

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

FAFSA 2019-20 Financial Aid Year

STEP 1: CAL GRANT FORM:

GGHS electronically submitted your Cal Grant GPA Verification information in September. Your address we submitted for your Cal Grant needs to match your FAFSA or errors will occur and jeopardize the awarding of your Cal Grant. If you have changed your address for any reason, please see the Guidance Office ASAP and fill out a correction form.

STEP 2: GATHER FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS:

Items include parents/students 2017 Tax Return, last parent/student paycheck in 2017, checking and savings account balances after all the bills are paid, Social Security Number, Driver's License and email address (both parent and student).

STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) if you have a valid social security number before MARCH 2ND:

Go to www.FAFSA.ed.gov to complete the FAFSA online. You and your parent need to create an FSA ID. An FSA ID is a username and password that you must use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on ED websites such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at fafsa.gov.

If you are a parent of a dependent student, you will need your own FSA ID if you want to sign your child's FAFSA electronically. If you have more than one child attending college, you can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications. Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address. The FAFSA is also available online in Spanish. Call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) with any questions.

→DO NOT START AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2018-19 YEAR!!

Students without a valid social security number or who qualify for Deferred Action (DACA) must fill out the CA Dream Application--not the FAFSA. See Ms. Valdez or your Counselor for more details or refer to the back of this page.

STEP 4: GET HELP:

- The College Advising Team is here to help you every day till 4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 28 (Non-student day) 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 a.m. in Room 301
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 4-8:00 p.m. in the GGHS Library

STEP 5: SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA:

The deadline for filing the FAFSA is MARCH 2. Many colleges also have priority deadlines for financial aid, which are earlier than the FAFSA March 2 deadlines. If so, all information must be submitted prior to those deadlines. It is the students' responsibility to check with the specific school to determine their priority-filing period.

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE. Many private colleges and universities require an additional form entitled the CSS PROFILE. This form must be completed if requested by the college or university you plan to attend. Check with the school you plan to attend to determine if the CSS PROFILE is required. The CSS PROFILE is available online at www.collegeboard.com and the deadline is set by the university.

STEP 6: REVISE YOUR FAFSA:

All students are required to review and revise their FAFSA using the STUDENT AID REPORT. This must be done as soon as their parents file their completed 2017 Tax Return with the IRS. You must also manage your CAL GRANT using the WebGrants system <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>.

The financial aid you may receive is worth the effort to complete the required financial aid form, so allow the necessary time to complete the forms correctly. The FAFSA is used for UC/CSU, Community Colleges, Private, Out-of-State and some Trade/Vocational Schools.