



**CERRITOS  
COLLEGE  
Financial Aid**



ONE  
APPLICATION,  
MANY  
OPPORTUNITIES

# Goals

A photograph of a Cerritos College campus. In the foreground, a large blue sign with the words "CERRITOS COLLEGE" in white capital letters is visible. Behind the sign, a paved walkway leads towards a modern building with large windows. Several people are walking along the path. There are trees and a parking lot with cars in the background.

CERRITOS COLLEGE

**1**      **What IS financial aid?**

**2**      **Aid by Education System**

**3**      **CA Community College Aid**

**4**      **Cost of Attendance**

**5**      **Scholarships, Work-Study, Transfer  
Agreements**

**6**      **FAFSA and Satisfactory Academic  
Progress (SAP)**

**7**      **Helpful Tips**

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# What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is **FREE**  
money to help pay  
for your education!

Aid comes in the  
form of....

Grants

Scholarships

Work-Study

Loans

**LOANS** are NOT free,  
required to pay back



# FAFSA

## General Eligibility:

- **US Citizen**
- **Eligible Non-Citizen**
  - **Permanent Resident**
  - **Refugee**
  - **Asylee**

## What you need to apply:

- 1) **Bring/Know your SSN**
- 2) **Have your contributors create an FSA ID**
- 3) **Bring 1040 Tax Forms or Tax Return Transcript**



# CADAA

## General Eligibility:

- **Undocumented Students**
- **Valid or Expired DACA**
- **U Visa or TPS Holder**

## What you need to apply:

- 1) **Bring 1040 Tax Forms or Tax Return Transcript**
- 2) **And, any records of untax income**



**2025-2026  
FAFSA/CADAA  
will be available**

**DECEMBER 1**



# 2025-26 Important Dates

Please keep these crucial dates in mind

December

1

FAFSA and DREAM ACT  
Applications are available

Cal Grant Deadline

2nd

March  
(TBD)

FEBRUARY - APRIL



Check **To-Do list** to clear holds and/or submit documentation

Award Notifications posted



May - July



AUGUST



Funds begin disbursing  
beginning of semester

# AID BY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

## 5 Step Ordering Process

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CSU</b></li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UC</b></li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PRIVATE</b></li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OUT OF STATE</b></li> </ul>
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# CA Community Colleges

## Types of Financial Aid

for FAFSA and CA Dream Act students!

**FAFSA**

&

**CA Dream Act**

AMOUNTS!

CA College Promise Grant

Tuition Fee's Waived

Cal Grant

**B** \$1,648/ (SWD) \$6,000

**C** \$1,094/ (SWD) \$4,000

Student Success Completion Grant

15 units/ \$8,000

Chafee Grant (Foster Youth)

\$ 5,000

Federal Work Study or Dream Act Service Incentive Grant

\$ 5,000

Pell Grant

\$7,395

FSEOG

\$400 (F.C.F.S)

Loans

\$ Varies (5.5% Interest Rates)



# Cerritos Complete Program



Scan for Interest  
Steps & Info Sessions

- Pays for **ENROLLMENT FEES** per semester (\$46 per unit)
- Only for **PARTNER NETWORKS**
- **PRIORITY REGISTRATION**
- **Dedicated Support & Counseling**
- **FAFSA/ Dream Act**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

FREE MONEY WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO APPLY FOR IT!

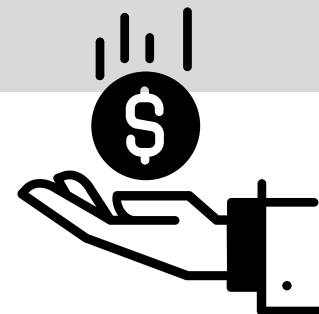
## WHAT?

