# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- **Grants**: Free money from the state, federal government, and/or the university, based on financial need. Grants do not have to be paid back.
- **Scholarships**: Free money awarded to students for academic achievement, interests, special talents, financial need, or a combination of different factors.
- **Work Study**: Federal program which funds part-time student employment to help pay for college. The amount awarded to each student is based on their individual need.
- **Loans**: Money that is borrowed by the student or parent, which must be repaid with interest. Money can be borrowed from federal, state, or private loan agencies.

## FAFSA

**Who should file a FAFSA?**

*U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen with valid social security (not DACA).* Males between the ages of 18 and 25 must register for selective service.

**Deadline:** To apply for FAFSA you must submit an online application **between October 1st and March 2nd of Senior year (12th grade) in high school.** This is the priority deadline for consideration for the Cal Grants and other institutional awards.

**Visit:**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**What will I need to apply?**

- Student's SSN or Permanent Resident #
- Student Date of Birth
- Parent 1 Date of Birth
- Parent 1 Social Security (if applicable)
- Parent 2 Date of Birth (if applicable)
- Parent 2 Social Security
- Date of Parent Married, Remarried, Divorced, or Widowed (if applicable)
- Parent(s) total cash, savings, checking account value
- State Disability received (if applicable)
- Child Support amount received or paid (if applicable)

**Documents Needed:**

- Student W-2 (if student worked)
- Parent(s) W-2
- Student’s most recent Tax Return
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## DREAM ACT

**Who should file the CA Dream Act Application?**

*Undocumented students* without a social security, or *a DACA social security.* Student must meet AB540 criteria. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 must register for selective service.

**Visit:**

[https://dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/)

**AB540 Eligibility Criteria**

- Attend a California school for 3 or more years.
- Graduate with a High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- Enroll in an accredited higher education institution in California.
- Must file an affidavit stating that the filer will apply for legal residency as soon as possible.
- Must not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F,J,H,L,A,E,etc.)

**Note:** Males between the ages of 18 and 25 must register for selective service.

**What will I need to apply?**

See list in the left column.

### HAVING TROUBLE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION? HELP IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

**Visit:**

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