

I Completed My Financial Aid Application - What's Next?

Useful Tips for Students

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Check the status of your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application.

- Log into your FAFSA application (FAFSA.ED.GOV) or CA Dream Act application (DREAM.CSAC.CA.GOV)

Complete additional financial forms, if requested by the school.

- The school(s) you applied to might require additional forms. These forms are usually located in your college student portals.

Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)

What is SAR?

- It is a document that gives you basic information about your eligibility for federal student aid. (This does not include state aid such as Cal Grants)

Review

Create and log into your WebGrants for Students account in order to:

- Understand & manage your Cal Grant award.
- If you are going to attend a CA college - you **MUST** select the school through WebGrants under "**School of Attendance.**"
- Ensure there is nothing in your "**To Do**" section. Remember you will need to verify your graduation date **AFTER** you graduate.
- If you are an undocumented student that meets AB 540 requirements, you will need to fill out and submit a Non-resident Tuition Exemption form. This information is confidential and **will not be shared** with any federal government agencies.

The website is mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov 

Complete & Repeat

Correct/update information as needed.

- Make sure you submitted all necessary documents and signatures.

Follow the verification process if you are notified - it is required.

- Verification forms are requested and provided by the school(s) you have applied to.
- They are generally found in your college student portal.
- If you are asked to verify information and you have yet to do so, this may have delayed your financial aid award letter. Forms requested include: Dependency Verification, CA Residency, etc.

Resubmit your FAFSA or CA Dream Act applications for every year you plan to attend college.