



FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

Get Ready to Apply for Financial Aid

*Presented by:
Oxnard College
Financial Aid Office*

Tuition costs in California vary significantly across different types of institutions.

Institution Type	Average Annual Tuition & Fees
California Community Colleges	\$1,932 yr (in-state)
California State Universities (CSU)	\$8,000 yr (in-state)
University of California (UC)	\$16,000 yr (in-state)
Private Institutions	\$60,000 yr (approx.)

Tuition is the core cost of attending a college/university— price of classes and academic fees

It's important to note that these figures represent approximate tuition and fees only. Additional expenses such as housing, meals, textbooks, and personal costs can substantially increase the total cost of attendance. Based on Data for 2026-2027 academic year



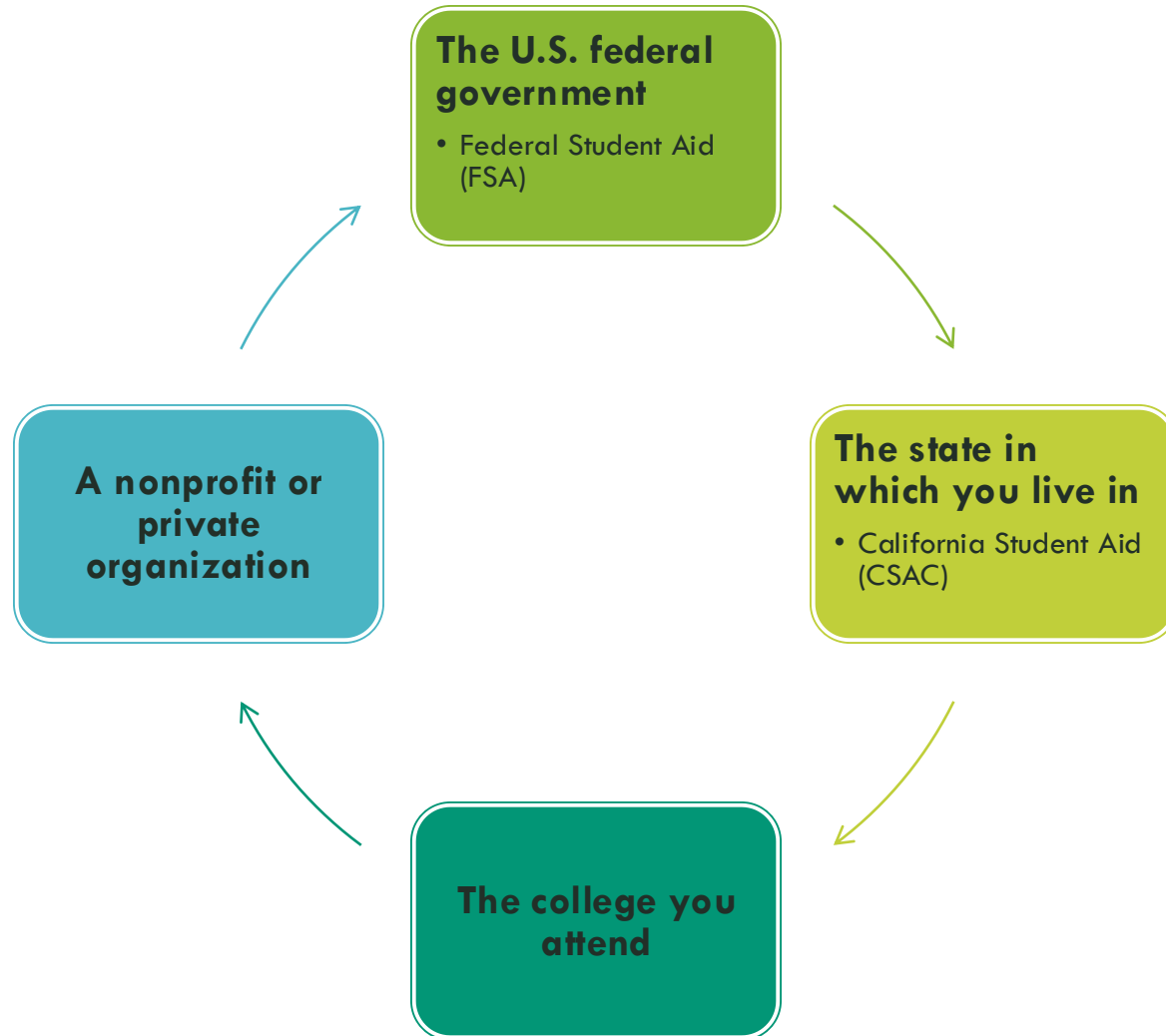
What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is money received from an outside source and awarded to students to help pay for college expenses.



