



# Need Money for College?

**APPLICATION OPENS OCTOBER 15 • APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15**

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Attend at least four of six years between grades 7 and 12 at a Santa Barbara County school and graduate or receive a GED from a Santa Barbara County high school by June\*
- Plan to attend full time as a vocational, undergraduate, or graduate student at a Title IV-approved school
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or AB 540 eligible\*\*

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Personal and Household Information – All Applicants

- Full legal name, personal email address, and contact information
- Citizenship status and social security number\*\*
- Contact information of your closest family member or friend
- Financial and personal information for you and your parent(s) such as birthdate, employer, occupation, household size, and tax information

### Required Documents – All Applicants

- Student Aid Report (SAR) generated by completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application
- College plan, including top college choices, proposed major, career goals, and expected graduation date
- Personal statement that includes your professional and academic goals, sources of motivation, and achievements
- List of activities, employment, community service, and honors or awards

### Required Documents – New Applicants Only

- Transcripts from all high schools and colleges of attendance
- Undergraduate students (including high school seniors) must submit one academic letter of recommendation; a second letter of recommendation is optional.
- Graduate students must submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be academic.

\* Foster care youth, wards of S.B. County Court, and home-schooled or boarding school students, please call for eligibility. Homeschooled students must meet requirements for school affidavit(s).

\*\* AB 540 students are not required to provide a social security number.

**Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara**

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# Financial Aid Basics

## WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is funding from federal, state, institutional (colleges or universities), and private agencies intended to help students pay for educational expenses at colleges, universities, and vocational schools.

There are two applications for student aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the California Dream Act Application. Students should complete one application based on citizenship status.

### U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENTS & CERTAIN VISA HOLDERS

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- Available October 1; California state deadline is March 2.
- Completion is required to be considered for federal, state, institutional, and most private aid.
- Federal student aid includes grants, loans, and work-study programs.
- California state aid includes Cal Grants, the Chafee Grant for Foster Youth, Middle Class Scholarships, and other programs.
- Institutional aid varies by college.

#### Information needed to complete the FAFSA:

- Student and parent Federal Student Aid ID ([fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov))
- Student social security number and prior-prior year tax return and/or W2
- Parents' social security number (if applicable) and prior-prior year tax return(s) and/or W2
- Asset information
- Parents' birthdates, and date they were married/separated/divorced/widowed

### UNDOCUMENTED & AB 540 ELIGIBLE\*

California Dream Act Application (CADAA)  
[www.dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov)

- Available October 1; California state deadline is March 2.
- Completion is required to be considered for state, institutional, and most private aid.
- California state aid includes Cal Grants, the Chafee Grant for Foster Youth, Middle Class Scholarships, and other programs.
- Institutional aid varies by college.

#### Information needed to complete the California Dream Act Application:

- Student DACA number (if applicable)
- Student prior-prior year tax return and/or W2
- Parents' prior-prior year tax return(s) and/or W2
- Asset information
- Parents' birthdates, and date they were married/separated/divorced/widowed

*\*Attendance at a California high school for at least three years and graduation from a California high school is required.*



Need help filling out these applications? Call or email our Program Advisors for an appointment.  
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