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December Dates to Remember:

- December 2 Super Saturday
- December 4-8 Financial Aid Classroom Presentations in Economics classes
- December 21 Minimum Day
- December 22 - January 5 Winter Break
- January 11-12 Finals

Check out the [Narrated Financial Aid Powerpoint](#) for Parents and Students!

Service Learning for Mid Year Graduates is due December 11th, 2023.

Students graduating early must also request a **check out sheet** from their Counselor and **complete a survey online** in order to have their graduation processed and their records released. This should be completed by the last day of Finals in January. Please note, final transcripts will not be available for pickup until January 26, 2024.

College Savings Workshop Thursday December 7th. Both lunches, starts immediately, first come first served. Limit 30 students. Location: Raider Cafe. Lunch provided. See Ms. Sana, Community Schools Coordinator, for more information.

The new term starts January 16th. Please remember that schedule change requests will only be granted for scheduling mistakes, **not** for teacher, period, or lunches.

Enjoy the Break!



RISE CENTER Counselor of the Day - December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ms. Price	Ms. Alduenda	Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Cramer	Ms. Straessler

College Foreign Language Requirement: What Is It and How Does It Work?

By Kim-Ling Sun

Ever wonder why there are foreign language requirements for college?

Competitive colleges typically require at least two years of a foreign language in high school. Note that these two years must typically be in the same language.

Being fluent in another language can be especially beneficial in the tech, education, business, and law sectors, as well as in other fields that play a key role in the global economy.

To develop a campus of well-rounded students, many colleges require applicants to have completed certain general education classes in high school. Taking a foreign language is often one of these requirements, in addition to taking classes in core subjects like math and English.

There are two types of foreign language requirements for college.

The first type focuses on admission. For many colleges, you have to take a certain number of foreign language classes in high school just to be able to apply. Usually, colleges expect you to take at least two years of a single foreign language. Some competitive colleges require additional years of Language. For example: Cornell University requires 3 years of of a foreign language.

The second type of foreign language requirement is for graduation. Many majors and colleges require you to pass one or more semesters of a foreign language in college.

The credits you earn from those courses typically count toward your general education requirements. Without them, you won't be able to graduate.

Most competitive colleges have a foreign language prerequisite for first-year applicants. For example, the University of Texas at Austin requires all first-year applicants, regardless of major, to complete two credits of a foreign language.

In terms of college graduation requirements, many universities require you to complete one or more semesters of a foreign language as part of your gen ed requirements. Colleges believe studying a foreign language expands your worldview and can open doors to more careers.

Colleges that require a foreign language for graduation typically require 9-12 credits in the same language. Languages can be modern, such as Spanish and Japanese, or classical, such as Latin.

If you previously took a foreign language in high school or speak a language other than English fluently or natively, you may be able to place out of lower-level language courses by demonstrating proficiency in the language. You can do this through the IB program, by passing an AP language test, by scoring highly on your college's language placement test, or by taking and passing an additional year of a language in high school.

Each college has its own graduation requirements, so check with your academic advisor to determine whether your degree requires a foreign language.

It doesn't matter which language you take — just that you study a single language consistently. Choose a language that interests you, regardless of how popular it is.



Greetings Families,

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” completion! CSAC is the state agency responsible for administering state financial aid. With the implementation of California Assembly Bill 469 ([AB 469](#)), we are working with your local high school to ensure your student has the resources they need to apply for financial aid for education beyond high school.

What is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act”?

“All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” is the initiative that assists school districts with ensuring that high school seniors complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Completing these applications increase students’ access to financial aid, which includes the Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Community College Promise Grant, and so much more. By connecting students to critical financial aid, “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” supports California’s vision to increase access to higher education and connect more students with over \$3.5 billion in state-based financial aid each year.

How does this impact you and your student?

Receiving financial aid can help you and your student handle the costs associated with higher education. By completing and submitting the FAFSA or CADAA, students will be processed for federal aid (FAFSA applicants only), state aid, institutional aid, and student loan eligibility, unless the student has completed the formal opt-out process. Students will have an estimate of most of the financial aid they can receive within a short time of submitting their application. This can help with making an informed decision about pursuing a college, university, or vocational school.

Here's how we can help

We provide the resources needed for you and your student to complete the application. For this year only, the 2024-2025 cycle of FAFSA and CADAA open in late December and you should submit by April 2nd to maximize federal and state financial aid opportunities. You and your student can attend Cash for College Workshops – both virtual and in person – for free assistance with completing the FAFSA or the CADAA. The application takes just a short amount of time to fill out and you can find a list of items that you will need to complete the applications and nearby workshops here.

