

Completing the FAFSA/CADAA:

For Adults Supporting Youth with Experience
in Foster Care or Homelessness



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- Housing
- Economic Mobility





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AGENDA

- 1** Why Financial Aid Matters
- 2** What's New
- 3** How to Apply for Financial Aid
- 4** After the FAFSA/CADAA
- 5** Helpful Resources

Why Financial Aid Matters

Foster & Homeless Youth Face Significant Barriers while Pursuing Postsecondary Education



- Lack of parental/familial support
- Lack of stable living environment
- Trauma experiences
- Increasing skepticism about the value of higher education
- Burdensome program rules & extensive documentation
- Limited academic preparation
- Accessing financial aid

Financial Aid Makes a Difference

High school seniors who complete the FAFSA are **84 percent more likely** to enroll in higher education.

Foster youth who received the Chafee grant were almost **2.4 times** more likely to complete a degree!



There is money available!

Community college sample package for full-time student (12 units) without dependents

	Foster Youth	Homeless
Federal Pell Grant	\$7,395	\$7,395
FSEOG	\$400	\$400
Cal Grant Access Award	\$6,000	\$1,648
CA College Promise Grant	\$1,104 (tuition)	\$1,104 (tuition)
Chafee Grant	\$4,500	N/A
Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)	\$10,500	\$2,596
EOPS or NextUp Grant	\$3,000	\$1,000
Total:	\$32,899	\$14,143

YOU Make a Difference

Foster youth who reported receiving **“a lot of encouragement”** to continue their education beyond high school had a greater likelihood of completing college.





The most effective strategy to increase FAFSA completion is personal **one-on-one** assistance or advising.

What's New

26-27 FAFSA & CADAA Updates

- FAFSA and CADAA opened by **October 1st**.
- Identify verification on the **FSA ID** is now **automatically processed**.
- The **gender question on the FAFSA only has been** replaced with a question about the student's sex
- The **CADAA** is still available for **mixed-status families**.



Federal Financial Aid Updates

- Federal loans: Restructures income-driven repayment plan to make repayment more expensive for borrowers
- Loan caps:
 - \$257,500 lifetime borrowing limit
 - Graduate loan caps: \$20,500 per year, \$100K lifetime limit.
 - Professional degrees: \$50K per year, \$200K lifetime limit
 - Parent PLUS: \$20K per year, \$65K lifetime limit
- Eliminates Economic Hardship Deferment and Unemployment deferment for borrowers (on or after 7/1/27)
- **Short-term Pell for programs between 8–15 weeks**
- Changes take effect July 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted

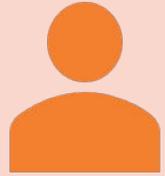


California Chafee Grant Updates

- In California, maximum Chafee Grant award lowered to \$4,500
- In California, Chafee Grant remains open to CADAA eligible students



This Webinar



Focuses on independent single students



Covers the highlights only



Covers the 2026–27 application year

How to Apply for Financial Aid

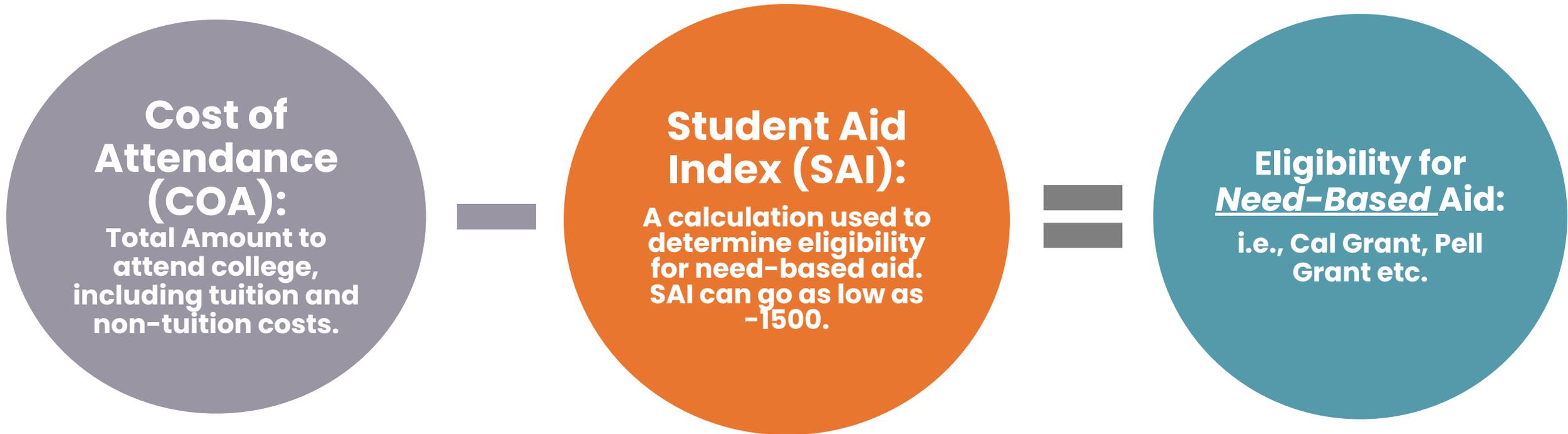


- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- **U.S. Citizen, a permanent resident or other eligible non-citizen**
- **Apply at fafsa.gov (mobile option available)**
- **Available in English or Spanish online**
- **Federal and State aid**



- **Eligibility: AB 540, Temporary Protected Status or U Visa, or Mixed Status Families**
- **Apply at dream.csac.ca.gov**
- **Available in English only online (paper Spanish application)**
- **State aid only**
- **Qualifies students as CA residents**
- **CSAC Privacy Memo available at www.csac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-11/eom_2024_04.pdf**

How is Eligibility Determined?