- Tuition (Enrollment) and fees 
- Books and supplies 
- Food and housing 
- Transportation 
- Some living expenses 

Financial Aid Money \$\$ can come from



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!



All students must submit a **FAFSA** or **CA Dream Act** to be considered for these types of aid.

Promise Grants and Promise Programs*

Pays for Enrollment/Registration Fees

- **California College Promise Grant** (CCPG-Waiver)
- **Oxnard College Promise** (OC Promise)

**Available at CA Community Colleges Only*

State Grants

Grant money can be used for college expenses

- **Cal Grant**
 - **Student Success Completion Grant** (Available at CA Community Colleges Only)
 - **California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program** (Undocu Students only)
- **Chafee Grant** (Current/former foster youth)
- **State University Grant** (CSUs only)

Federal Grants*

Grant money can be used for college expenses

- **Federal Pell Grant**
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG).**

**FAFSA applicants only*

Federal Work-Study

Gives students the opportunity to work on campus.

- Find a part time job onCampus
- Earn work experience
- FWS income does not have to be reported on the FAFSA or CA Dream Act

Scholarships

Awarded based on various criteria

- **College Foundation Offices**
 - **Oxnard College Foundation**
 - **Ventura County Community Foundation**
- **Community/ Employers**
- **Non-Profits or Organizations**

Loans

*Funds that are borrowed and needs to be paid back, with interest**

- **Federal Direct Loans***
- **Private Loans***
- **DREAM Loan***

OXNARD COLLEGE PROMISE



OUR PROMISE
All first-time,
full-time students
receive full tuition
freshman and sophomore
years when enrolled
at OC

FREE COLLEGE TUITION

Requirements

- 1. Apply for Admissions to Oxnard College
- 2. Apply for FAFSA or CA Dream Act
- 3. Be a California Resident or AB 540 exemption.
- 4. Enroll full-time (12 Units or more) at OC*

New Student Requirements Listed Below!

- 1. Complete New Student Orientation
- 2. Meet with an Academic Counselor to Develop a Student Educational Plan

The OC Promise

- Pays enrollment Fee \$46 per unit
 - (\$46 dollars X 12 units =approx. \$552 per semester)
 - *Oxnard College Fees are subject to change.



Cal Grant Program



Cal Grant Eligibility is determined by the **California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)**.



Cal Grant Program provides financial assistance to qualified California residents and AB540 students.



Cal Grant Awards are based on a student's GPA, merit and need (income & asset information).

Requirements

- ☐ Must submit a FAFSA or CA DREAM ACT Application before **March 2nd**
- ☐ Must be California Resident or California Exempt (AB540 for Undocu- Students)
- ☐ Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (Sophomore year in High school or College)
- ☐ Must meet Income Eligibility
- ☐ Must be enrolled in at least 6 units

Cal Grant Types - A, B and C

Cal Grant A (Reserve)

- Available at a 4-year (University) institution
- Minimum 3.00 high school GPA
- Can only be used for tuition and fees
- **Award amount** varies for 4yr Universities
 - UC \$15,588 per year
 - CSU \$6,838 per year
- If awarded at a CA Community College, will be held in reserve up to two years until the student transfers

Cal Grant B

- Available at a 4-year institution or CA Community College
- Minimum 2.00 high school GPA
- **Award amount** up to \$1,648 per year at Community College
- **Award amount** varies for 4yr Universities

Cal Grant C

- Available at CA Community College
- Available for students pursuing a vocational, occupational, or technical program
- **Award amount** up to \$1,094 per year at Community College
- If eligible, complete the Cal Grant C Supplement Form to the CA Student Aid Commission by the requested deadline.

