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NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2025

Hello educators and community partners,

Spring 2025 is here and very busy! As always, I am excited to start outreach and engage with students.

SJSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) has information to share with you.

- CSU Admissions Information
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Updates or Changes to CSU Application
- Financial Aid Reminders and Resources
- SJSU EAP Outreach Services
- ERWC 3.0 Workshops
- Important Articles

Please engage with the information below. If you have any questions, feel free to email earlyassessmentprogram@sjsu.edu

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Admissions Information:

The following CSU campuses are accepting applications for Fall 2025. Please encourage your students to apply!

- Bakersfield
- Channel Islands
- Chico
- Dominguez Hills
- East Bay
- Humboldt
- Maritime
- Monterey Bay
- Northridge
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Francisco
- San Marcos
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus

Visit https://www.calstate.edu/apply/Pages/application-dates-deadlines.aspx for each campus application deadline.

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Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Deadlines:

Students who applied to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) need to submit all recommendations by the document deadline of January 31, 2025.

Students can check EOP admissions by term and deadlines for more information.

Changes or Updates to CSU Applications:

Once students submit their first application to any CSU campus, they will not be allowed to make any changes. Students who need to report corrections or updates need to contact each campus they applied to individually.

- CSU Campus Contacts

Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are open!

Students should be encouraged to apply by the state deadline (March 3, 2025).

Cash for College Workshops for Students & Families:
- https://www.csac.ca.gov/c4c

Training Opportunities:
- https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cash-college-train-trainer-program

Below I have added the California Student Aid Commission FAFSA FAQ and CADAA FAQ sheets as resources to help our students complete the correct applications.
- Additional Resources
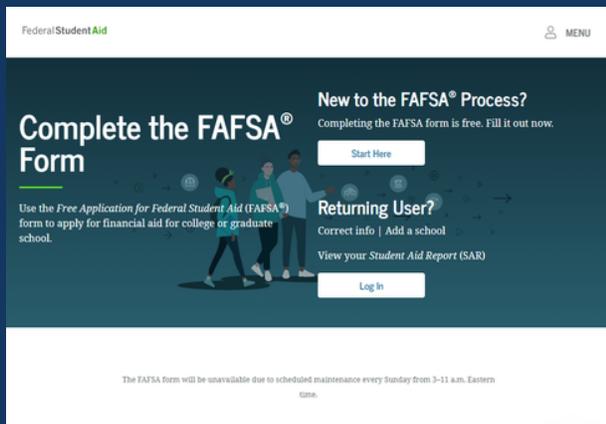
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) is a form that allows students to apply for all types of financial aid, including but not limited to federal financial aid, state financial aid, and institutional aid. The FAFSA is one of the most important forms to fill out in regard to a college education and should be completed every academic year. The information supplied is used to assess a student's financial need and gives them access to multiple sources of financial aid to help pay to attend a college, university, or vocational school.

The following are some the most **frequently asked questions** about the FAFSA:

1. Who can apply for the FAFSA?
2. What are the deadlines for filling out the FAFSA form?
3. What will students need to fill out the FAFSA
4. Where can students determine if they are eligible to receive financial aid?
5. Who is considered a parent?
6. Can a parent and student share the same FSA ID?
7. What if the student forgets their FSA ID username and password?
8. Will a student need their parents' information?
9. How do students correct or update their FAFSA Form?
10. Why are 2021 tax and income information required on the 2023–24 FAFSA form?
11. How can students check the status of their FAFSA form?
12. When can students expect to hear from colleges about their financial aid package?

FAQ

1. Who can apply for the FAFSA?
Students are eligible to apply for the FAFSA if they meet the following criteria:
- U.S. Citizen
- Legal Permanent Resident (Green Card)
- Certain Designations including Refugees or those granted Asylum
- T-Visa Holders

2. What are the deadlines for filling out the FAFSA form?
To be considered for federal student aid for the 2023–24 award year, students can complete a FAFSA® form between Oct. 1, 2022, and 11:59 p.m. Central time (CT) on June 30, 2024. Any FAFSA corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 14, 2024. For state financial aid the priority deadline is March 2nd.

Students attending a CA Community College can apply by September 2nd.

3. What will students need to fill out the FAFSA
- A social security number or Alien Registration Number if they are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (May be able to transfer your federal tax return using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)
- Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID for electronic signature

A dependent student will need most of the above information from their parents.