The Chafee Grant is EXCLUDED from the calculation of eligibility for unmet

Deadlines*

To qualify for state and institutional aid:



4-Year Universities:

March 2, 2026

CA Community Colleges:

September 2, 2026

Private or out of state colleges may have different deadlines. If you've missed these deadlines, you can still apply. While most aid will no longer be available, some grants, such as the Federal Pell Grant, will still be available.

**Priority deadlines can change. Be sure to check for the latest information.*

Before the FAFSA/CADAA

How to Create an FSA ID

Go to

studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

Select “Get Started”

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address

Creating a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is Required



NEW: The process for obtaining an FSA ID has changed, and it is now issued immediately.

- The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems.
- You will be asked to provide an email address. Providing a mobile phone number is recommended to easily reset your password.
- You will be asked to provide your social security number, if applicable. Enter your legal name exactly as it appears on Social Security Card.
- Students can use an existing FSA ID but will need to verify the phone number and/or email address on file.



Students should create a system to safely store their username and password and not use high school email accounts that may expire.

What a student needs to apply



List of at least one and up to 20 colleges



FSA ID log-in information (FAFSA only)



Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) (*Optional on CADAA only*)



Information about current assets, such as cash checking and savings accounts

FAFSA/CADAA Application

Federal Tax Information (FTI)

Students must approve & consent to importing data from the Federal Tax Information (FTI) (even if no tax return was filed).

The application looks at income information from the “prior-prior” year. If applying for the 2026–2027 school year, this would be from 2024.

If you decline the FTI transfer, you will be ineligible for federal and state student aid.

Select “Approve” to consent to using your tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select “Decline,” you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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Decline

Approve

Student College or Career School Plans

Indicate what your grade level will be when the 2026–2027 school year begins.



Students who took “dual enrollment” courses in high school should select “First Year (freshman)”



For returning students, this is based on units completed, not the number of years enrolled. For example, if degree completion requires 60 units, a student entering their second year who had completed less than 30 units, would select “First Year (freshman).”

You should answer NO regarding whether you will have your first bachelor’s degree unless you have already COMPLETED a bachelor’s degree program.

FAFSA[®] Form 2026–27 Student Raya Tran

1 Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, what will their college grade level be?

First year (freshman)

Second year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree?

Yes No

Student Personal Circumstances

- Determine if a student is “Independent”
 - Populates for ALL students.
 - Student should select all that apply.
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Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
 - The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
 - The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
 - At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
 - At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.
 - At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.
 - The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
 - The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
 - None of these apply.
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Current & Former Foster Youth

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At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.

At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.

The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

None of these apply.

How is foster youth status verified?

- Financial aid offices can automatically verify through a data match with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS); however, this doesn't always happen, and a letter may be required.
- Once verified, does not need to be redetermined if at the same institution



How is foster youth status verified?



TIP!

Help students get their ward of the court verification letter **before** high school graduation.

To Get a Foster Youth Verification Letter:

- **Current foster youth:** Contact the social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP)
- **Former foster youth:** May also contact the Office of the California Foster Care Ombudsperson: 877-846-1602.

<https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/>

Who can provide verification?

Financial aid administrators must accept any of the following:

- Court order or official State documentation that the student received Federal or State support in foster care
 - Verification of eligibility for a Chafee Grant
 - A phone call, written statement, from:
 - A State, county, or Tribal agency administering a program under part B or E of title IV of the *Social Security Act*;
 - A State Medicaid agency; or
 - A public or private foster care placing agency or foster care facility or placement.
 - An attorney, GAL, or Court Appointed Special Advocate
 - A financial aid administrator who documented the student's circumstance in the same or a prior award year.
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Unaccompanied Homeless Students

Students are then asked about their homelessness status.

FAFSA[®]

Form
2026-27

Student **Raya Tran**



Student Homelessness

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes

No

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Unaccompanied Homeless Students

Unaccompanied

Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.