- **Merit Based** (academic), or
- **Need Base** (Financial Need)
- Free Money!
- To be used for academic purposes



## WHERE?

- Your College!
- Community/Club Organizations
- Private Corporations & Foundations
  - Coca-Cola, NY Times, Google, etc.
- Private Donors



## HOW?

- Select your Scholarship
- Draft a Essay/Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Proof of Financial Need (FAFSA/CADAA)



### Example SITES:

- [fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- [CSUDH Scholarship Portal](https://www.csudh.edu/scholarship-portal)
- [UCLA](https://www.ucla.edu)



# Work Study or DS Incentive Grant

**EARN WHILE  
YOU LEARN!**



**JOB  
EXPERIENCE**

**FLEXIBLE  
HOURS**

**MORE  
MONEY**

## How to Apply:

- Submit a financial aid application
- Apply for a Job on Campus - Check with CAREER CENTER



**CERRITOS  
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# COST of ATTENDANCE



TUITION & FEES



BOOKS & SUPPLIES



TRANSPORTATION



HOUSING



PERSONAL EXPENSES

	Commuter	On-Campus	Off-Campus
Tuition and Fees	\$X,XXX	Fixed Cost (Generally)	
Food and Housing	\$X,XXX		
Books/Supplies/ Equipment	\$X,XXX		
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$X,XXX		
Transportation	\$X,XXX		
TOTAL CA Resident	\$X,XXX		
Non-Resident/Out of State Fees	\$X,XXX		
TOTAL + Non-Resident	\$X,XXX		

If **tuition and fees** are paid, you will be able to enroll. All other fees are subjective.

[Net Price Calculator](#)





**How do we apply  
for all this free  
money?**





# **(SAP) Satisfactory Academic Progress**

## **3 Standards to meet SAP**

**1) Maintain a 2.0 Cumulative GPA**

**2) Maintain 67% Unit Completion**

COMPLETE 67% of attempted units with a grade of **A, B, C, D, CR, or P**

**3) Complete program within Max Timeframe**

AA Degrees: <90 units  
Certificate Program: <45 units

Meeting SAP **is required** for Federal Aid!

All schools abide to these standards for financial aid.



# Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The Transfer Admission Guarantee will guarantee admission to the university as long as the provisions of the agreement are completed.

Students with 30 transferable units completed may be eligible for a **TAG**.

## UC TAGs

- UC, Irvine
- UC, Davis
- UC, Merced
- UC, Riverside
- UC, Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- UCLA

## Private UC TAGs

- UC, La Verne
- Loyola Marymount
- Pepperdine Graziadio Business School

## Out of State

- Arizona State University
- 39 HBCU
- Western Oregon University

## CSU TSP

- All 23 CSU Campuses
  - FIRST TIME/FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ONLY



## Benefits:

- **Guaranteed Admissions**
- **Academic Preparation**
- **Reduced Costs**

Info Sessions







**Getting a scholarship has never been so easy!**

**With a CalKIDS Scholarship, you could receive \$500 to \$1,500 for college or career training.**

Did you attend public school in California? Chances are you have one!

- No minimum GPA
- No essays
- No letters of recommendation
- No waiting

ASK FOR YOUR **“Statewide Student Identifier” (SSID)**



**Find out instantly if you have one at [CalKIDS.org/scholarship](https://CalKIDS.org/scholarship)**

\*Student eligibility is defined by the Local Control Funding Formula. The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is a children's savings account program, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, an agency of the State of California. CalKIDS will provide eligible participants with college savings accounts, including seed deposits and other potential incentives, to help pay for future qualified higher education expenses. To learn more about CalKIDS or opt out of the program entirely, please see the Program Information Guide at CalKIDS.org. CalKIDS participants may also establish individual accounts with ScholarShare 529, California's 529 College Savings Plan.



# Helpful Tips



## PARENTS

- 1) Please “GRANT CONSENT” to FA Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) on the FAFSA application.
- 2) Write down your FSA ID Login information.
- 3) Take a picture of your Backup Code
- 4) Have prior-prior year (2 years) taxes on-hand (if filed)

## STUDENTS

- 1) List your SSN on all college Admission Applications
- 2) Ensure you added all colleges on your FAFSA or CADAA application
- 3) Declare a Financial Aid Eligible Major before the semester begins. “Undecided may not be eligible for FA”
  - Meet with a counselor
  - Create an ED Plan/Road Map
  - Career Services for exploration
  - You are able to switch majors later.
- 4) Submit your Financial Aid Application **BEFORE MARCH 2, 2025.**

# FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA) ID REQUIRED



**SIGN UP**

**TODAY**



All Students, Parents, and Legal Guardians CONTRIBUTING to the FAFSA **will be REQUIRED** to have registered for a **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID**

## Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

### Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number

I don't have a Social Security number.

