

QUICK NOTES RE: FINANCIAL AID

November 2024

- **The application opened for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CADAA (California Dream Act Application) on December 1, 2024.**
- **APPLY AT www.fafsa.gov or WWW.CALDREAMACT.ORG.**
- For help by phone: **1-800-433-3243.**
- For a variety of tools to assist you: StudentAid.gov/resources
- Undocumented students **DO NOT** fill out the FAFSA. They should do the **CA DREAM ACT Application** to access financial aid. Go here: WWW.CALDREAMACT.ORG. The California Student Aid Commission says that they do NOT share information with the Federal Government and you are encouraged to apply to the CA DREAM ACT.
- **The name you use on your FAFSA should match the name on your social security card.**
- **Make sure to do the application for the 2025-26 school year, NOT the 2024-25 year.**
- **The FAFSA or CADAA are due March 2, 2025!**
- **You can sign up now for a StudentAid account (formerly FSA ID).** This is how you will electronically sign your FAFSA. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> and you will be able to create your student aid account. It takes time to process so that your information can be verified. Students must create an FSA ID with their own email and social security number. Make sure to list this address cpsnotify@cpsemail.ed.gov in your contacts so that your FSA ID does not go into your junk mail account. You will need to verify the email that comes through in approximately 3 days to complete the FSA ID/StudentAid account process.
- **Your contributor will also need a StudentAid account as well.** Your contributor will need to sign up with his/her own email and social security number in order to create an FSA ID. If your contributor does NOT have a social security number, s/he will still create an account without using a SS# and will instead be verified through other avenues. This will allow the contributor to sign the student's FAFSA in order to process this important document.
- **After you complete your FAFSA, you should go to this site and register:** <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>. This will be where you can make sure your Cal Grant GPA that was submitted by our school district matches up with your FAFSA. You will also be able to see here if you qualify for a Cal Grant or Middle Class Scholarship. **If there is an error and your Cal Grant GPA is not matching up with your account, see your counselor right away to clarify this situation!**
- **If you would like to attend a virtual workshop to get help in completing the FAFSA or CADAA, please visit our friends at CalSOAP at this link:** www.calsoapsandiego.org to sign up!
- Visit our GHS website for scholarship information:
 - www.foothillers.com, click **Counseling**, then click on **Scholarships** on the left side
 - Other useful websites for scholarships:
www.fastweb.com www.gocollege.com www.finaid.org
www.collegenet.com www.meritaid.com