Homeless

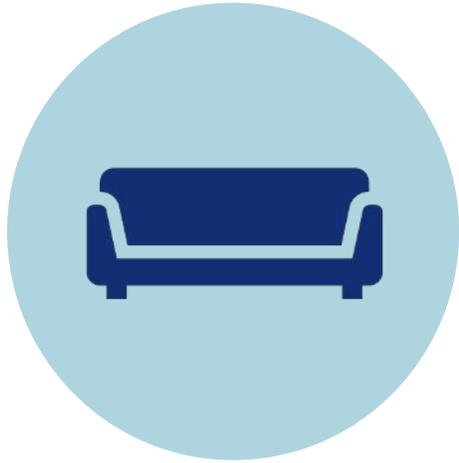
Lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing

OR

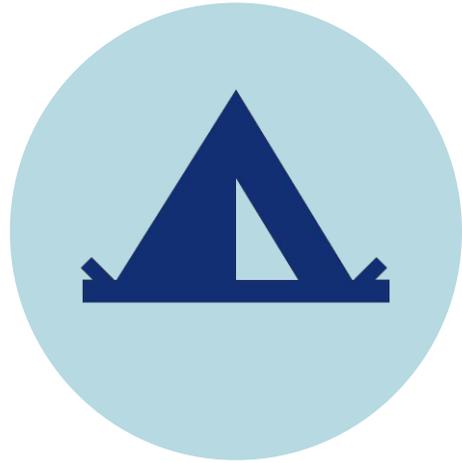
Self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless

A student is paying for their living expenses (including housing) AND when a student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate.

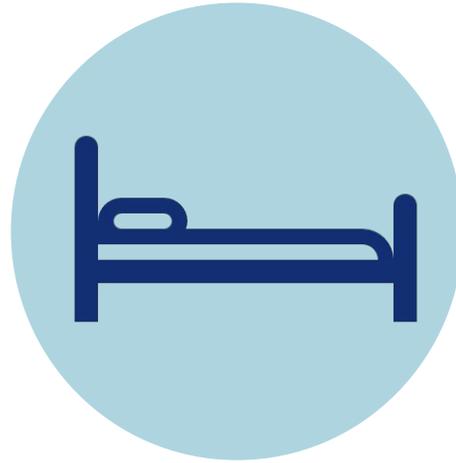
“Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing” includes students who:



Are staying with other people temporarily due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (i.e., couch-surfing)



Are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations



Are living in emergency shelters



Are living in their car, sleeping outside, or staying someplace not normally meant for human habitation.

Assessing Housing Status

- Can you tell me about where you're staying right now? Do you stay in the same place every night?"
- "Could your friend/relative that you are currently staying with ask you to leave if they wanted to? Where would you go if they asked you to leave?"
- "Do you feel like the place you're staying is temporary, or more long-term?"
- "Do you had to move around from place to place (sometimes referred to as couchsurfing) because you lost your housing or can't afford your own place to live?"

Homelessness Determinations

- More **options** for verification!
- FAAs **MUST accept documentation**, including a documented phone call from these entities unless there is “documented conflicting information.”
- Status **does not need to be redetermined** every year

Did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?

Select all that apply.

Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness

The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee

Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant

Financial aid administrator (FAA)

None of these apply.

- If “None of these apply”, the student can complete the FAFSA but must contact the financial aid office.
- FAA’s **MUST** make a **determination** based on a written statement, or documented interview, with a student.

Homelessness Determinations

Your Dependency Status



Provisionally Independent or **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**

You Can Proceed without Parent Information

Based on your answers, you can submit your application without answering questions about your parent(s).

To complete the financial aid process, you'll need to contact the financial aid office at the school you wish to attend.

If you are not in contact with a parent, or contacting a parent would pose a risk to you, you are considered a provisionally independent student. You will need to speak with the financial aid office at your school about your circumstances.

If you have indicated that you are unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, the financial aid office at your school is required to make a determination of your status based on a written statement from you or a documented interview with you. Please contact your school's financial aid office to complete this process.

We won't be able to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI) until your financial aid office confirms your circumstances. Until then, we will provide only an estimate of your federal student aid eligibility as an independent student.

Student Unusual Circumstances

If a student has **unusual circumstances**, they will be **“Provisionally Independent”** and will need to contact their FAA to make a final determination.

Student Unusual Circumstances

This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes

No

Demographics Section: Overview

Gender or Sex

Race and Ethnicity

Citizenship Status

Parent Education
Status

Parent Killed in Line
of Duty

High School
Completion Status

Demographics Section: Tips

 Students may select “Prefer not to answer” for questions about race, ethnicity, and parent education level. On the FAFSA, students are asked to indicate their sex and can only select “Male” or “Female.” On the CADAA, students are asked to indicate their gender. In either case, the selection does not affect a student's eligibility for financial aid.

 Proactively create a safe space for students before asking questions about gender/sex.

 If a student is an eligible non-citizen, they will be asked to enter their Alien Registration Number.

High School Completion Status: Tips

High school diploma

State-recognized high school equivalent
(e.g., GED certificate)

Homeschooled

None of the above



If the student completed or will complete high school, use the search function to find their high school to ensure it is entered correctly.



Students who were homeschooled or received a high school equivalency certificate (i.e. GED) are eligible for aid.

Financials Section: Federal Benefits Received

- Students are asked if they received certain means-tested public benefits at any time in 2024 or 2025.
- If you answer yes to any of these, you will be able to skip the question about your current assets.



