



All in for FAFSA / CA Dream Act

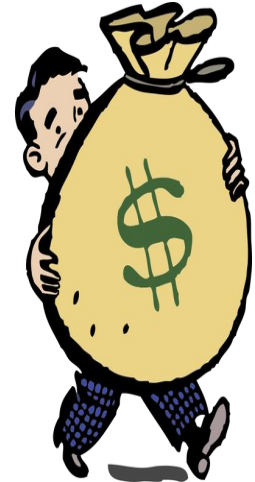
WHAT: All 12th graders MUST complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA), unless the student formally submits an opt-out waiver.

WHY: To Qualify for Financial Aid including:

- 2 **FREE** Years Of Community College!
- Merit based scholarships
- **FREE** Grants!
- And more!!!

HOW: APPLY for the FAFSA or CADAA!

WHEN: The FAFSA / CADAA Application opens **December 31, 2023.**





The State of CA now **requires** schools to collect information on Financial Aid.

Students need to turn in a **form** indicating what application option they intend to choose (FAFSA, CADAA, Opt Out).

The **form** will be available **online** in multiple languages and in the **Counseling Office**.



All seniors must turn in their signed* form to their counselor by **March 2, 2024.**

***Students under 18 yrs old must have a parent signature!**

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.

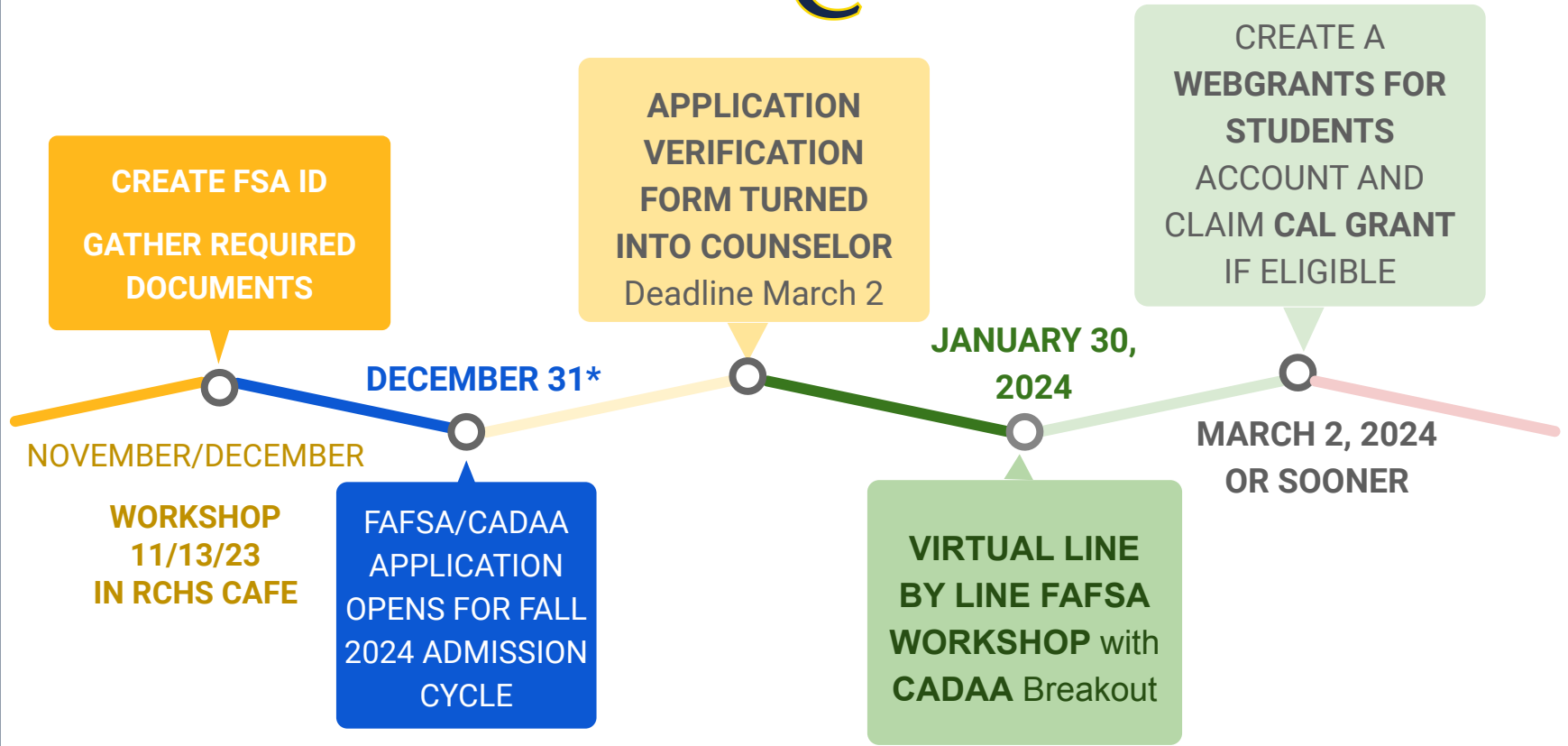


You must submit a **FAFSA** or **CADAA** in order to qualify for the **Community College and West Sacramento Grant**.



RCCHS will host a **Virtual Line By Line Workshop** on
January 30, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm.
Zoom Link will be posted one week prior to event.

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE





Which Application do I fill out?

FAFSA

You submit a FAFSA if you are a **U.S. Citizen, National or Permanent Resident**. Students who are eligible to file a FAFSA receive ***Federal and State Aid***.

CADAA (CA DREAM Act)

Are for students who are **undocumented** or do not fulfill ALL of the FAFSA requirements.

CADAA Qualifications:

1. Attend a California school for at least three years*
2. Graduate from a California high school.
3. Register or enroll in a California college or university.
4. After Applying with CADAA: Submit a signed “Non-Resident Exemption/AB 540 Affidavit” Request

