Special Circumstances

College Financial Aid Administrators have the authority to make certain adjustments to the information presented on the CADAA/FAFSA to help account for the unusual circumstances our students and their families encounter.

- Loss of job/income
- COVID-19 related hardships
- Death in the family
- Unexpected medical expenses
- Adverse home situations
- Dependency status
- Loss of home due to natural disaster, i.e.; fire



PJ = “Professional Judgement”

Tips for Assisting Students with FAFSA/CADAA



All definitions and
supplemental
notes are provided

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FAFSA PDF: <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2021-22-fafsa.pdf>



FAFSA/CADAA Notes

2021-2022

Notes for question 52 (page 5)

Answer **"Yes"** if at any time since you turned age 13:

- You had no living parent, even if you are now adopted; or
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find that agency's contact information at childwelfare.gov/nfcad.

The financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.

Notes for questions 53 and 54 (page 5)

The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Answer **"Yes"** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer **"Yes"** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Answer **"No"** if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer **"No"** and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say "custody" (not "guardianship").

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that you were an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship.

Notes for questions 55–57 (page 5)

Answer **"Yes"** if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2020, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

- **"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.
- **"Unaccompanied"** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Answer **"No"** if you are not homeless or at risk of being homeless, or do not have a determination. However, even if you answer **"No"** to each of questions 55, 56, and 57, you should contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend if you are either (1) homeless and unaccompanied or (2) at risk of being homeless, unaccompanied, and providing for your own living expenses - as your college financial aid office can determine that you are "homeless" and are not required to provide parental information.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide a copy of the determination if you answered **"Yes"** to any of these questions.

Notes for Step Four, questions 58–92 (pages 6 and 7)

Review all instructions below to determine who is considered a parent on this form:

- If your parent was never married and does not live with your other legal parent, or if your parent is widowed and not remarried, answer the questions about that parent.
- If your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]) are not married to each other and **live together**, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together" and provide information about both of them regardless of their gender. Do not include any person who is not married to your parent and who is not a legal or biological parent. Contact 1-800-433-3243 for assistance in completing questions 79-92, or visit StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent.
- If your legal parents are married, select "Married or remarried." If your legal parents are divorced but living together, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together." If your legal parents are separated but living together, select "Married or remarried," not "Divorced or separated."
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) **If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.**
- If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.

Notes for questions 83 (page 6) and 100 (page 8)

In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:

- is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
- has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
- was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster; or
- is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces and has experienced a loss of employment because of relocating due to permanent change in duty station; or
- is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces and is unemployed or underemployed, and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment; or
- is a displaced homemaker. A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the spouse, is unemployed or underemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment.

Except for the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces, if a person quits work, generally he or she is not considered a dislocated worker even if, for example, the person is receiving unemployment benefits.

Answer **"Yes"** to question 83 if your parent is a dislocated worker. Answer **"Yes"** to question 100 if you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer **"No"** to question 83 if your parent is not a dislocated worker. Answer **"No"** to question 100 if neither you nor your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Definitions/Notes:

- Selective Service
- Ward of the Court
- Legal Guardianship
- Homeless and Unaccompanied
- Who is considered a parent?

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- 10 Common FAFSA Mistakes to Avoid
- Student Aid Report
- Creating and Using the FSA ID
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- Federal aid for Individuals Exiting Incarceration

FAFSA Demo Site

<https://fafsademotest.ed.gov/webdemo.htm>

2021-22 and 2022-23 Demo FAFSA applications available to test data for Independent and Dependent applicants

- Renewal FAFSAs
- Processed FAFSAs, FAFSA Corrections, Print SAR, Application Status Check, and Student Inquiry
- Applications with Signature Hold, Application Status Check, Student Inquiry, and Electronic Signatures
- New Applications - New User (no prior data)

FSA ID

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

<https://nslds.ed.gov/npas/pub/faq.htm>

- What is an FSA ID?
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Helpful Tips

Have students complete their applications as soon as possible **beginning October 1st**, but no later than the March 2nd **PRIORITY** deadline



Have students apply for financial aid **regardless of income**

Instruct students to apply add **at least one California college** on their financial aid application, even if they plan to study out-of-state



Instruct students to go to **mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov** to create their 'WebGrants 4 Students' account after they complete their application. Students can check their status and **confirm that a GPA has been uploaded**



Remind students to **check their e-mail** (including 'junk' and 'spam' folders) on a regular basis. We recommend that students **not** use a high school or district e-mail for financial aid or college applications


