

# FINANCIAL AID IN 5 STEPS

HIGH SCHOOLERS & PARENTS: MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON TRACK TO APPLY AND QUALIFY FOR FREE FINANCIAL AID!

## CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

**1** Make the decision to **invest in your future by pursuing an education beyond high school**. By attending a college, university, or vocational school you can open doors to gain new skills, expand your career options, and earn more income throughout your lifetime.



APPLY  
**NOW**

DEADLINE  
**APRIL 2\***

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## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** & **CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)** for 2024-25 is now open! Meet the **state priority deadline of May 2, 2024\***. Some colleges have earlier deadlines for institutional aid, so check with your colleges to ensure you are meeting all important deadlines.

**\*Secondary deadline: Sept. 3, 2024** for Community College students



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## GET HELP WITH APPLYING

Join our free **Cash for College workshops** for help with your **FAFSA or CADAA**. Financial aid experts can answer all of your questions & help you complete your application!

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## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

**Apply for as many scholarships as you can—it's free aid!** Check application deadlines & apply on time. Research & tour colleges, universities, & vocational schools

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## CHECK YOUR STATUS

Create a **WebGrants 4 Students account** to track your financial aid status. Check your email & other messages for other pending items & requested documents.

Before making a decision, understand what each school is offering in aid & compare costs of attendance. Try using the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial aid tool**.