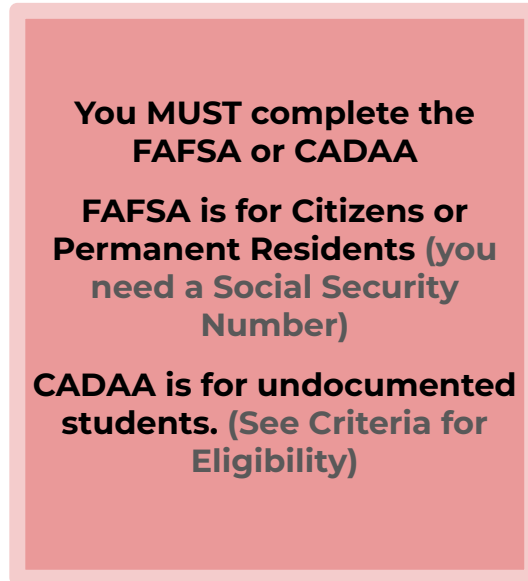
Please note: The CADAA is NOT connected to DACA in any way. It is not a requirement to be eligible to submit a CADAA.

The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) permits enrollment fees to be waived for eligible California residents.

CCPG gets awarded based on financial need when a student is determined a California resident or exempt from non-resident fees under the California Dream Act.

Important aspects of the Promise are waived tuition for the first two years of college, priority enrollment, additional financial support, and a dedicated support team providing a wide array of academic and student support services.

The West Sacramento Promise provides residents of West Sacramento who graduated from a high school within the last 6 months with fee-free college for their first two years at Sacramento City College's main campus, West Sacramento Center, or Davis Center.



What is the Cal Grant?



FREE



A **GRANT** is **MONEY** that you don't need to pay back!

Cal Grants are awarded to eligible students attending college in **California**.

Cal Grant eligibility is awarded based on two things:

1. **Academic GPA*** from **10th and 11th** grade.
2. **Submission** of a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Student Aid) or **CADAA** (CA Dream Act Application) submitted in a student's Senior Year.

Academic GPA's* are uploaded **automatically** by the school in the fall of a student's Senior year. This means if you are eligible you get **free money!!!**

Students who **do not** want their GPA uploaded must fill out an **opt out form** prior to **January 1 of their Junior Year**.

Opt out forms are available online and in the Counseling Office. **Signed forms must be turned in to Ms. Price** (Counselor)



Attend one of our Counseling Workshops!

- ★ **November 15th: FSA ID Workshop**
- ★ **January 24th: Back to School Night
Drop in Q&A**
- ★ **January 30th: Virtual Line by Line
Workshop**