✓ **REQUIREMENT:** Submit FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application **before March 2nd**

Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)

The SSCG is administered by the California Community Colleges (CCC) and provides a grant to students who meet certain eligibility criteria



Requirements

**1. Must be attending
California Community
College**

**2. Must be awarded a Cal
Grant B or C**

**3. Must be enrolled Full-
Time**

✓ 12 -14.99 units= \$1,298 per semester
• 15 units or more= \$4,000 per semester

How to Check your Cal Grant Eligibility



Students eligible for a Cal Grant will be required to verify their high school graduation date, college of attendance, GPA submission



1. Must create a CSAC account

Go to Website: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov



2. Verify

Confirm School
of Attendance

Confirm GPA
Submitted

Confirm High
School
Graduation

Federal Grant Program



Federal Grant Eligibility is determined by **U.S. Department of Education – Federal Student Aid**



Federal Grant Program provides financial assistance to qualified student who complete a FAFSA application.



Federal Grant Awards are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), Income & assets, enrollment status , academic standing.



Requirements

- ☐ Must submit a FAFSA
- ☐ Must be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Permanent Resident
- ☐ Must meet Income and asset eligibility
- ☐ Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- ☐ Must be enrolled in an eligible college/program/major

Federal Grant Types

Federal Pell Grant*

- Undergraduate students with financial need
- Maximum Yearly Amount
 - Up to **\$7,395 per year.**
 - Fall \$3,698 (full time)
 - Spring 3,697(full time)
- Award amounts vary by eligibility and enrollment status.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)*

- Undergraduate students with exceptional financial need
- Limited campus funds
- Maximum Yearly Amount can vary.

**For FAFSA applicants only*

HOW DO I APPLY?



Apply for FAFSA or CA Dream Act



A student's eligibility for financial aid is determined through **one** application!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.gov

If you are a:

- ✓ **U.S. citizen, Permanent Resident**
- ✓ An authorized **VISA** holder.

The **FAFSA** is the right application for you. The information you provide in your FAFSA determines what financial aid you receive.

CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)

www.caldreamact.org

If you are:

- ✓ **Undocumented**
- ✓ Under The Consideration Of Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

The **CADAA** is the right application for you. The information you provide in your CA Dream Act determines what financial aid you receive.

- Undocu students must submit the **AB540 Affidavit form** to Admissions and Records office.

Dependency Status for Financial Aid

You Considered a Dependent Student

All students under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes.

You Will Need to Provide Parent Information:

- ✓ If You Are **under age 24** by December 31 of the award year.
- ✓ If You Are **not married**.
- ✓ If You Do **not** have children or other legal dependents you support.
- ✓ If You Are **not** a veteran or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- ✓ If You Are **not** an emancipated minor, in legal guardianship, or determined to be an unaccompanied homeless youth.

 **If you are under 24, you must plan to include your parent(s)' information on your FAFSA or CA Dream Act, even if:**

You live on your own; Your parents do not claim you on their taxes; Your parents will not help pay for college.

Questions about your dependency status? Contact the Oxnard College Financial Aid Office before submitting your FAFSA.