In California:

Medicaid = MediCal

SNAP = Cal Fresh

TANF = CalWorks

<input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income Credit (EIC)	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Housing Assistance	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Price School Lunch	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or Health Insurance Subsidy	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	i
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	?
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	i

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Tax Information

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA® form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include the amount the student's spouse received.

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The amount reported will be DEDUCTED from the student's total income and could result in eligibility for more aid.

Student Assets

When asked about current student assets, student financial aid, such as grants or scholarships, does NOT need to be reported.

Annual Child Support Received

Enter the total amount of child support the student received for the last complete calendar year.

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Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student aid.

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Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

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Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them.

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Selecting Colleges

Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

Search and select colleges and career schools.

If you can't find your school when searching by school name or state, try searching by School Code.

You must add at least one college or career school to the FAFSA® form. You can add up to 20 schools. Make sure to list all the schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to all of them. You can add or delete schools on your FAFSA form later. Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.

 0 out of 20 schools selected [View Selected Schools](#)

[Search by School Name](#) [Search by School Code](#)

State

City - optional

School Name - optional

Selected Colleges

These are the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information

Review these schools and confirm your selection.

 12 of 20 Schools Selected

Showing 1 to 10 of 12

University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	 Remove	View Info
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Confirmation Page & FAFSA Submission Summary

Once submitted, you will receive a **confirmation page** with your estimated “**Student Aid Index (SAI)**”

The SAI is used to determine eligibility for federal student aid. It is not how much aid you are eligible to receive.

Typically, students receive a **FAFSA Submission Summary** indicating that their FAFSA was processed in 1–3 days.

FAFSA Form 2026–27 Student Raya Tran

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

 **Raya Tran**

Completion Date	Data Release Number	Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)
9/12/2025	2572	5000

The estimated SAI is subject to change based on final processing of your FAFSA form. The SAI is not a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college or career school. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,000.00. You may also be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study programs.

CADAA: AB540 Affidavit

- The AB540 Affidavit is embedded in the CADAA application.
- Students will need to confirm their eligibility based on:
 - At least 3 years of full-time attendance or coursework at California schools
 - Be on track to obtain high school graduation (diploma or alternative) or be on track to obtain an associates degree or transfer to a CSU/UC



After the FAFSA/CADAA

Chafee Grant Overview & Eligibility

- Current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court between 16–18
- Up to \$4,500 for up to 5 years until age 26.
- Can be used at public or private colleges, universities or career and technical schools in California or out of state.
- Must be enrolled at least half-time.



Chafee Grant Application Tips



A **separate application** is required for *first time* applicants in addition to the FAFSA/CADAA (chafee.csac.ca.gov)



Apply as soon as possible- students can apply now.



Planned School of Attendance refers to **one college** the student plans to attend. If the school isn't listed, contact CSAC.



Depending on the availability of funding, students may be **wait-listed**.

Webgrants 4 Students Account

**Create a Webgrants 4
Students Account at:**

mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

- **Wait until their FAFSA/CADAA is processed.** It can take 1-2 weeks for the FAFSA to process and link to WebGrants.
- If there are issues, contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC):
 - (888) 224-7268 or 1-800-735-2929 (TTY)
 - studentsupport@csac.ca.gov





WebGrants To Do's for Students



Check award status for Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship and Chafee Grant



Verify if there are any "pending" items or forms that still need to be completed



Confirm that school of attendance is accurate



Verify that your GPA has been received. If not, contact high school counselor or CSAC

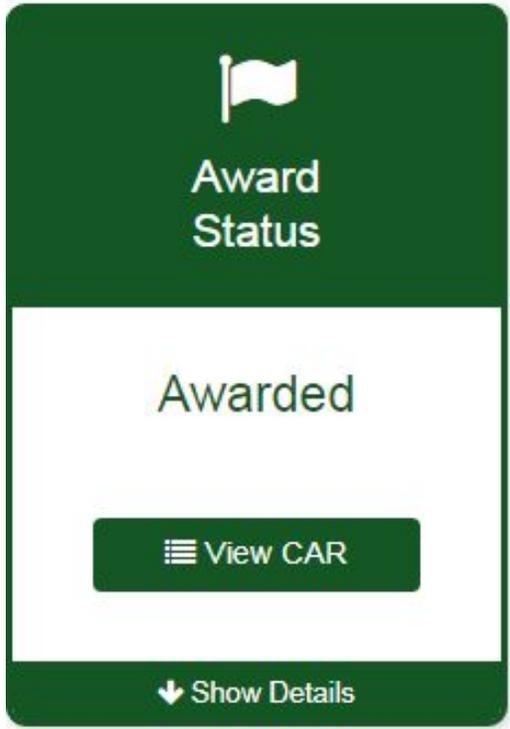


Enter high school graduation date (available on the 1st day of the month of graduation month.