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4. Where can students determine if they are eligible to receive financial aid?

Students can find more information **here** on federal student aid eligibility.

5. Who is considered a parent?

A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be a student's parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student.

6. Can a parent and student share the same FSA ID?

No. Parents and students can not share the same FSA ID (account username and password). Each should use their own FSA ID because it is part of identification and serves as an electronic signature.

7. What if the student forgets their FSA ID username and password?

If students have an FSA ID but do not remember their username, select **Forgot Username**. If they have an FSA ID but do not remember their password, select **Forgot Password**.

8. Will a student need their parents' information?

Most students under the age of 24 are dependent and must report parent information. If students answer "Yes" to any of the questions in the dependency status questions, they are considered an independent student on the 2023–24 FAFSA® form, and generally will not need to provide their parents' information.

9. How do students correct or update their FAFSA Form?

Most questions on the FAFSA form want to know a student's status as of the day the application is signed. However, there are some instances in which students want to (or are required to) change the information reported. Find more information **here**.

10. Why are 2021 tax and income information required on the 2023–24 FAFSA form?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form always requires the prior two years (or prior-prior) tax information.

11. How can students check the status of their FAFSA form?

To check the status of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, select "Log In" on the online FAFSA home page to log in. Application status can be found on the "My FAFSA" page, which displays after the student logs in and the FAFSA has been started or completed.

12. When can students expect to hear from colleges about their financial aid package?

Students will get a student aid offer after completing the college's application requirements and after the college determines their eligibility. This offer will detail the costs of attending the college for an academic year, as well as any grants, scholarships, work-study funds, or loans they are eligible to receive.

Most colleges send out student aid offers around the same time as admission offer letters. However, the timing varies for each college. Factors (e.g., the date the FAFSA form was submitted and the number of FAFSA forms the college received) can influence when students will get an offer. The college can tell them when they will receive their student aid offer.

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California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

The California Dream Act Application (**CADAA**) allows undocumented students who meet certain criteria to apply for financial aid. The CADAA is one of the most important forms to fill out in regard to a college education and should be completed every academic year. The information supplied is used to assess a student's financial need and gives them access to multiple sources of financial aid to help pay to attend a college, university, or vocational school.

The following are some of the most **frequently asked questions** about the CADAA:

FAQ

1. Who can apply for the California Dream Act?
2. What are the non-resident requirements?
3. What will students need to fill out the CADAA?
4. How do students apply for financial aid under the California Dream Act?
5. Does the student's parents' citizenship status affect their eligibility for financial aid under the California Dream Act?
6. Can students fill out the CADAA if they don't have a Social Security number?
7. How can students get help with completing the CADAA?
8. Are undocumented students eligible for federal student aid?
9. Do students have to wait until they or their parents file taxes to complete the CADAA?
10. How do parents sign the CADAA?
11. How are mistakes fixed on the CADAA?
12. What's next after completing the CADAA?

1. Who can apply for the California Dream Act?

- Undocumented Students
- DACA recipients (valid or expired)
- U Visa holders
- Students under Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Students who meet the non-resident exemption

2. What are the non-resident requirements?

AB 540 requires three years of coursework and three years total attendance at California elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. SB 68 expands on the equivalency of high school attendance to include adult schools and Community Colleges.

3. What will students need to fill out the CADAA?

The CADAA opens on October 1st. To maximize your financial aid opportunities, submit your application by the state priority deadline of March 2nd. Students attending a CA Community College can apply by September 2nd.

4. How do students apply for financial aid under the California Dream Act?

The application can be found at **CA Dream Act Application**.

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5. Does the student's parents' citizenship status affect their eligibility for financial aid under the California Dream Act?

No, the parents' citizenship status does not impact eligibility to receive financial aid. The CADAA does not contain any questions asking for this information and their parents' immigration status isn't considered in any financial aid decisions.

6. Can students fill out the CADAA if they don't have a Social Security number?

Yes. Students are not required to have a Social Security Number to submit the CADAA. However, students will need to meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540/ SB 68 to receive state aid.

7. How can students get help with completing the CADAA?

From their high school counselor/advisor or by attending one of the many free Cash for College workshops held every year throughout the state, beginning October 1st. To locate your nearest Cash for College workshop, please visit **CSAC - Cash for College**.

