

Financial Aid Overview

*Presented by:
Ventura College
Financial Aid Office*





What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is money to help pay for a college or career school.

Aid can come from:

- The U.S. federal government
- The state in which you live in
- The college you attend
- A nonprofit or private organization

Promise Grants and Promise Programs

(CA Community Colleges Only)

*Cover cost of Enrollment
Fees and/or Registration
Fees*

- California College Promise Grant
- VCCCD Promise Programs

Federal Grants*

*Free money based on
financial need*

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

State Grants

- Cal Grant
- Student Success Completion Grant (CA Community College Only)
- Chafee Grant (Current/former foster youth)
- Middle Class Scholarship (CSU and UC)
- State University Grant (CSU)
- Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan (UC)

Federal Work- Study*

- Gives students the opportunity to work on campus.
- Earn work experience.
- FWS income does not have to be reported on the FAFSA

Scholarships

*Awarded based on various
criteria*

- College Foundation Office
- Employers
- Community
- Non-Profits

Loans

*Funds that are borrowed and needs to be paid
back, with interest*

- Federal Direct Loans*
- Private Loans
- DREAM Loan

**FAFSA applicants only*

About the CAL Grant



- The Cal Grant is awarded by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
- Provides financial assistance to qualified California residents and AB540 students.
- Awards based on merit and need (GPA and income & asset information)
- **How to be eligible for the Cal Grant:**
 - Submit a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by March 2nd, 2022
 - High school must certify your GPA
 - **Dream Applicants MUST complete by March 2nd**

Cal Grant A

- Available at a 4-year institution
- Minimum 3.00 high school GPA
- Can only be used for tuition and fees
- If awarded at a CA Community College, will be held in reserve up to two years until the student transfers

Cal Grant B

- Available at a 4-year institution or CA Community College
- Minimum 2.00 high school GPA

Cal Grant C

- Available for students pursuing a vocational, occupational, or technical program
- If eligible, complete the Cal Grant C Supplement Form and return to the CA Student Aid Commission by the requested deadline.

Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)



- Students attending a CA Community College and awarded a Cal Grant B or C could potentially be eligible for an additional grant.
- This grant is designed to encourage students to maintain full-time status (12 units or more).
- Full-time attendance speeds the completion of a degree and saves you money!

Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) Requirements

Awarded a Cal Grant B or C

Enrolled Full-Time

12-14.99 Units- \$649 per semester

15 units or more- \$2000 per semester



Students eligible for a Cal Grant will be required to verify their high school graduation date and college of attendance.

Create a Webgrants 4 Students account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>

Verify two things:

Confirm School of Attendance

Confirm High School Graduation

WebGrants 4 Students

Login

Create an Account



Ventura College First Year Promise



**The VC Promise will
cover the following fees for
Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023:**

- Enrollment Fees (\$46 per unit)*
- Students who are enrolled full-time at VC for Summer 2022 are eligible for the Promise

Eligibility Requirements*:

- Submit a 2022-2023 FAFSA or CADAA
- Apply for Admission
- Be a California resident or AB 540 student
Residency is determined by Admissions and Records
- Enroll full-time at for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

*Fees subject to change. See college website for full description of fees that are covered

*Criteria Subject To Change

How Do I Apply?



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.gov

Federal Student Aid | FAFSA.gov

English | Español | Search FAFSA Help

Need money for college?

Complete the FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

NEW TO FAFSA.GOV?
Submitting the FAFSA form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE. Get started today.
START HERE >

RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

LOG IN >

FAFSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Last Call For Corrections! Any 2017-2018 FAFSA corrections must be submitted by midnight Central Time, September 15, 2018. Once we close the window for corrections, FAFSA.gov will be unavailable. Sunday, September 16, from 12:55 a.m. through 4:15 a.m. ET.
- We're currently experiencing intermittent issues with the FAFSA Web site. We are working diligently on a fix and appreciate your patience.

- Determines eligibility for federal aid for U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Also used by many states (including California) to determine eligibility for state aid

CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
www.caldreamact.org

CA.GOV | California Student Aid Commission

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CA DREAM ACT
Apply by March 2

OR Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.

- Start CA Dream Act Application**
Select this option if you:
 - Have never filed a CA Dream Act Application
 - Want to start a new CA Dream Act Application
 - Are ready to get started**Start Application**
- Provide a Parent Signature**
Select this option if you:
 - Need to request Parent PIN
 - Forgot your Parent PIN
 - Need to sign your child's application**Sign Student Application**
- California Dream Act Application Login**
Select this option if you want to:
 - Continue or renew your CA Dream Act Application
 - Update or correct current CA Dream Act Application
 - View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...**Login To Application**

- For students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA
- Allows eligible students to qualify for state and institutional aid
- Be an AB 540 student (determined by Registrar's Office)

What is Needed to Apply for the FAFSA or CADAA?



