

It only takes about 35 minutes!

3 Steps to FAFSA Completion

1 CREATE AN FSA ID

Go to [FAFSA.gov](https://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)
- 2017 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

- 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