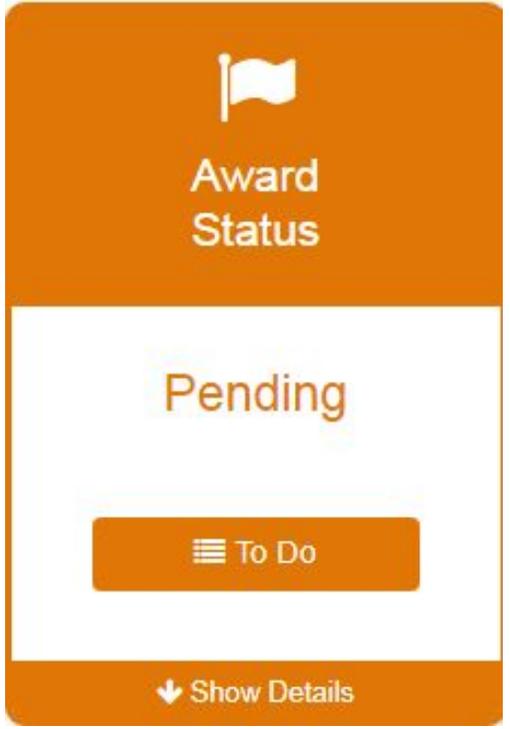


If you applied for Chafee Grant, check that "Department of Social Services Record" is verified.

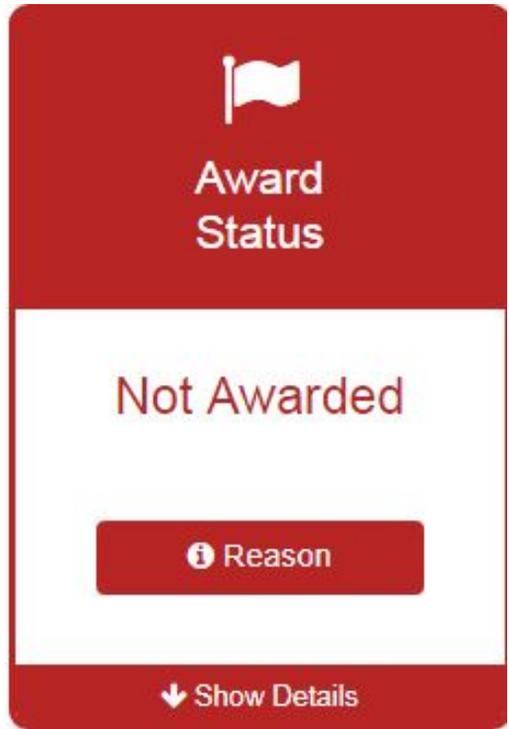
Check Your Award Status



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A card with an orange header and footer. The header contains a white flag icon and the text "Award Status". The main body is white and contains the text "Pending" and an orange button with a list icon and the text "To Do". The footer is orange and contains a white downward arrow icon and the text "Show Details".



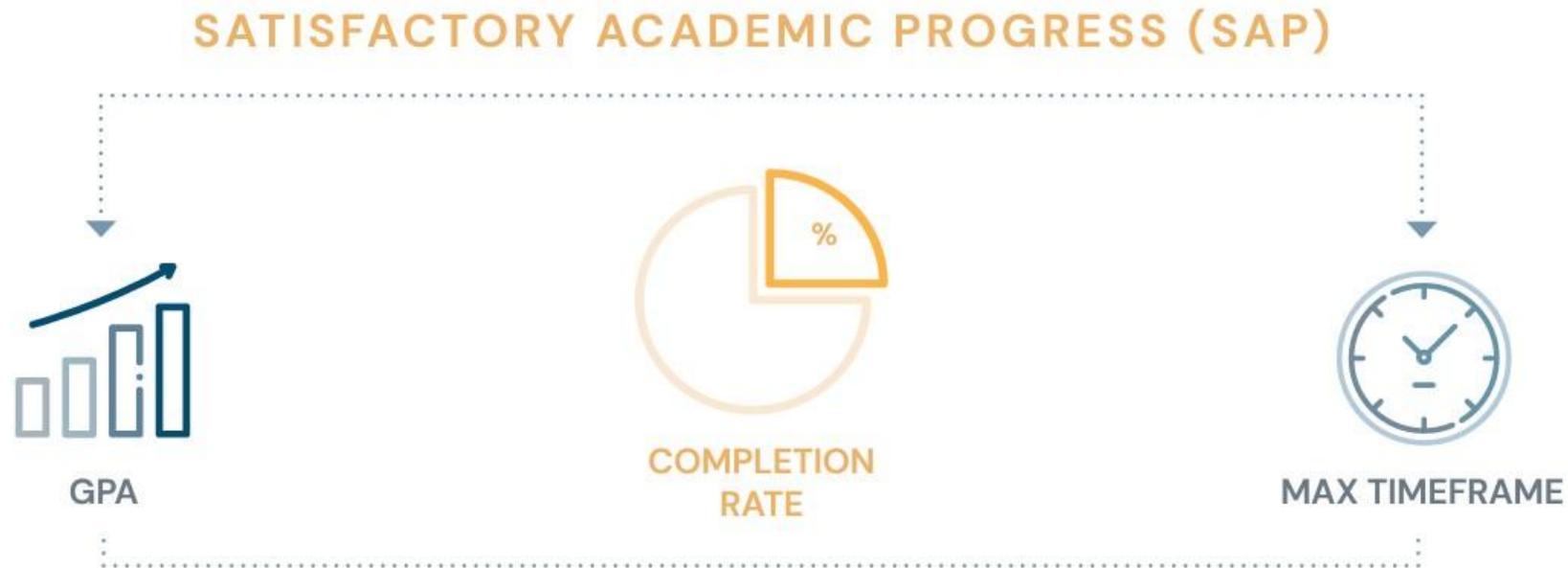
A card with a dark red header and footer. The header contains a white flag icon and the text "Award Status". The main body is white and contains the text "Not Awarded" and a dark red button with an information icon and the text "Reason". The footer is dark red and contains a white downward arrow icon and the text "Show Details".

