

# It only takes about **35 minutes!**

## **3 Steps to FAFSA Completion**

### **1 CREATE AN FSA ID**

**Go to FAFSA.gov (5 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.')*

#### **Tips on creating the ID:**

- Parent and student each needs own ID
- Each will need their SSN
- Use the "show text" feature
- Don't use your high school email

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

### **2 FILL OUT THE FAFSA**

**30 minutes if you have all information**

#### **APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1.**

#### **What you will need:**

- Your student's FSA ID to create the application (parent's FSA ID is only good as a signature)
- Driver's license, if you have one
- Social Security card or number (Alien registration #, if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- 2016 income & tax information
- Any records of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker's compensation
- List of colleges you are interested in attending
- Verify all information for accuracy before submitting

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

**Workshops throughout October/November • See schedule at [decadeofdifference.org](http://decadeofdifference.org)**

- Open computer lab/drop-in basis
- Spanish language assistance available
- HSU/CR financial aid staff on site to assist
- Bring info for FAFSA Completion in steps 1 & 2 above

\* Free Application for Federal Student Aid - the gateway to grants, scholarships, work study & loans

^ California Dream Act Application for AB540 eligible students - [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)