WebGrants 4 Students

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Chafee Application Status

Chafee Application Status- Incomplete

- Missing FASFA/CADAA
- FY eligibility not certified

CHAFEE FOR FOSTER YOUTH ONLY 

2021-2022 **2020-2021**

 Application Status Incomplete  Hide Details	 School of Attendance ↓ Show Details	 Award Status -- ↓ Show Details	 Remaining Eligibility -- ↓ Show Details
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Chafee Grant Application Status (2020-2021)

FAFSA

Status	Received
Incomplete !	Complete your FAFSA

Chafee Application

Status	Received
Complete ✓	11/03/2020

Department of Social Services Record

Status	County
Incomplete !	Complete your Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form
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Resources

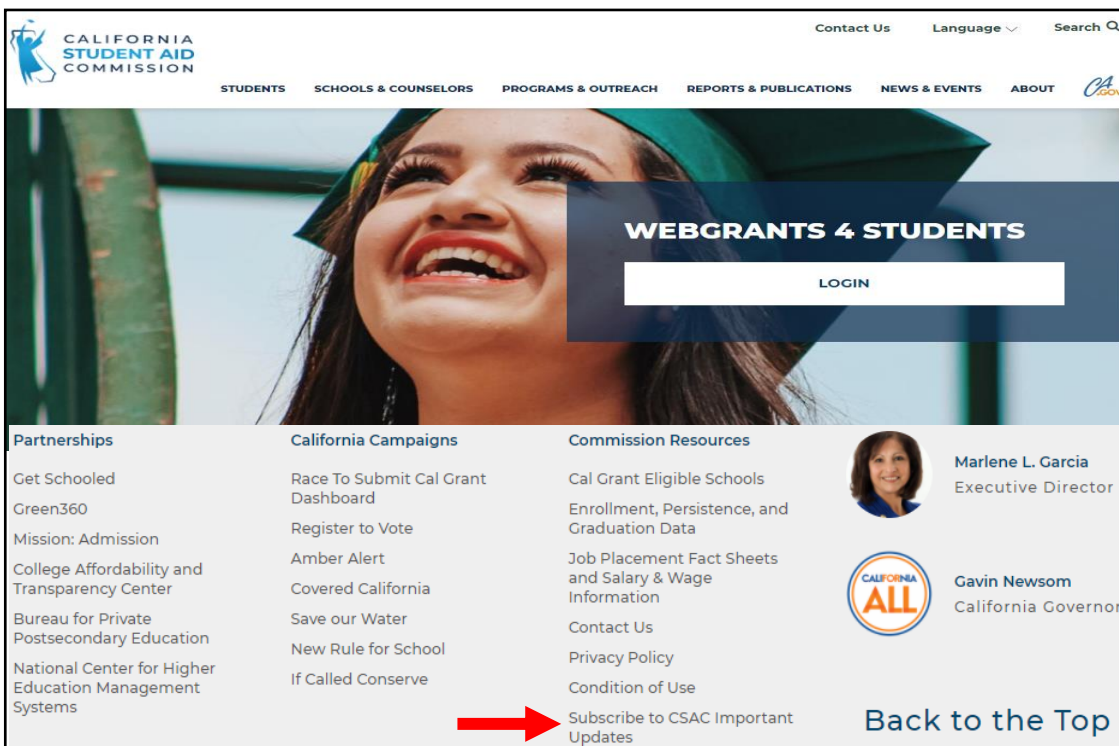
Schools & Community Advocates

- Colleges: Work the WebGrants Payment Roster weekly
- Subscribe to **CSAC List-Serv**
- Teach students to be their own financial aid experts: remind them to create their **WebGrants 4 Students** portals and to check periodically for any pending requirements
- Host or participate in **Cash for College** workshops through 6/30- earn up to \$900 for your school or business: <https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>.
- When completing FAFSA/CADAA, **ensure that students also submit a Chafee application**
- Refer students to campus support/resources** (vary by campus), i.e.; priority registration, tutoring services, foster youth liaison, food pantry/meal vouchers, book vouchers, CalFresh, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services EOPS, Guardian Scholars, NextUp, Rising Scholars, etc.



Register for CSAC List-Serv

The Commission communicates with schools via List-Serv. Register to stay up-to-date on Cal Grants and other financial aid-related news.