Example: Award Pending for Chafee Grant

Chafee Grant Application Status (2026-2027)		
FAFSA		
Status	Received	
Incomplete !	Complete your FAFSA	
Chafee Application		
Status	Received	
Complete ✓	11/03/2020	
Department of Social Services Record		
Status		County
Incomplete !	Complete your Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form	LOS ANGELES



Understanding Satisfactory Academic Progress



Students who fail to meet their institution's SAP standards for two consecutive terms will lose eligibility for most financial aid.

Educate Students About SAP & How to Maintain Financial Aid

1

Inform
students about
how SAP works

2

Refer
students to an
academic
counselor to
ensure they
register for
proper classes

3

Advise
students to talk
to a counselor
before
withdrawing
from any
classes

4

Educate
students about
the appeal
process if they
fail to meet SAP

5

Connect
students to
resources early
- be proactive,
not reactive

CalKIDS Scholarships

College Savings Makes a Difference



Research shows that compared to children without college savings, children with savings for college are:

- **3x** more likely to enroll in college
- **5x** more likely to graduate

Types of CalKIDS Scholarships

There are two types of CalKIDS Accounts



At Birth Account

- \$25 initial deposit for all children born in California between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- \$100 initial deposit for all children born in California after July 1, 2023



School-Age Account

- \$500 for eligible low-income students
- Additional \$500 for foster youth
- Additional \$500 for homeless youth

Expanded Eligibility: School Age CalKIDS Accounts

Academic Year	Grade	Identified On: (Census Day)
2021- 2022	1 - 12	October 6, 2021
2022 - 2023	1	October 5, 2022
2023 - 2024	1	October 4, 2023
NEW: 2024-2025	1 - 12 (foster youth only through 27/28)* 1 (low-income & homeless) <i>ACCOUNTS WILL BE CREATED BY THE END OF 2025</i>	October 2, 2024

***Any foster youth who did not receive the low-income payment will also be awarded that in their account**

Claim CaKIDS Scholarships!



- Funds can be used once a student is enrolled in an eligible college (including technical/vocational schools)
- Scholarships may be claimed at any time.
- Funds must be used before the age of 26.

calkids.org

What is Needed to Claim a Student Account?

1. Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) or unique CalKIDS code found on the letter sent by mail
2. Student's date of birth
3. Name of the county where the student was enrolled when their account was created



The first step toward college

Dear parent or legal guardian of <child name>:

Congratulations! The State of California has established a CalKIDS account for your child and funded it with up to \$1,500.

CalKIDS wants to help families prepare for college, trade school or career programs, so it's giving all eligible youth up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS account.* It's free money that can grow over time and make a big difference when paying for future education expenses like tuition, books, computers and fees.

What you need to know:
Eligible students get up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS college savings account.

- \$900 for students with low or moderate family income
- \$900 bonus for students who are foster children
- \$600 bonus for students who are unhoused

Claim your child's account today.
It is free and easy. It costs you nothing. It only takes a few minutes.

Just visit our website at CalKIDS.org.
Use this code to help you get started: <12334566789>
(Do not share this code with anyone. It is only for <John Doe>.)

You can stop there, or if you want to save your own money for your child's education, you can open an account with ScholarShare 529, California's official college savings plan.

Already have a ScholarShare 529 account for your child? Link it to your child's CalKIDS account through our website so you can see their college savings in one place.

Visit CalKIDS.org to learn more, sign up for a free online webinar, or opt out of the program.
Get started today to start building a bright future for your child.



Enter the following information:

1. County where the student attended school (based on the chart below),
2. Their birthdate,
3. Their 10-digit Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) OR the unique registration code on the letter you may have received.

ACADEMIC YEAR	GRADE	ON THIS DATE
2021 - 2022	1 - 12	October 6, 2021
2022 - 2023	1	October 5, 2022
2023 - 2024	1	October 4, 2023
2024 - 2025	1	October 2, 2024

County * 

<None>

Participant birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) *

mm/dd/yyyy

Newborn / Young Child's LRN or Student SSID or Unique Code * 

Webgrants 4 Students: CalKIDS Update!

