



# What are we covering?

- Financial Aid Overview
- Types of Financial Aid
  - Financial Aid Eligibility
- How to Apply for Financial Aid
- Understanding Your Financial Aid Package
- FERPA(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)



# What is Financial Aid?

Financial support via federal government, state, college and private sources for students to help pay for college and other expenses such as:

- ✓ Tuition and Fees
- ✓ Room and Board
- ✓ Books and Supplies
- ✓ Transportation



# **Types of Financial Aid**

Grants Money you don't have to repay - based on financial need

**Scholarships** Free money for college - based on students area of study or merit, such as good grades, high test scores, athletic, musical or other special abilities, community service, and sometimes financial need

Work-study Federal and College - Money earned through student employment on or off campus to help pay for your education

Loans Borrowed money that you must pay back, usually with interest

- Subsidized
- Non-Subsidized
- Private





## State & Federal Grants

## Cal A, B, & C

Cal Grant A - 3.0 GPA/ Tuition + Fees for 4yr colleges

UC - \$12,240 | CSU - \$5,472 IND- \$9,000

Cal Grant B - 2.0 GPA / Tuition + Fees for 4yr & 2yr colleges

UC - \$12,240 CSU - \$5,472

IND- \$9,000

+ \$1,656 living allowance

\*Community colleges fee's will be waived

#### Cal Grant C

- No GPA Requirement
- Assists with costs of technical or career education books, tools and equipment
- Only available for 2vrs

## **Federal Grant**

Pell Grant, Variable, up \$5,815 per year

## Middle Class Scholarship

- Family Incomes up to \$156,000 who attend a CSU or UC campus.
- Scholarships are based on a sliding scale.
- 4vr eligibility limitation



# **University Grants**

## **State University Grant**

- Covers state tuition fee (not campus fees) at the CSU
- Based on Financial Need



## **CSUF Grants**

#### **GRANTS**

#### Federal

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

#### State

- Cal Grant\*
- · State University Grant\*
- Educational Opportunity Program Grant\*
- Middle Class Scholarship\*

#### LOANS

#### Federal Direct Loans

- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized
- PLUS (Parent and Graduate) Loans

#### Other Loans

- Private Loans
- · California Dream Loan



# **Work Study**

## Federal and College

- Based on Financial Need
- Students can work up to 20 hours per week
- Income earned does not affect the student's financial aid award the next year



## **Federal Loans**

Stafford Loan The US Department of Education is the lender

### **Subsidized**

- ✓ Based on financial need
- ✓ The Dept. of Education pays the interest while the student is enrolled.
- Do not have to start repaying until you graduate
- Repayment and consolidation plans are available
- ✓ Fixed rate

#### **Unsubsidized**

- ✓ No financial requirement to demonstrate financial need
- ✓ The borrower is responsible for paying interest
- Do not have to start repaying until you graduate
- Repayment and consolidation plans are available
- ✓ Fixed rate

#### **Private Loan**

- ✓ No financial requirement is needed
- ✓ Higher Interest Rates
- ✓ Student may have to pay while in school
- ✓ Cosigner may be needed
- ✓ Not as flexible to repayment plans



## **Parent Plus Loan**

- ✓ Must be a parent of a dependent student
- ✓ You must not have adverse credit history
- ✓ May need to begin repayment after disbursement
- ✓ Fixed interest rates



# **Private Scholarships**

#### Many are offered by the University:



President's Scholars Program: www.fullerton.edu/scholars
Future Scholars Program: http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/scholarships

Many are offered by private groups, businesses, organizations & corporations



www.finaid.org www.fastap.org www.fastweb.org www.scholarships.com

#### What are the requirements to obtain a scholarship?

The requirements vary based on the scholarship, some include:

- GPA requirement
- Skills and talent
- Academic Interest and Career Aspirations
- Extra and co-curricular activities
- Community Service



# How to Apply for Financial Aid





# **Financial Aid Application**

## **FAFSA**

U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents



www.fafsa.ed.gov

## **CA Dream Act**

AB540 Students



www.caldreamact.org

Opens: October, 1 2017

**Due by: March 1, 2018** 



## **Federal Student Aid Identification**

#### FSA ID

- Use on Ed websites such as www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - Electronically sign FAFSA
  - Import tax information
  - Make corrections online
  - View and print SAR (Student Aid Report)
- www.studentaid.gov
  - View history of aid received
  - Look up loan servicer information
- www.studentloans.gov
  - Complete entrance counseling
  - Electronically sign promissory note
  - Apply for income driven repayment or plan consolidation





## **FAFSA**

**Free** Application for Federal Student Aid

# www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Application Opens: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Priority Deadline: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- Application should be submitted online
- To sign, the student and parent will need to obtain an FSA ID social security number, the student will have to print the "Sig
  - > A valid social security number is required to obtain a FSA ID
  - ➤ If the parent does not have a valid nature Page"; the parent will sign and send via US Mail.