for FAFSA Application only

Students and Parents must **Create and Manage** a FSA Account



Account Username and
Password

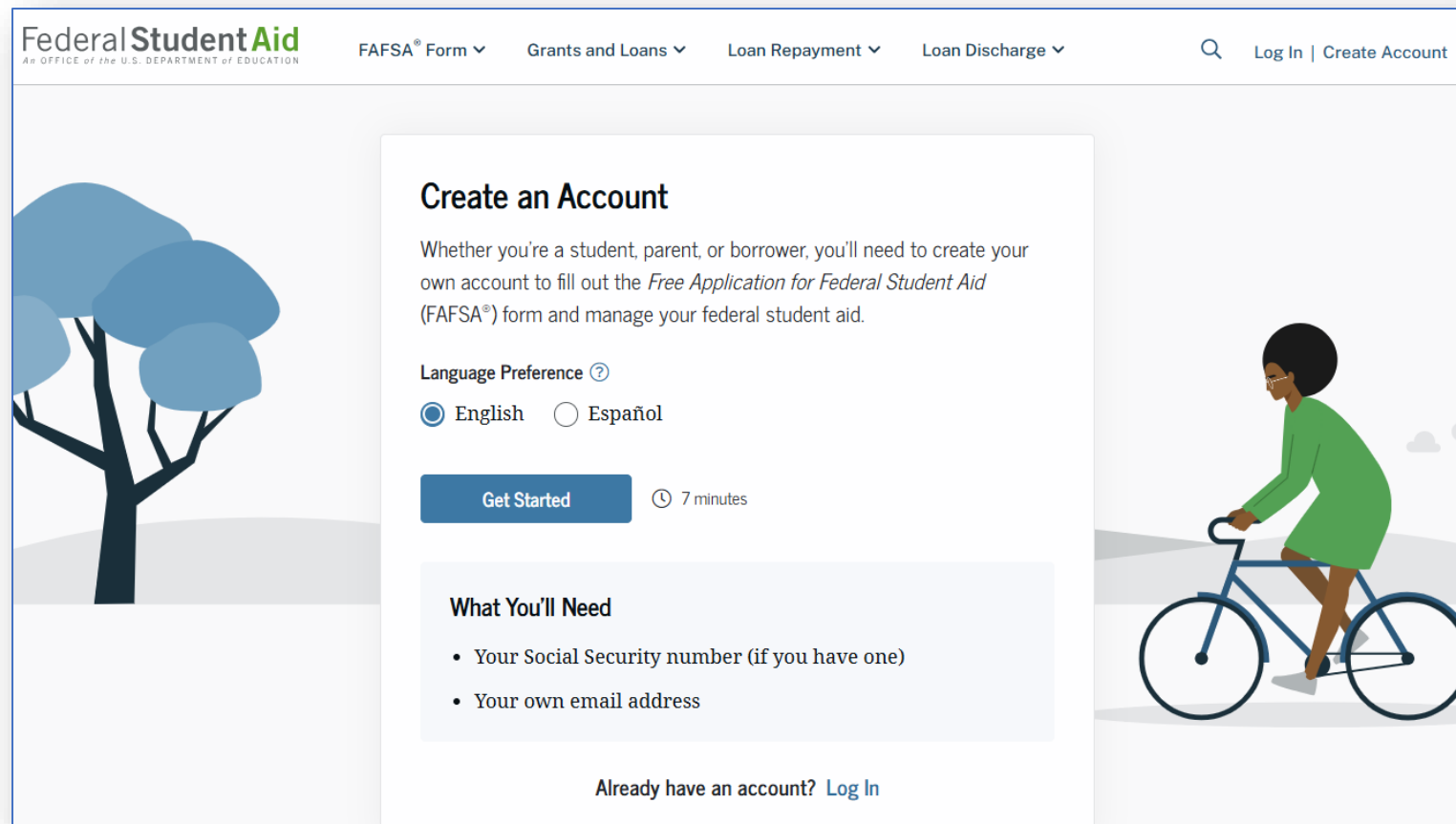


Access and Sign The FAFSA
Form

for FAFSA Application only

Students and Parents must **Create and Manage FSA Account**

Go to website: www.FAFSA.gov



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, the header includes the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the tagline 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION'. Navigation links for 'FAFSA® Form', 'Grants and Loans', 'Loan Repayment', and 'Loan Discharge' are present, along with a search icon and 'Log In | Create Account' links. The main content area is titled 'Create an Account' and explains that users need an account to fill out the FAFSA form. It offers a choice of language: English (selected) or Español. A blue 'Get Started' button is accompanied by a clock icon and the text '7 minutes'. Below this, a section titled 'What You'll Need' lists the requirements: a Social Security number (if applicable) and a personal email address. At the bottom of the page, there is a link for users who already have an account to 'Log In'. The page is decorated with illustrations of a tree on the left and a person riding a bicycle on the right.