- All students who have a WG4S account and a matched CalKIDS account in their name will see a new section for CalKIDS on the WG4S portal
- Data is updated monthly



CALIFORNIA KIDS INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SAVINGS (CALKIDS) 

California has created a CalKIDS Account to help you with your college or career training expenses. Claiming it only takes a few minutes with your SSID

 Account Status Claimed	 Your CalKIDS Account Log In	 Contact CalKIDS Click Here
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Information as of 10/07/2025. Please log into your CalKIDS Account to see your latest information. Your SSID is 

CalKIDS Goals

Population	Current Claims	Current Percent Claimed	2026 Goal: Percent Claim
Foster Youth	3,302 of 32,391	10.2%	50%
Students Experiencing Homelessness	20,966 of 209,122	10%	50%

Estimated based on July 2025 claims.

Resources

JBAY Financial Aid Resources

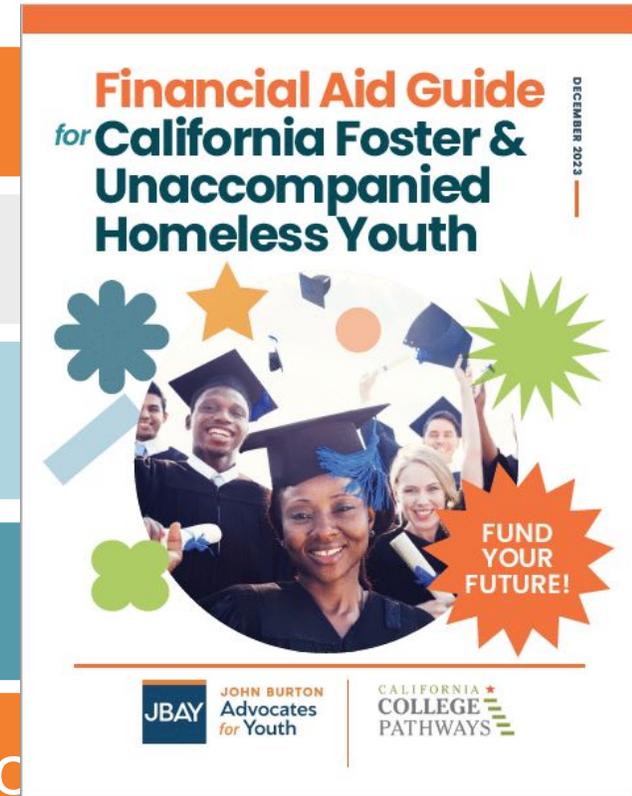
Financial Aid Guide (English & Spanish)

FAFSA/CADAA Visual Guides

High School Counselor Toolkits

Recorded Webinar

CalKIDS Program Guide & Marketing Resources



jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/

calkids.org/partners/marketing-toolkit/

calkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/CalKIDS-Program-Information-Guide-8.1.23.pdf

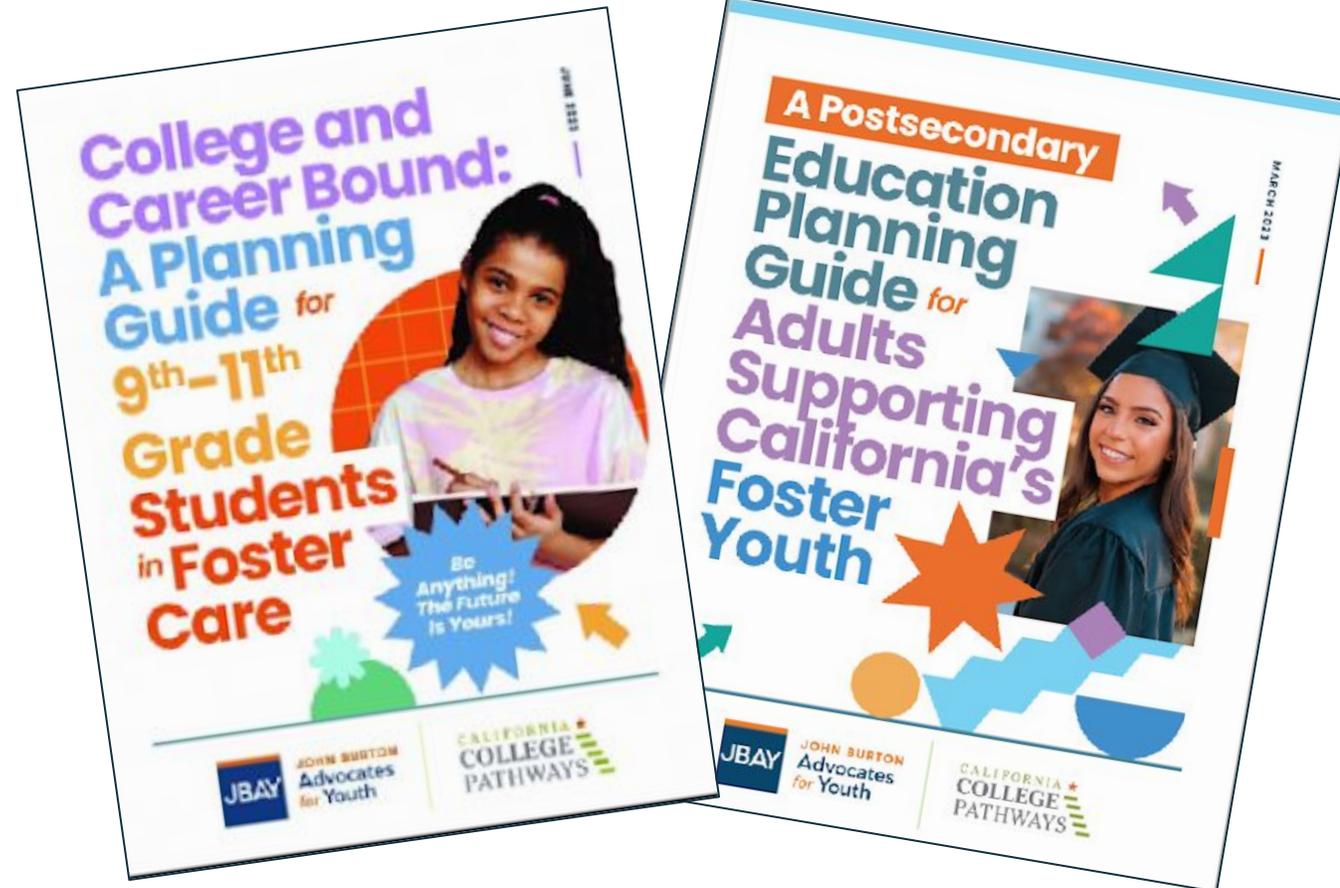
JBAY's Step-by-Step Postsecondary Education Planning Guides for Foster Youth

