

# 3 Steps to FAFSA/ DREAM ACT Completion

It only takes  
about 45 minutes to  
fund your education!

## 1 CREATE A FSA ID Go to [FSaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) (10 minutes)

**The FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for FAFSA\*** The FSA ID replaces the FSA PIN.

*Note: FSA ID not required for CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) – Start at Step 2*

### Tips on creating the FSA ID:

- Legal parent and student each need their own FSA ID
- Use the “show text” feature
- Each legal parent will need his/her Social Security Number (SSN)
- Do not use your high school email address as access will be lost after graduation. You and your parents will need an email address and may want to create a free personal email address at Yahoo.com or Google.com

**Note:** Creating a FSA ID only takes a few minutes, but it can take a day or two to process. It is best to do it ahead of time if you plan to attend a Cash for College workshop.

## 2 COMPLETE THE FAFSA or California Dream Act App Go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) (35 min.)

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1. Priority filing deadline for the 2021-22 is March 2, 2021.**

### FAFSA – What you will need:

- Student’s and parent’s FSA ID to create the FAFSA application
- Driver’s license, if you have one (optional)
- Student’s and parent’s social security cards or numbers (Alien registration #, if applicable)
- 2019 income & tax record information
- Student’s and parent’s untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker’s compensation
- Records of Student’s and parent’s Asset Information (Rental Property, stocks/bonds, etc.)
- List of colleges you are interested in attending
- Verify all information for accuracy before submitting.

### CA Dream Act – What You will need:

- Student’s Dream Act username and password (if you already have one)
- Driver’s license, if you have one (optional)
- Student’s and parent’s TIN numbers (use zeros if they do not have a TIN number)
- 2019 income & tax record information
- Student’s and parent’s untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker’s compensation
- Records of Student’s and parent’s Asset Information (Rental Property, stocks/bonds, etc.)
- List of colleges you are interested in attending.
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**Note:** Misreporting the value of investments is a common FAFSA mistake. Please carefully review what is and is not considered a student investment and parent investment to make sure you do not over or under-report.

## 3 NEED HELP? ATTEND A CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP!

**Check out the workshop schedule at [www.hancockcollege.edu/calsoap/workshops.php](https://www.hancockcollege.edu/calsoap/workshops.php)**

- Online drop-in basis
- Financial Aid staff available to assist
- Spanish-language assistance available
- Bring information for FAFSA completion in steps 1 & 2 above

\* Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for federal & state grants, work study, student loans at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

\* California Dream Act Application (CDAA) for state and Cal Grants at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

