What You’ll Need to Complete the FAFSA online

www.fafsa.gov

- Your / your parents’ Social Security number
- Your / your spouse’s or parents’ financial records, which includes:
  - 1040 (A,EZ) or W-2 (if income tax forms have not been filed yet, use previous year’s to estimate)
  - Bank statement, business and investment records
- Your driver’s license number
- Your Alien Registration number

NOTE: Dependent students must provide parent information. This will include:

- Parents’ Social Security number (if they do not have one, enter zeros)
- Parents’ date of birth

- Federal PIN: ALL student’s should apply for a PIN and if parents’ information is being provided on the FAFSA, a Federal PIN for at least one parent is required - if parents do not have a Social Security number, then a Signature Page can be printed, then mailed in. After PIN is established it will remain the same each yr.
  - www.pin.ed.gov or can apply while completing the FAFSA

What You’ll Need to Complete the Cal Dream Act Online

www.caldreamact.org

- Students with an ITIN must complete the Cal Dream Act application
- Students with a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) SSN# must fill out the Cal Dream Act application
- Your / your spouse’s or parents’ financial records, which includes:
  - 1040 (A,EZ) or W-2 (if income tax forms have not been filed yet, use previous year’s to estimate)
  - Bank statement, business and investment records

NOTE: Dependent students must provide parent information. This will include:

- Parents’ Social Security number (if they do not have one enter ITIN or zeros)
- Parents’ date of birth

- PIN: during the process of filling out the application it will assign the Student a User ID and Password (important to remember)
- Parents PIN: at the end of the application it will require for the student to provide parent signature ‘Request Parent PIN’ using Last Name, First Name, DOB, and Wages. It will assign a new Parent PIN # each year.

To help you try to determine your dependency status, you’ll likely be an Independent student if:

- You’re 24 years of age
- You’re married
- You have a child or dependent that you provide more than half of their annual support
- You are or were a veteran or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
- You are a foster youth, emancipated minor, or homeless youth (documentation may be required)
Tips for Completing the Application

Go to www.fafsa.gov or www.caldreamact.org

- You may START, SAVE, STOP and CONTINUE working on your FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application
- Create a password at the beginning so you can continue working on a SAVED Application
  - Use either a word and/or number sequence; PIN is okay to use
  - Remember to write down your passwords and or username created
- You may estimate using previous year income, submit & correct FAFSA or Cal Dream Act Application later
  - This will help in meeting early aid application deadlines
  - Students & parents are urged to file taxes as early as possible
- You may make corrections at any time to an already submitted application
- You can add/delete school codes (search during application process)
- You can check status, review and print your Student Aid Report (SAR) at anytime
- **FAFSA ONLY:** Once taxes are final, you may LINK to IRS to auto fill the FAFSA income questions
  - E-Filers: wait two weeks before using the IRS Retrieval Tool
  - **Filing via Mail:** wait about 4-6 weeks to process before using IRS Retrieval Tool
- You should complete the PIN process before using the IRS LINK
- You can create a PIN (electronic signature) during the application process Or in advance, go to www.PIN.ed.gov

It should only take a few days to receive your SAR by email; the college should receive the results in 1 to 2 weeks. Once received, they should contact you with the next steps or documents required to complete your financial aid file. If you do not hear from them in 3-4 weeks after filing the application, you should follow up with the college(s) that you listed to find out what your status is.

Don’t assume that ‘no news is good news’, which may not be the case. Check your status on the college portal regularly for status updates, requests for additional information, award notification.

*Knowing your financial aid status and any follow up requirements are the responsibility of the student.*