8. Are undocumented students eligible for federal student aid?

No, undocumented students are not eligible for federal student aid. If they attend an eligible California public or private institution, they will be considered for California state financial aid. Their college or university will determine their financial aid eligibility. Students should submit their CADAA by March 2 to maximize their financial aid options.

9. Do students have to wait until they or their parents file taxes to complete the CADAA?

No, The CADAA uses two years prior tax information. If the student or their parents were not required to file taxes during that year, select "Will not file" on the tax filing question on the application.

10. How do parents sign the CADAA?

Parents will sign the CADAA using the self-selected PIN. The PIN is a 4-digit number that can be used each year to electronically sign the CADAA. Parents can apply for the California Dream Act PIN only after the student has completed the online application. To apply for a PIN and to sign the CADAA, parents will navigate to the link that says, "Submit Parent Signature." This PIN should be kept in a safe place as parents will need it to re-sign whenever there is a change to the application.

11. How are mistakes fixed on the CADAA?

After submitting an application, students should review the Confirmation Page to identify and fix any errors that need correction. After the initial successful completion of the application, CSAC will send an email with a nine-digit Dream ID number. If students haven't received an email from CSAC, be sure they check their junk/spam folders. Students will use their Dream ID number to create a WebGrants4 Students account to use when talking to their college or CSAC.

12. What's next after completing the CADAA?

After completing the CADAA, CSAC will send application data to all colleges listed on the application. If the student meets financial income and asset eligibility as well as GPA requirements, they will be considered for a Cal Grant and other state financial aid programs. Advise students to check the status of their Cal Grant eligibility using their WebGrants4 students account found at **WebGrants 4 Students**.

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SJSU EAP - Outreach Services

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An outreach program designed to help high school students understand the CSU general education mathematics and writing placement process.

Program Services For Students:
- Classroom presentations (in-person and/or virtually)
- Tabling events

Presentation Topics:
- Math & English Placement
- CSU GE Requirements
- Academic Preparation

REQUEST A PRESENTATION

Contact EAP Coordinators: **Faby Rangel-Camacho** for more information.

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ERWC 3.0 Workshops

Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum (ERWC) Spring 2025 Training Days:

Day 1 - February 26, 2025

Day 2 - February 27, 2025

Day 3 - March 26, 2025

Day 4 - May 7, 2025

Spring 2025 ERWC 3.0 workshop dates are introductory and hosted in-person.

When: Wednesday - February 26, 2025

Where: Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)

Region: Monterey Bay, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Jose areas

Deadline to Register: Wednesday - February 12, 2025

Register for Santa Clara COE and CSU San Jose ERWC 3.0 Workshops
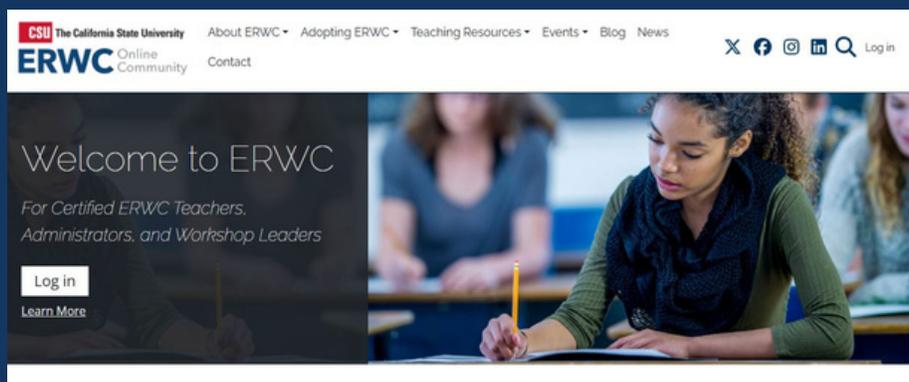
Important Articles

SJSU EAP would like to share some important articles related to higher education, college academics, and other educational topics.

Feel free to read these during your free time and/or share them with students and colleagues.

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- EdTrust-West. (n.d.). *The Majority Report : 2024 Fact Sheet*. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q2a1K_Ngp2IZZhafv4xZk4oKUEEsCfX5/view?usp=sharing

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