

# ALL IN FOR FAFSA/CADAA

**FACT SHEET FOR ALL IN FOR FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) AND CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION (CADAA)**

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Starting in the 2022-23 school year, high schools and school districts (Local Educational Agencies) must ensure that 12th graders complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)**.

### WHY?

All students deserve to continue their education beyond high school. Completing the FAFSA/CADAA provides access to various financial aid resources that will help reduce the cost of attendance.

### WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

The combination of grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, student loans, and other forms of aid to help students finance their higher education.

ALL IN INFO



California ranks #1 in the nation in total financial aid:

**\$3.5  
BILLION**

## WHEN TO APPLY

The FAFSA and CADAA open on **October 1 every year.**

Students and their families are encouraged to **apply as early as possible to maximize financial aid opportunities** unless the student has formally submitted an opt-out waiver.

## FAFSA VS CADAA

**Students only need to fill out ONE of these depending on their residential status.**

**FAFSA:** Student is a US citizen, permanent resident, T-Visa holder, or other eligible noncitizen

**CADAA:** Student is undocumented (with or without DACA), has Temporary Protected Status, or is a U-Visa holder who is eligible under Education Code 68130.5 (AB 540)



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FAFSA/  
CADAA**

## GET HELP WITH APPLYING

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