



## Financial Aid Application Checklist

**The FAFSA and California Dream Act are available starting October 1<sup>st</sup>! Deadline: March 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)**

**California Dream Act (CADA) [www.dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov)**

In order to complete a financial aid app, a student needs the following information for themselves and their parent(s)<sup>1</sup>:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Parent(s)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Full, Legal Name From Social Security card <sup>2</sup> or birth certificate or DACA SSN	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security number <sup>2</sup> If parent(s) don't have a SSN, enter all 0s SSN is not required for CADA, do not list DACA SSN	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> If student is a US Resident, <sup>2</sup> Include USCIS number on Resident Alien "Green" Card May be preceded by "A"	_____	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s) Date of Marriage / Separation / Divorce	n/a	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> If taxes were filed, use previous year income Tax Return Address on tax return (+) parent info needed for link	n/a	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> If taxes were NOT filed, amount earned in previous year Use parent(s) W-2 forms, check payments, or cash earnings	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amount of income from other sources Unemployment, Welfare, Social Security, child support, etc.	n/a	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amount in all bank accounts (savings)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA FSA ID for student & one parent <sup>3</sup> Go to <a href="https://fsaid.ed.gov/">https://fsaid.ed.gov/</a> to create an FSA ID. FSA ID serves as login for FAFSA and allows for electronic signature. You will be able to use your FSA ID from 1-3 days after you create it. Parents can create FSA ID if they have a valid SSN, otherwise parents will use a Parent Signature Page Parents will be able to use FSA ID to link tax return information from IRS directly to student's FAFSA Parents without SSN will need to request a tax transcript for reference <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</a>	_____	_____

**After** FAFSA submission: student will receive an email from the U.S. Dept. of Education stating that the FAFSA was received.

**After** CADA submission: student will NOT receive an email from the California Student Aid Commission; check Status Page.

<sup>1</sup>Parent means a biological or adoptive parent who lives with student. If the parent is legally re-married, then the step-parent is also included. If a student does not live with a biological/adoptive parent, check in with counselors Unaccompanied Youth eligibility.

<sup>2</sup>For FAFSA applicants ONLY, a Social Security number and legal residency is required for students, but not for parents.

<sup>3</sup>FSA ID provides the fastest way to sign your application, have it processed, as well as access or correct your information online.