Now Available!

2016-2017 FAFSA &
DREAM Application

Now is the time to complete the applications for Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

Complete the 2016-17 FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

AB 540 students can complete the 2016-17 DREAM Application at [https://dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)

Attend one of our workshops listed on this page.

**Fall FAFSA / Dream Application Workshops**

- 02-17-16  1:00 pm  Welcome Center
- 03-07-16  11:00 am  Welcome Center
- 03-16-16  2:00 pm  Welcome Center
- 03-23-16  2:00 am  Welcome Center
- 04-04-16  1:00 pm  Welcome Center
- 04-18-16  1:00 pm  Welcome Center
- 04-27-16  1:00 pm  Welcome Center
- 05-04-16  2:00 pm  Welcome Center

Please come prepared with all relevant income/tax information and social security numbers. Parents are welcome to attend if necessary.

**Staff are available in the Welcome Center during regular hours for assistance beyond the above workshop dates.**
What’s my FSA ID?

The FAFSA no longer uses a federal PIN as your electronic signature. In order to complete and sign your FAFSA, all applicants are required to create a username and password as federal student aid identification. Follow these steps to create your FSA ID:

1. Go to: FSAID.ed.gov and enter a email address.
2. Create a username and password and enter all relevant information, including date of birth and social security number.
3. Create and answer all security questions—make sure to keep this information private!
4. Link your previous PIN with your FSA ID to confirm your identity.
5. Review your information and verify your email by using the secure code.

All students must sign in with their FSA ID to view their Student Aid Report (SAR), or to make FAFSA corrections. Parents of dependent students will need to create an FSA ID to sign FAFSA electronically. Please be sure to write down all FSA ID information for future use and do not share your federal signature with anyone!

You can still apply for financial aid for Spring 2016!

The 2015-16 FAFSA & Dream Application are still available!!

Complete the 2015-16 FAFSA application at www.fafsa.gov.

Use drop-down box & select 2015-16 for Spring 2016

AB 540 students can complete the 2015-16 Dream Application at https://dream.csac.ca.gov.

Attend one of our workshops or visit the Welcome Center on campus located behind the Student Financial Services Building.
Once you’ve qualified for the BOG Fee Waiver, it’s important to ensure that you’re meeting the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing it.

**Minimum Requirements for Maximum Success**

**Academic — Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher**
If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

**Progress — Complete more than 50 percent of your coursework**
If the cumulative number of units you complete is not more than 50 percent in two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

**Combination of Academic and Progress Standards**
Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0, and/or cumulative unit completion of not more than 50 percent may result in loss of fee waiver eligibility.

**How will I know?**
You will be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if you are being placed on either academic (GPA) and/or Progress (course completion) probation.

**How do I regain eligibility?**
Improve your GPA or course completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards.
Successful appeal regarding extenuating circumstances.
Successful appeal based on significant academic improvement.
Not attending your school district for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters).

**The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:**
Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control.
Changes in economic situation.
Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services.
Special consideration factors for CalWorks, EOPS, DSPS and student veterans.
Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner.

Please note: Foster youth and former foster youth (age 24 years or younger) are not subject to loss of BOG Fee Waiver under these regulations.
What is Financial Literacy?

Don’t let money concerns interfere with your education. Use CashCourse – a free non-profit money management website – to find ways to get on track so that you can focus on other important matters… like your finals!!

CashCourse is available thanks to an agreement with the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) and Riverside City College.

To learn more visit the CashCourse tool by going to www.rcc.edu, select Financial Aid and Financial Literacy

Useful References/Websites

To Apply for Financial Aid:
www.fafsa.gov

To Apply for the Dream Act:
https://dream.csac.ca.gov

For information on Cal Grant, Chafee, or Child Development
www.csac.ca.gov

For Information on Financial Aid programs:
www.studentaid.gov
www.icanaffordcollege.com
www.finaid.org

Overpayment/Default Information:
www.mypeddebt.com

For your Financial Aid history:
www.nslds.ed.gov

For information on student loans:
www.studentloans.gov

Useful Scholarship Websites:
www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com
www.scholarshiphunter.com
www.scholarsite.com
www.cashforcollege.com
www.freescholarshipguide.com
www.collegenet.com
www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.collegeboard.org/scholarships
www.californiacashforcollege.org