Updates:

- COVID-19 Updates
- Legislative changes
- System updates
- Upcoming Commission meetings
- AB 540/CADAA

Deadline Reminders:

- Cal Grant deadlines
- GPA Uploads

Training & Outreach Events:

- Virtual Regional Training Workshops
- Virtual Cash For College workshops

<https://www.csac.ca.gov/pod/subscribe-list-serv>



Foster Resources



- Financial Aid Resources
- Housing Support
- Foster care to age 21
- Getting through high school
- HS graduation alternatives
- Adult Schools that offer GED courses
- Job Training

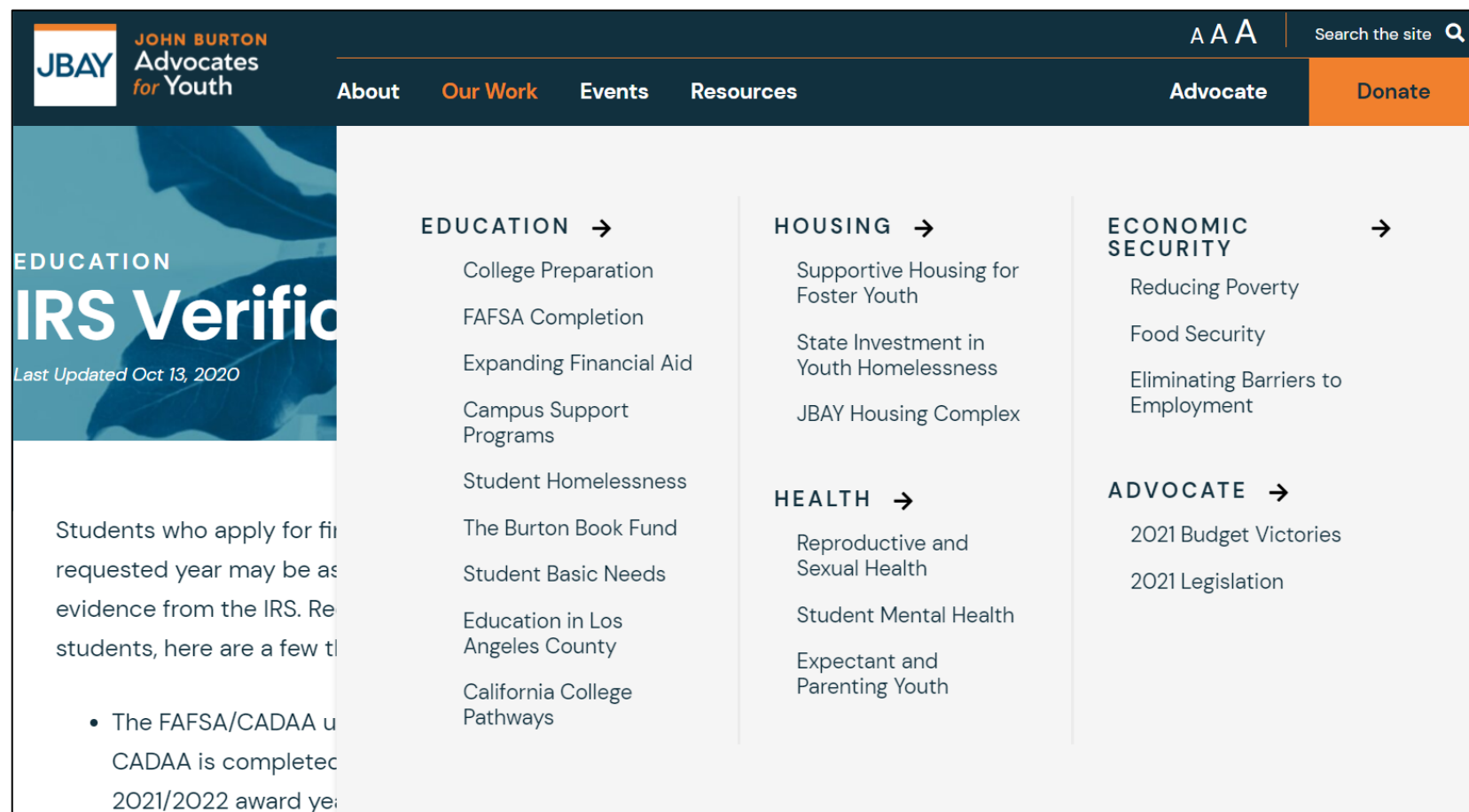


- Financial Aid Resources
- Campus support programs and foster youth liaison contacts
- NextUp campuses
- Info on Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), TRIO
- Housing Resources