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FAFSA® Form ▾ Grants and Loans ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Discharge ▾

🔍 Log In | Create Account

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form and manage your federal student aid.

Language Preference ?

☒ English ☐ Español

[Get Started](#) ⌚ 7 minutes

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if you have one)
- Your own email address

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

for FAFSA Application only

Create an Account



Add Your Email Address

Email

Exit

Continue



If the parents do NOT have a Social Security Number (SSN):

Check the box labeled "What if I don't have a Social Security number" below the SSN field.

- Click Continue.
- Accept the warning
- Click Continue without an SSN (do not use an ITIN or work permit as a substitute).

Create an Account

Tell Us About Yourself

I certify that the information I'm providing to create an account is true and that I'm the person I claim to be. If I'm not, I must stop and exit this form now. Providing false or misleading information could result in fines, jail time, or both.

First Name

Middle Name optional

Last Name

Name Suffix optional

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number

What if I don't have a Social Security number? 

Continue

What Information is Needed to Apply for the FAFSA or CADAA?

New Academic Year 2027-2028

Student

- ☐ Personal Email Address
- ☐ **Social Security Number (SSN)**- *FAFSA only*
- ☐ If you don't have one leave blank - **CA DREAM ACT only**
- ☐ Citizenship or U.S. Permanent Resident Number
- ☐ **2025 Income information** (Tax Return Form 1040, W-2s, other records of money earned)*if applicable
- ☐ Untaxed Income/Benefits received in 2025, records of any(e.g., supplemental security income, child support, or federal or public assistance.)
- ☐ Current asset information (cash, checking and savings, business, farm or other real estate records, records of stocks, bonds or other investments)

Parent(s) or Contributor(s)

- ☐ Personal Email Address (one for each parent/contributor)
- ☐ **Social Security Number(s)** *if applicable
- ☐ (If you don't have one leave blank)
- ☐ Valid ID (Driver's license , State ID, Passport, Matricular Consular Identification card)
- ☐ Marital status and marital status date *(as of the date the application is filed)*
- ☐ **2025 Income information** (Tax Return Form 1040, W-2s, other records of money earned) *if applicable
- ☐ Untaxed Income/Benefits received in 2025, records of any(e.g., supplemental security income, child support, or federal or public assistance.)
- ☐ Current asset information (cash, checking and savings, business, farm or other real estate records, records of stocks, bonds or other investments)

Timeline / Deadlines



Academic Year

- **2027-2028**
 - Starting August 2027- June 2028

Application Available

- **Starting October 1st**

Priority Deadline

- **March 2nd**

Submit Electronically

- www.fafsa.gov
- www.caldreamact.org

Apply Every Year!

NEED HELP ?

(ENGLISH & SPANISH)

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION WORKSHOP



(Available In Person or Virtually via Zoom)

Date: Every **Tuesday**

Time: 3:00pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Oxnard College Financial Aid Office
Student Services Building Room #149

Need Help Online? Join ZOOM ID: 94052498897

OXNARD COLLEGE

LOCATED IN THE STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING.

CASH FOR COLLEGE



SATURDAYS...

OCTOBER 3RD
9:00AM – 1:00PM

OCTOBER 17TH
9:00AM – 1:00PM

WE'LL HELP YOU COMPLETE AND ACCESS INFORMATION ON:

- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.
- CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION (CADA) FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING TO THE WORKSHOP...