jbay.org/resources/ed-planning-guide/

Available in English and Spanish for adult supporters of youth in grades 6-12 and for youth in grades 9-12.

Includes downloadable checklists & student spotlight videos!

Visit cacollegepathways.org for comprehensive college planning information for current and former foster youth.



Resources for Homeless Youth

School House Connection

www.schoolhouseconnection.org/fafsa/

- ✓ Sample Verification Letters
- ✓ Screening tools
- ✓ Flowcharts
- ✓ And more!

National Center for Homeless Education

nche.ed.gov/higher-education/

Other Resources

ICanGoToCollege.com

ICanGoToCollege.com

Financial Aid for Justice-Involved Youth

ylc.org/resource/financial-aidfor-jj-youth

Immigrants Rising

immigrantsrising.org

Advising California Undocumented Students & Mixed-Status Families

firstgenempower.org/advising-undocu-students

JBAY Foster Youth FAFSA/CADAA Challenge

- Ongoing assistance for Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs (FYSCPs) participating in the Foster Youth FAFSA Challenge

Homeless Education Monthly Drop-In Office Hours

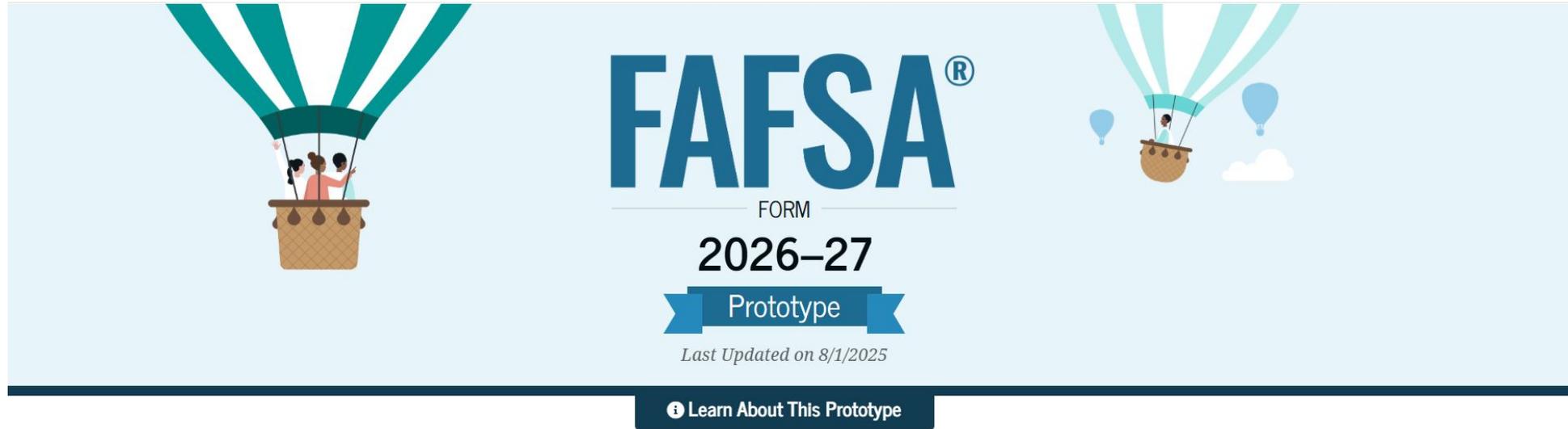
- Open to anyone supporting students experiencing homelessness
- Opportunity to ask questions, share challenges, and connect with peers

**Next Session: Thursday,
November 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

Registration Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ypSwxbyFTNGekQz4JJ1Gpg>

FAFSA 2025–2026 Preview



<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/fafsa-prototype/2627>

Access Code: prototype2627

THANK YOU

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