# **Basic Eligibility Requirements**

### The **student** must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number
- be registered with <u>Selective Service</u>, if you're a male
  - be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for *Direct* 
   Loan Program funds;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school





# Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Meet the minimum cumulative grade point average standard
- Meet the "pace" requirement by completing at least 70% of your cumulative units attempted
- Complete your educational program within the maximum timeframe.





# California Dream Act www.caldreamact.org

## **Eligibility Requirement for the California Dream Act:**

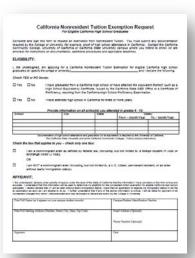
- ✓ Qualify under AB540
- ✓ Submit the CA DREAM Act application; Opens Oct. 1st, 2017
- ✓ Submit an "AB540 Affidavit" to the college/university
- Males must register for the US Selective Services

### **AB540 Requirements**

- ✓ Satisfaction of either of the following:
  - ✓ (A) High school attendance in California for 3 or more years.
  - √ (B) Attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools.
- ✓ Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof.
- ✓ Registration as an entering student at, or current enrollment at, an accredited institution of higher education in California not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2001-02 academic year.
- ✓ In the case of a person without lawful immigration status, the filing of an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.
- ✓ Must not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, E, etc.)

Students who have obtained a number through DACA DO NOT qualify for FAFSA and must submit the CA Dream Act Application.







# **CA Dream Act Application Assistance**

## **Titan Dreamers Resource Center**

(CSUF Library Room 203)



**Location:** Pollak Library North 203

Phone: (657) 278-3234

Email: tdrc @fullerton.edu



# **Updates for 2017-2018**

- File FAFSA earlier, beginning October 1st, 2016
- FAFSA will use "prior-prior-year data" –
   Using 2015 Tax Information

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	January 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019	2016



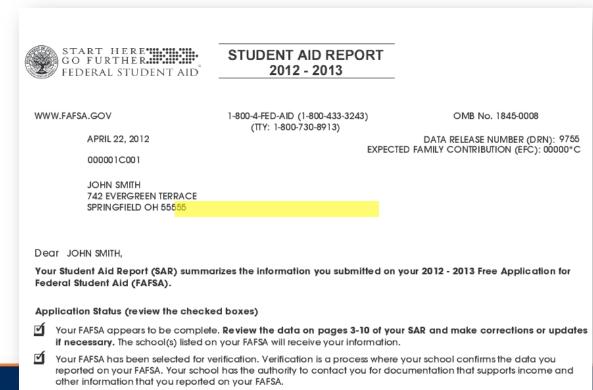
# Understanding Your Financial Aid Package



# **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

- The SAR is a report that summarizes information provided on the FAFSA
- For the CA Dream Act, students will receive a Cal SAR

 The SAR and Cal SAR will include an Expected Family Contribution





# Financial Aid Offer: CSU Fullerton



Type of Aid	Category	Offer	Accepted
Federal Pell Grant	Grant	4,500.00	4,500.00
Cal Grant B	Grant	1,551.00	1,551.00
State University Grant	Grant	5,472.00	5,472.00
Federal Work Study	Work/Study	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fed Subsidized Stafford Loan	Loan	8,500	0
Fed Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	Loan	2,177	0
Aid Year Totals		\$23,700	\$13,023



# **FERPA**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)





## FERPA applies to the Financial Aid Office

FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and it is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

This includes at least all of the following records:

- Records relating to eligibility and disbursement of Federal student aid funds
- Student account
- Federal work-study payroll records
- Financial aid applications
- SARs and ISIRs
- Documentation of professional judgment decisions
- Financial aid history information (for transfer students)
- Cost of attendance information, including documentation relating to any adjustments
- Documents used for verification
- Entrance and exit counseling records
- Financial records



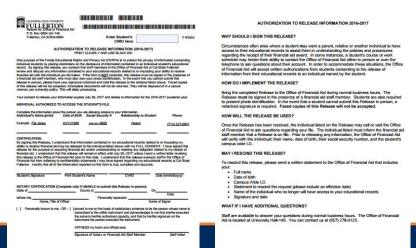
## **Authorization**

### How Can I Authorize Individuals to Inquire About My Financial Aid?

You can authorize individuals by signing a release form. Completion of this form indicates that you consent the staff members in the Office of Financial Aid at CSUF to review and discuss any information contained in your educational records related to or impacting your ability to receive financial aid with the authorized individual.

If you would like to submit the release form:

- Print the form
- Complete one form for each individual you would like to authorize.
- Sign the form in the presence of a financial aid staff member or have the form notarized.





## Resources

Federal Student Aid
FSA ID
CA Student Aid Commission
FAFSA Application
CA Dream Act Application

studentaid.ed.gov fsaid.ed.gov csac.ca.gov fafsa.ed.gov dream.csac.ca.goc





# **Questions?**