Cancel

Continue



# FSA ID Guidance for Contributors

## If parents are **married**

If parents are married and file taxes together **ONE** parent will need an FSA ID.

**(One Contributor)**

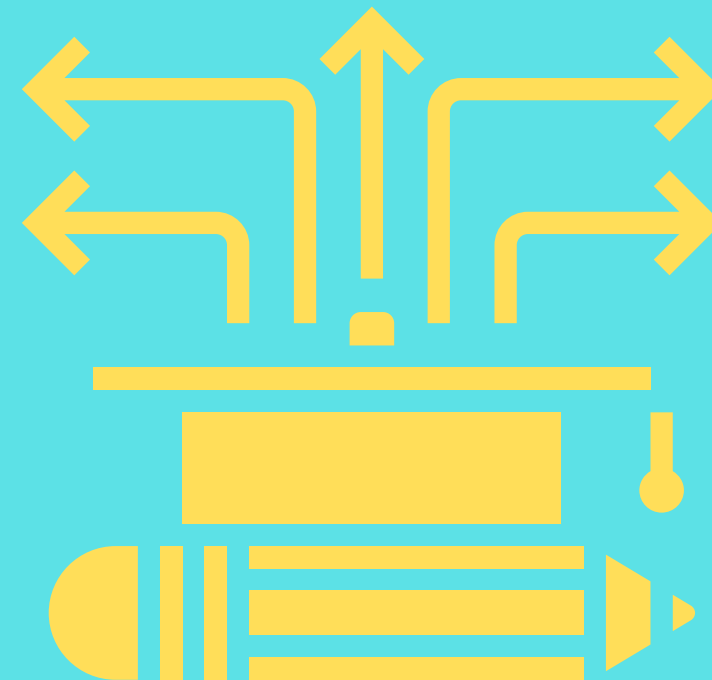
If parents are married but don't file taxes together, **BOTH** parents will need an FSA ID.

**(Two Contributors)**

## If parents are unmarried living together

If parents are unmarried and living together, **both** parents will need an FSA ID.

**(Two Contributors)**



## If parents are not living together

If parents are not living together the **parent who provided more financial support** in the last **12 months** will need an FSA ID.

**(One Contributor)**

If married/remarried, and parent and stepparent did not file taxes together, **both** parent and stepparent will need an FSA ID.

**(Two Contributor)**

# 4-STEPS FOR FINANCIAL AID



**SCAN  
&  
APPLY  
NOW!**

**1**

## Apply

For FAFSA apply at  
[www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov)

For CA DREAM ACT apply  
at  
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/register>

*Submit by **March 2nd**:  
Cal Grant Priority Deadline*

**2**

## Submit Forms

Check your **Student Portal** to complete  
TO-DO list tasks

**March - June**

**3**

## Review Awards

Review awards under  
"Financial Aid"  
section in portal

**4**

## Disbursements

Review  
disbursement dates  
and set up your  
refund preference!



# CERRITOS COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Receive FREE help from our financial aid representatives!

***NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!***

The QR code provided below takes you to our financial aid page.



zoom

Zoom and Phone hours available!



FAFSA/ Dream Act Guidance

## Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm  
Wednesday: 8 am - 6 pm  
Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

## Phone Hours (Ext. 2397)

Mond - Thurs: 8am - 6 pm  
Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

## FAFSA/Dream Act Application ZOOM Sessions

Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 8 am - 4:30 pm  
Wednesday: 8 am - 6pm  
Friday: Closed

<https://cerritos-edu.zoom.us/j/98865749738>





# Thank You!

Please connect with us!

**FOLLOW US!**