- 2025 STUDENT/PARENT TAX INFORMATION AND OTHER INCOME INFORMATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR STUDENTS/PARENTS (IF APPLICABLE)
- DRIVER'S LICENSE & ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)

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FOR FULL INFORMATION, VISIT: [VCCCD.EDU/CASH4COLLEGE](https://vcccd.edu/cash4college)

OXNARD COLLEGE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, DISABILITY, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Attend Our Cash for College Workshop

Get Help With FAFSA or CA Dream Act !

At our Cash for College events, our Financial Aid experts will help you apply for FREE money to use for college.

What to Bring to the Workshop:

(Student and Parent must be present)

- 2025 Student/Parent Tax Information
- 2025 Student/Parent W2s
- 2025 Other income/ benefit information
- Social Security Numbers (or DACA number), if you have one
- Alien registration number (A#), if you have one
- Government ID or Driver's license, if you have one

Saturday, October 3 & 17
9am - 1pm



Oxnard College

Student Services Building

(Bilingual staff will be on hand to help.)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED?



2027–2028 Financial Aid Timeline

What Happens After You Submit Your FAFSA or CADAA?

 WHEN	 WHAT HAPPENS	 WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
After March	 College/University Receives Your Application	Make sure the colleges you plan to attend are listed on your FAFSA/CADAA.
APRIL	 Your Application Is Processed	Review your FAFSA Submission Summary and look for any next steps or corrections.
MAY	 Check Your College Email & Student Portal	Check your college email, student portal, and financial aid account regularly.
JUNE	 Complete Financial Aid Requirements	Submit requested verification documents, tax/income information, identity documents, forms, or signatures. ⚠️ Don't ignore requests!
JULY	 College Reviews Your Eligibility	Make sure all financial aid requirements are completed and monitor your financial aid status.
AUGUST	 Receive Your Financial Aid Offer	Review your official offer, including grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans.
AUGUST–SEPTEMBER	 Financial Aid Is Disbursed	Meet enrollment and eligibility requirements. Check your college's official disbursement schedule.

★ STUDENT REMINDER

SUBMIT → CHECK → RESPOND → COMPLETE → REVIEW → RECEIVE YOUR AID

📌 **Dates are approximate.** Every college and university has its own financial aid processing and disbursement schedule. Always check your school's financial aid portal and official deadlines.

Financial Aid Roadmap

High School Seniors | Academic Year 2027–2028

FAFSA & California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

Plan ahead. Complete your application. Open the door to your future!



★ THE 5 MOST IMPORTANT STEPS



🔔 IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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Deadlines can vary by college, state, and type of aid.
 Check the specific deadlines for every college you are considering.
- 
Dates may change
 The FAFSA/CADAA opening date and California priority deadline should be verified when the official 2027–28 application cycle information is released.
- 
Your goal
 Complete your application early, follow up on your status, and take advantage of all available financial aid opportunities!



The future is
waiting for
them ...

**Claim your child's funded
college savings account today!**

CalKIDS is a program from the State of California that funds up to \$1,500 in free money for eligible low-income public school students to save for college and career training.*



CalKIDS
The first step toward college

CalKids

What It Does

CalKIDS creates scholarship accounts for eligible children and deposits state funds to help families start planning for education early. The money can later be used for qualified higher education expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, and certain equipment.

Who May Be Eligible

Newborns

Children born in California on or after July 1, 2022 may qualify.

Public School Students

Eligible California public school students may also qualify, including certain low-income students and some students identified through state program criteria.

How Much Money

Amounts depend on eligibility group and incentives.

Some eligible public school students may receive **up to \$500**.

Eligible newborn accounts may receive automatic deposits plus extra incentives for claiming the account or linking a 529 Savings plan.

Important Note

This is **not the FAFSA** and it is **not a student loan**. It is separate from financial aid and meant to help families build education savings early.

How Families Check Eligibility

Families can visit the official CalKIDS website to check eligibility and claim an account. Visit [CalKIDS Official Site](https://CalKIDS.org)



To claim your funds, visit CalKIDS.org today!



Financial Aid Office

1st Floor, Student Services Building Room #149
4000 South Rose Ave. Oxnard, CA 93033



Office Hours:

Monday:	10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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