Parent(s)	Student
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Number(s)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA- Social Security Number (SSN) • CADAA- DACA SSN (leave blank if you don't have one)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital status and marital status date <i>as of the date the application is filed</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA- Citizenship or U.S. Permanent Resident information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Income information (1040s, W-2s, other records of money earned) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Income information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Records of any untaxed income 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Records of any untaxed income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current asset information (cash, checking and savings, business, farm or other real estate records, records of stocks, bonds or other investments) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current asset information

- **FAFSA applicants- If parent(s) do not have a Social Security Number, enter 000-00-000.**
- **CADAA applicants- enter 000-00-000 or parent(s) ITIN.**



Create an
FSA ID
for your
FAFSA

IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)- FAFSA Applicants Only



- **Purpose:**
- To prefill some of the questions on the FAFSA by transferring data from your and/or your parent(s)' federal income tax returns.
In order to protect your privacy, tax return data will not be displayed on the DRT web page or on the FAFSA.
- Tax filers will not be allowed to alter any tax data.
- IRS data will not be displayed on your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- **Tax filers unable to use the IRS DRT**
 - Parents filed a separate return (married filing separately or other filing statuses)
 - Marital status changed as of 2021

A screenshot of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) form. The form is titled "Get My Federal Income Tax Information" and is part of the IRS.gov website. It includes a "Return to FAFSA" button and a "Submit" button. The form contains the following information:

First Name *	GDIT
Last Name *	DATA
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2644
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1994
Filing Status * ?	Married-Filed Joint Return
Address - Must match your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ?	
Street Address *	4050 Alpha Rd Test
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return) ?	
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	
Country *	United States
City, Town or Post Office *	Farmers Branch
State/U.S. Territory *	Texas (TX)
ZIP Code *	75244

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

Common Application Errors



Parent Information

- Must be the biological or adoptive parent

Parent Marital Status

- Must be as of the date the application is completed
- If parent is remarried, must include step-parent's information

Student Income Information

- Must report any income earned in 2020, even if student was not required to file taxes or if student was claimed as a dependent on parent's tax return

Duplicating Parent

- Be aware of prompt changes when referring to parent and student income information

Listing Incorrect Social Security Number (SSN) or Name for Parent

- If parent does not have a SSN, list all zeroes. Do not list the parent's ITIN
- Name must match exactly how it is listed on the social security card

Timeline / Deadlines



The 2022-2023 applications will be available October 1, 2021.

Applications available in both English and Spanish



State Deadline for California

March 2, 2022, is the deadline for Cal Grant consideration (both a financial aid application and a school-certified GPA must be submitted by this date)



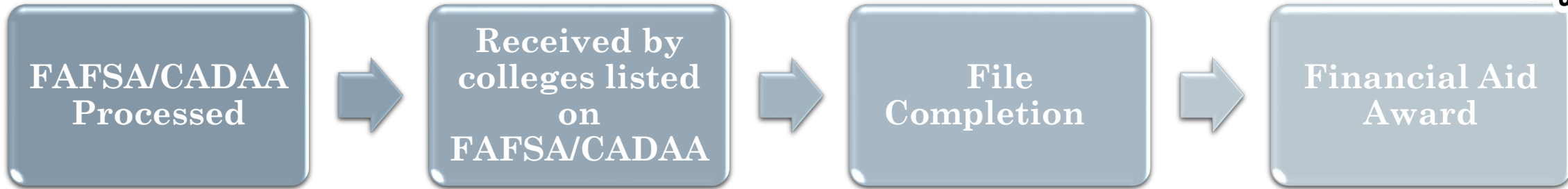
College Deadline

Varies by college- students should check with the college they are interested in attending for deadlines to complete any requirements



Additional Information

What Happens After Your Application is Submitted?



Once an application is processed, an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is determined.

The EFC is a measure (index number) to determine the type of financial aid a student could be eligible for.



Colleges/universities will contact students via email, student portal, or by mail.

A student may be asked to submit additional documentation in order to determine eligibility (example: a student selected for verification)

Students should follow-up with their college/university.

Some colleges and universities may not process a financial aid package until the student has been officially admitted to the university.

How is my financial aid award determined?



Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Financial Need (eligibility for need based aid)

- A financial aid package is put together that comes as close as possible to meeting your financial aid.
- Outside resources such as scholarships, CalWORKs, EOPS, and veterans' benefits reduces a student's financial need.
- A student cannot be awarded financial aid that exceeds the Cost of Attendance.

CASH COLLEGE

WORKSHOPS

OCT. 9 & 23



Bilingual Financial Aid staff from VENTURA COLLEGE, OXNARD COLLEGE, and MOORPARK COLLEGE are here to help you!

We'll help you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for the 2022-23 school year. You can attend either date and any campus's workshops. Learn about other financial aid opportunities, too.

**VENTURA COLLEGE
and VC EAST CAMPUS**

**IN-PERSON
WORKSHOPS**

Saturday, Oct. 9

*Drop-in anytime from 9am to 12pm
Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Rd., Ventura*

Saturday, Oct. 23

*Drop-in anytime from 9am to 12pm
Ventura College East Campus
957 Faulkner Rd., Suite 106, Santa Paula*



Financial Aid Office Information



Need help with your financial aid application?

FAFSA

CA DREAM ACT

FINANCIAL AID

Now Offering
One-on-One
Application
Assistance

**DROP-IN
ZOOM
HOURS**

Are you a current or future Ventura College student looking for help with your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application? Join us during our weekly drop-in hours and work one-on-one with a financial aid staff member.

Mondays

4:00pm - 6:00pm

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Wednesdays

10:00am – 12:00pm

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Hours are subject to change based on [VCCCD holiday closures](#).

OFFICE HOURS

Financial Aid Office

Monday: 10:00am - 6:30pm

Tuesday: 10:00am - 6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 12:00 pm

Financial Aid Computer Lab

Monday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am - 6:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: Closed

Financial Aid at VC East Campus

Financial Aid Services are available every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 4:00-6:00pm at VC East Campus in Santa Paula.








Questions?...

Contact Us

We are here to help!

 BCS Building, 4667 Telegraph Rd.
Ventura, CA 93001

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