



FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid Overview

To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). **Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college** (2-year or 4-year institutions) as well as trade schools and specialized programs. Many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

When you fill out a FAFSA form, you automatically qualify for low-interest federal student loans. In some schools that have tuition over \$65,000, need-based financial aid is also available to students from middle and upper-middle-class income brackets.

Filling out a FAFSA form indicates that you are interested in a particular institution, making it **more likely that the institution will try to entice you to attend by offering financial aid** (private).

If You Do Not Complete the FAFSA, Then You Are Not Eligible for...

- **Middle-Class Scholarship:** Available to students who qualify based on income.
- **Work-Study:** Getting a job on campus.
- **Academic Scholarships:** Based on students GPA. Sometimes called a merit-based scholarship.
- **Athletic Scholarships:** If you are a student-athlete, the college will make you complete the FAFSA.
- **Low-interest Student Loans:** Bank loans will be only option.
- First 2 years of Community College free.
- **Renew FAFSA application once a year**

Assembly Bill 469 Pupil Instruction: Financial Aid Applications

Commencing with the 2022-2023 school year, the governing body of a local education agency shall confirm that a pupil complies with at least one of the following except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (d).

1

The pupil completes and submits to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

2

The pupil completes and submits to the Student Aid Commission a form established for purposes of the California Dream Act.

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The parent or legal guardian of the pupil, or the pupil if the pupil is a legally emancipated minor or 18 years of age or older, may opt-out of the requirements of this section by filling out and submitting an opt-out form to the local educational agency

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If the local educational agency determines that a pupil is unable to complete the requirement, the local education agency shall exempt the pupil by completing and submitting an opt-out form on the pupil's behalf.

What Does AB 469 Mean?

All students must complete and submit either a FAFSA document or a California Dream Act document their senior year. If the student wishes not to submit one of these documents the student must complete an opt-out form provided to them and submit to their high school counselor.

If you have questions, please contact your high school counselor.

