

# FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

## FAFSA



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for  
Federal Aid & Cal Grants



### 1 CREATE A FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID (FSA ID)



- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) Look for the lock and key icon at top of website
- Students and parents need to create their own FSA ID with separate email addresses.
- FSA ID requires a social security number (SSN). The FSA ID is your personal identification number and serves as your electronic signature!

### 2 GATHER INFORMATION



- STUDENT:**
- Social Security Number
  - Tax return from "prior - prior year" ( 2 years ago)
  - A list of colleges you are interested in attending
  - Determine whether you will live on or off campus

- PARENT:**
- Social Security Number
  - Tax return from "prior - prior year" (2 years ago)
  - If divorced, determine which parent will be the FAFSA parent

### 3 COMPLETE THE FAFSA APPLICATION ONLINE [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



- Attend Financial Aid Night at your school
- Get help from your high school counselor
- If necessary, call for an appointment at CollegeOPTIONS 530-245-1845 or 530-244-4022

(See reverse side for steps 4-6)

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### 4 SIGN AND SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA



- Your application will not be complete until you and your parent sign electronically with your individual FSA IDs.
- After submitting your FAFSA look for an email from federal student aid to discover your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). This is the number you need for Cal Grants, federal aid, scholarships and loans!

### 5 REVIEW YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)



- Log on to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- Review your SAR and submit any changes

### 6 CREATE A WEB GRANT 4 STUDENTS (WGS) ACCOUNT



- [www.mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp](http://www.mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp)
- The last step in applying for federal aid and Cal Grants is to create a WebGrants 4 Students account in order to discover and secure a potential Cal Grant.
- If you submitted your FAFSA by the March 2nd deadline you may receive a Cal Grant. Access your WGS account in late March or April to determine your Cal Grant eligibility.