- Burton Book Fund
- Education Resources
- Housing Providers
- Health Resources
- Extended Foster Care (AB 12)

John Burton Advocates for Youth



The screenshot shows the John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY) website. The header includes the JBAY logo, the text "JOHN BURTON Advocates for Youth", a search bar, and navigation links: "About", "Our Work", "Events", "Resources", "Advocate", and "Donate". The main content area is divided into three columns: "EDUCATION", "HOUSING", and "ECONOMIC SECURITY". Each column has a list of topics with right-pointing arrows. The "EDUCATION" column includes "College Preparation", "FAFSA Completion", "Expanding Financial Aid", "Campus Support Programs", "Student Homelessness", "The Burton Book Fund", "Student Basic Needs", "Education in Los Angeles County", and "California College Pathways". The "HOUSING" column includes "Supportive Housing for Foster Youth", "State Investment in Youth Homelessness", and "JBAY Housing Complex". The "ECONOMIC SECURITY" column includes "Reducing Poverty", "Food Security", and "Eliminating Barriers to Employment". Below these columns is a section titled "ADVOCATE" with links to "2021 Budget Victories" and "2021 Legislation". On the left side of the main content area, there is a blue banner for "EDUCATION IRS Verification" with the text "Last Updated Oct 13, 2020". Below this banner, there is a paragraph about students applying for financial aid and a bullet point about the FAFSA/CADAA process.

EDUCATION →

- College Preparation
- FAFSA Completion
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ECONOMIC SECURITY →

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- Eliminating Barriers to Employment

ADVOCATE →

- 2021 Budget Victories
- 2021 Legislation

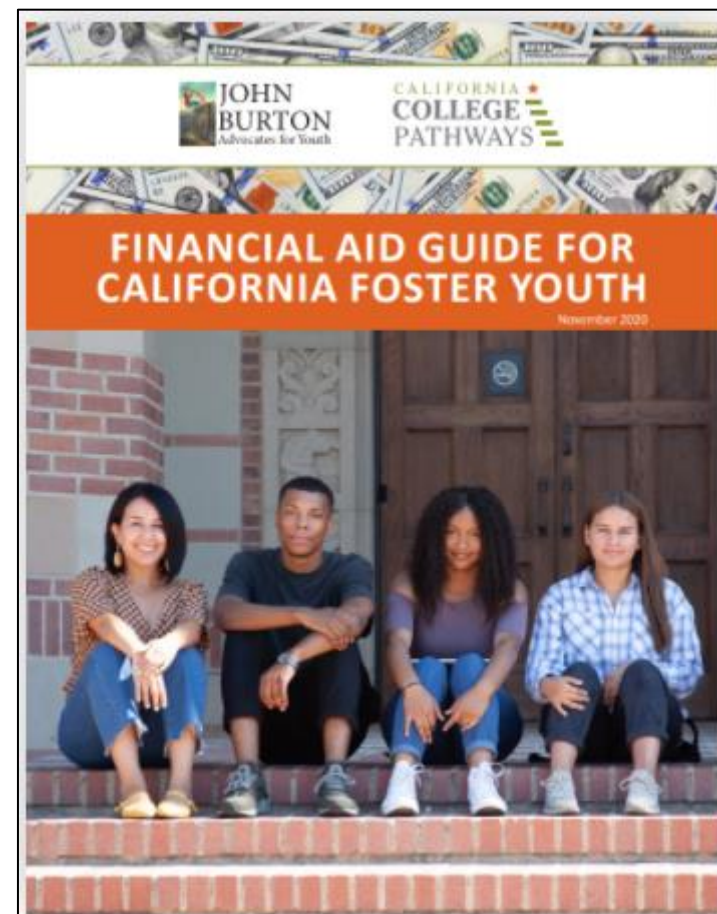
EDUCATION

IRS Verification

Last Updated Oct 13, 2020

Students who apply for financial aid for the requested year may be asked to provide evidence from the IRS. For students, here are a few tips:

- The FAFSA/CADAA application must be completed by the 2021/2022 award year deadline.



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What is a Cash for College Workshop?

- **FREE** virtual workshops to help complete FAFSA, CADAA, or Chafee applications for foster care
- Offered in multiple languages
- For high school and college students and their families
- Financial Aid Experts and Volunteers Help Complete Applications
- Earn \$300 per workshop you host
- CSAC provides Train-the-Trainer workshops to prepare Cash for College hosts to facilitate their own workshops

Questions?



Thank You for Attending!

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