



# APPLICATION DEADLINE

## Feb 28th at 6:00 PM!

### [csssa.ca.gov/application](https://csssa.ca.gov/application)

The Financial Aid application is due  
**WITH** your CSSSA application.

**QUESTIONS?**  
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# FINANCIAL AID

All are encouraged to apply!  
Application is part of online app.  
Takes just a few mins to complete.

## What you'll need:

Combined Household AGI  
Parent Income & Assets  
Size of Household (# of Dependents)  
Tax Return (2023 or 2024)



# TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

## TUITION

\$4,830 (CA Residents)

\$9,977 (Out of State/International)

Includes 4-Week Program, Room, Board, Curricular Field Trips, Supplies

## FUNDING

Many CSSSA students qualify for aid



[csssa.ca.gov/tuition-financial-aid](https://csssa.ca.gov/tuition-financial-aid)

# What to upload in the application:

**Copies of Tax Return (2023 or 2024)**

Pages 1 & 2 Only

**Student Aid Index (SAI)**

**Two screenshots from SAI Estimator**

**Additional Items (Optional):**

Pay Stubs

Award Letters for Public Assistance

Social Security Recipient Documents

Statement of Extenuating Circumstances



**Hot Tip!**

Redact and block out sensitive information such as SSN #

# Start Here

# <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator>

## Federal Student Aid Estimator

Our Federal Student Aid Estimator provides an estimate of how much federal student aid the student may be eligible to receive. These estimates are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.



### This Is Not the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) Form

With this tool, students can find out how much federal student aid they may be eligible for in the 2025–26 award year.

To apply for financial aid, [complete the FAFSA® form](#).



### Begin Estimate of Federal Student Aid

The student may want to use the Federal Student Aid Estimator before filling out the FAFSA form to help them understand their options for paying for college or career school by providing them an early estimate of how much federal student aid they may be eligible for.



Start Estimate

CSSSA uses the Federal Student Aid Estimator to calculate your SAI.

Click  
Start Estimate  
to begin.

# SCREENSHOTS NEEDED

Answer all questions to  
the best of your ability

Capture Two Screenshots

Parent Income and Assets  
Estimate Results

Upload Screenshots To  
Application

## Federal Student Aid Estimator



### Parent Income and Assets

Let's review the parent's income and assets to get an estimate of how much federal student aid the student may be eligible to receive.

Uncertain about income and assets? [v](#)

Did the student's parent file taxes in 2023?

Yes

No

### Parent Financials

It includes the total amount of the parent—including any stepparent if the student's primary parent is married or remarried.

### Parent Income

A parent's adjusted gross income includes more than just wages. It could also include alimony, Social Security, and business income.

Parent's Adjusted Gross Income

\$  .00

Where to find this information?

### Parent Assets

Assets include the parent's total cash, savings, and checking accounts; the net worth of their businesses and investment farms; and the net worth of their investments, including real estate (but not the home in which they live).

Parent's Total Assets

\$  .00

What are assets?

How much child support does the parent receive each year?

Enter the total amount received in child support for the last complete calendar year. Enter "0" if the parent didn't receive any child support.

Annual Child Support Received

\$  .00

Previous

Continue



Good news! The student may be eligible for federal student aid.



### Estimates

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\$7481

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Estimated Federal Pell Grant

\$0

Maximum Available Direct Loans

\$5,500

Average Work-Study Funds

\$1,981

These estimates are all approximate calculations.

[More information about these numbers >](#)

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Estimated SAI

134743

### Other Factors



College Cost

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[Grants, work-study jobs, and scholarships](#) can help make college or career school more affordable. The student may contact the school's financial aid office to find out more about additional funding.



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The student's home state may be able to help pay for college expenses. Contact the [state grant agency](#) to find out more. Keep in mind that out-of-state aid often costs more than in-state aid. So, a student who attends a college or career school

Screenshot 1

Screenshot 2



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# FAQs

Can I apply if I'm not from CA?

CA state residents only

What if my family doesn't file taxes?

Upload documents such as an award letter for social security or public assistance

Will applying for aid affect my chances of getting in?

No, all encouraged to apply



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