Questions?

For more information visit our website at: csac.ca.gov

WHAT'S NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid \(FSA\)](#)

Who fills out the **FAFSA**? Students who are **US Citizens, Permanent Residents**, certain designations (including **refugees** or those who **received asylum**), and **T Visa** holders.

- FSA ID – Please make sure students have set up their FSA ID prior to completing their application.
- Parent FSA ID (if applicable)
- Social Security Card (For FAFSA applicants, must not say "Valid for Work Purposes only" on card)
- Alien Registration Number / Green Card (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if applicable)
- Tax Information (1040s and W2s from two years prior) if applicable
- Record of untaxed income (child support, combat pay, retirement, etc.)
- List of colleges that the student is interested in applying to

If you need assistance completing the application, please find **FREE Cash for College Workshops** [here](#).



California Dream Act Application (CADAA) - [CA Dream Act Application](#)

Who fills out the **CADAA**? Students who are **Undocumented students** (with or without **DACA**), who have **Temporary Protected Status**, and **U Visa Holders** who are eligible for state financial aid and in-state tuition.

- ITIN number (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if applicable)
- Tax Information (1040s and W2s from two years prior) if applicable
- Record of untaxed income (child support, combat pay, retirement, etc.)
- List of colleges that the student is interested in applying to

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LO QUE SE NECESITA PARA COMPLETAR SU SOLICITUD DE AYUDA FINANCIERA:

SOLICITUD GRATUITA DE AYUDA FEDERAL FINANCIERA PARA ESTUDIANTES (SIGLAS EN INGLÉS-FAFSA) – [Solicitud de FAFSA®](#) | [Ayuda federal para estudiantes \(FSA\)](#)

¿Quiénes llenan la solicitud de **FAFSA**? Los estudiantes que son **ciudadanos estadounidenses, residentes permanentes**, ciertas designaciones (incluyendo los **refugiados** o aquellos que **recibieron asilo**) y los titulares de **visas T**.

- FSA ID – Favor de asegurarse de que los estudiantes han configurado su identificación FSA (FSA ID) antes de completar su solicitud.
- Identificación FSA para padres (si corresponde)
- Tarjeta de seguro social (para solicitantes de FAFSA, no debe decir "Válido solo para fines laborales" en la tarjeta)
- Número de registro de extranjero / Tarjeta de residencia (si corresponde)
- Licencia de conducir (si corresponde)
- Información de impuestos (Formularios 1040 y W2 de los últimos dos años) si corresponde
- Registro de ingresos libre de impuestos (manutención de los hijos, pago por combate, jubilación, etc.)
- Lista de colegios/universidades a las que el estudiante está interesado en aplicar.

Si necesita ayuda para completar la solicitud, encuentre los **Talleres GRATUITOS de Cash for College (dinero para el colegio) aquí.**



Solicitud Dream Act de California (CADAA) – [Solicitud Dream Act de CA](#)

¿Quiénes llenan la solicitud **CADAA**? Los **estudiantes indocumentados** (con o sin **DACA**), que tienen el **estatus de protección temporal** y los **titulares de visas U** que son elegibles para recibir ayuda financiera estatal y matrícula estatal.

- Número ITIN (si corresponde)
- Licencia de conducir (si corresponde)
- Información de impuestos (Formularios 1040 y W2 de los últimos dos años) si corresponde
- Registro de ingresos libre de impuestos (manutención de los hijos, pago por combate, jubilación, etc.)
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Why fill out a FAFSA or CADAA Application?

Before each year of college you must apply for **grants, work-study, and loans**. This is collectively called **Financial Aid**.

In order to be considered for federal or state funds you need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA®**) or **CADAA** form.

- Your college uses your application data to determine your aid eligibility.
- Many states and colleges use this data to award their own aid.
- You must submit a **FAFSA** or **CADAA** in order to qualify for the **Community College and West Sacramento Grant**.

The California Dream Act Application (**CADAA**) are for students who are not U.S. Citizens, National or Permanent residents or do not fulfill ALL of the FAFSA requirements. The DREAM application is unique to California promoting access to all students regardless of immigration statues and/or documentation.

WHAT FINANCIAL AID CAN A DREAMER APPLY FOR?

- Entitlement Cal Grant A & B, C
- Chafee Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- UC Grants
- State University Grants
- California Community College (CCC) BOG Fee Waiver
- EOP/EOPS
- Some University scholarships
- Some private scholarships administered by campuses