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CAL GRANT WORKSHOP
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TODAY'S GOAL

1. For students to feel empowered to make college decisions and take action based on financial aid knowledge; and to create an account with the California Student Aid Commission.
2. To recommit to CAMP by setting new goals and expectations.

TODAY'S TOPICS

- Financial Aid Review
- Cal Grant
- SDF's Common Scholarship Application
- Mentor-Mentee Agreement
- Wrap Up

FINANCIAL AID REVIEW

FINANCIAL AID TRIVIA

Name two types of “free” financial aid.

What is “borrowed” financial aid called?

Which federal loan does not charge you interest until after you graduate college? Subsidized or Unsubsidized

What does “FAFSA” stand for?

After submitting your FAFSA, what should you anticipate finding in your confirmation email? (Hint: also known as EFC)

What should you do upon receiving your FAFSA confirmation email?

Financial Aid Award Letter

Please accept, sign and return one copy.

1 <u>Your Financial Aid Award</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Accept (Y/N)</u>	<u>Loan Amount*</u>
A Stephen B L Penrose Scholarship	\$14,000	_____	
B Lomen-Douglas Scholarship	\$14,926	_____	
C College Bound Scholarship	\$11,904	_____	
D Federal Pell Grant	\$4,770	_____	
E Direct Subsidized Loan	\$3,500	_____	_____
E Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$2,000	_____	_____
F Federal Work Study	\$2,500	_____	
2 Award Total	\$53,600		

**You may request a different loan amount, but please pay attention to the annual loan limits based on your class level. (Refer to general information sheet). Subsidized loan and work study eligibility is based on estimates and may change once your FAFSA results have been reviewed. Work study should not be used in calculating your payment. Work study wages are paid directly to the student.*

3 <u>Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)</u>		4 <u>Expected Family Contribution (EFC)</u>	
Tuition and Fees	\$49,780	Parent Contribution	\$5,205
Room and board	\$12,524	Student Contribution	\$2,144
Books & Incidentals	\$1,400		
Travel	\$250		
		Total EFC	\$7,349
Total COA	\$63,954	Financial Need (COA-EFC)	\$56,605

QUESTIONS?

CAL GRANT

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)

TYPES OF AWARDS

Eligibility: GPA + FAFSA

Cal Grant A

GPA Minimum:
3.0

Award Coverage:
- Up to 4 years of
tuition & fees

Cal Grant B

GPA Minimum:
2.0

Award Coverage:
- Tuition & fees
for years 2-4
- Access Award
for up to 4 years
(~\$1, 672)

Cal Grant C

No GPA
Requirement

Vocational/
technical/
occupational
programs

CAL GRANT A & B

CAL GRANT & SUG

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR	
A	\$5,742	\$5,742	\$5,742	\$5,742	= \$22,968
B	\$1,672 + SUG (\$5,742)	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$5,742	\$1,672 + \$5,742	= \$29,656

CAL GRANT B & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
4 Years Remain	3 Years Remain	2 Years Remain	1 Year Remains
Community College (Access Only)		Four Year University (Access + Tuition/Fees)	

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

- Can be eligible for multiple awards
- Must declare which college student has selected before the Commission decides which grant to award.
- Will ultimately receive the one the Commissions calculates will give the most *total* aid. (ie: State University Grant, or “SUG”)
- Commission produces a “California Aid Report” or “CAR” that summarizes tentative award. To access this information, simply create an account with WebGrants 4 Students at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>
 - Will use language like “preliminary” or “not yet awarded”
 - Submit CAR to Christina
- Must apply during your senior year (or 1 year out of high school) to be eligible for funding.

ADDITIONAL CSAC SOURCES OF AID

- **Middle Class Scholarship** – MCS provides undergraduate students with family income up to \$184,000 and assets up to \$184,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.
- **California Chafee Grant** – available to any applicant who is or was in foster care between the ages of 16-18.
- **Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant** – provides need-based educational grants to dependents and spouses of employees who lost their lives in the line of duty or were totally disabled
- **Golden State Teacher Grant** – for students who are currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program to earn a credential in the high need field of special education

QUESTIONS?

SDF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TIPS TO FILL OUT THE COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- You may apply for as many scholarships for which you are eligible.
- However, if you apply to more than five scholarships for which you are not eligible, your entire application will be disqualified.
- Although it is one application, you must submit individually to each scholarship program (like the CSU applications).
- Several of these scholarships go unclaimed every year due to low applicant numbers. So APPLY!
- Scholarship checks are designated for the student and are mailed directly to your school's financial aid or scholarships office, which will deposit the check and post it to your student account.

Scholarship tips in general:

- \$5000-\$10000/year in scholarships is a comfortable place to be in!
- Stay local, and small - specific scholarships- increase likelihood of you qualifying for scholarships (ex: gender, race, sports, band, etc.)

MENTOR-MENTEE AGREEMENT

GOOGLE DRIVE

Affirm or amend your CAMP agreement by updating the form in student's folder titled "**NEW Mentor Mentee Agreement.**"

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1U8GeuEUd4n9c-MVttlzUoweMn7wL5k8J>

WRAP UP

EVALUATION

- Session Evaluation (joint)
 - “Additional Comments”: Include feedback from FAFSA workshop and overall financial aid knowledge
- Mid-Year Evaluation (individual)

NEXT STEPS

CAMP Checklist

- Send Student Aid Report (SAR from FAFSA) to Christina.
- Send California Aid Report (CAR from CalGrant) to Christina.
- Apply for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), or your campus's equivalent.
- Create college portals for each school you applied to.
- Learn what YEAR-ROUND student support programs for first-gen, historically under-represented students exist on campus.
- Confirm your FAFSA includes all the schools you are applying to.

RSVP to the next workshop: Scholarship Marathon, **TBD**

- Create [CollegeGreenlight](#) account

CAMP Scavenger Hunt



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