

# FREE TUITION FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Submit the FAFSA or CADAA financial aid application each academic year!



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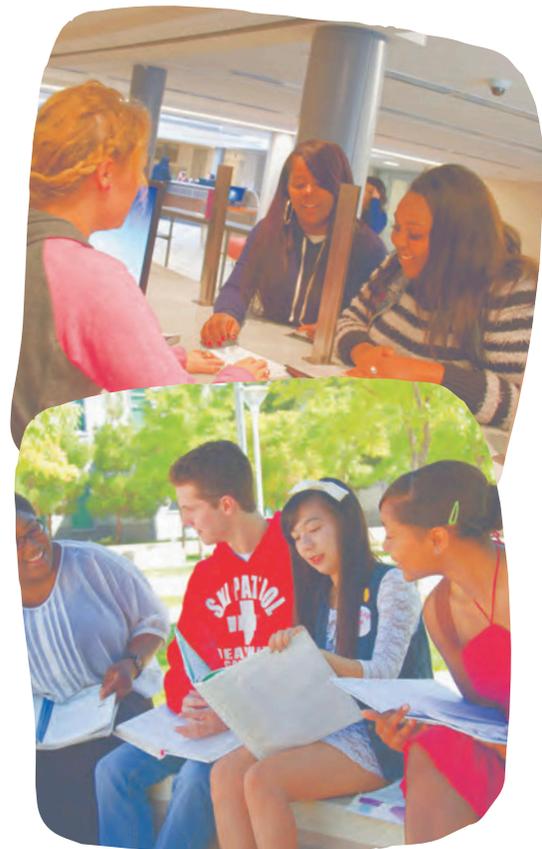
Full-Time FREE Tuition Program will cover a student's tuition for up to TWO YEARS.  
**No income requirements for eligibility.**

## Requirements:

- Be a California Resident or AB540 resident
- Complete a financial aid application each academic year
- Be enrolled Full Time

## Questions?

- Email - [Financialaid@losmedanos.edu](mailto:Financialaid@losmedanos.edu)
- (925) 473-7525



# LMC SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

## NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

### LMC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Los Medanos College offers a variety of scholarships to its current and transferring students. General eligibility requirements are listed below:

- Enrolled at LMC for Fall and Spring semesters
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Have 1 completed reference
- Additional criteria unique to each application

### EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities offered by individual donors, businesses, organizations, or foundations that operate independently of the Los Medanos College Foundation.

### SCHOLARSHIP TIPS, RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS



Explore scholarship workshops, online resources, and application tips on our scholarship webpage:

[www.losmedanos.edu/scholarships](http://www.losmedanos.edu/scholarships)

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# California Chafee Grant

## *Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Technical and Career Training*



### What is a California Chafee Grant?

The California Chafee Grant is free money for current or former California foster youth to help pay for college or career and technical training. Chafee Grants don't have to be paid back. You may also use your grant to pay for child care, rent and transportation while you're in school. A Chafee Grant is a federal and state funded grant subject to yearly availability of funds.

### How do I qualify?

To qualify, you must:

- Be a current or former foster youth\*
- Not have reached your 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday as of July 1 of the award year
- Have financial need

*\*To qualify, foster youth dependency of the court must have been established between the ages of 16 and 18. KinGap youth who are or were eligible to receive Independent Living Program services, guardian placements and voluntary placements may not be eligible for the California Chafee Grant unless court dependency was established between the ages of 16 and 18.*

### How do I apply?

You must submit the California Chafee Grant Program Application, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and your school submits the Chafee Needs Analysis Report (NAR). **Note:** *Forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.*

- Submit the California Chafee Grant Program Application online at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov), or contact the Commission to have a paper form sent to you.
- Submit the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or download a PDF at [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov) and mail it.
- You may also call toll free 800.433.3243 to have the paper FAFSA sent to you.
- Have your school submit the Chafee Need Analysis Report (NAR) electronically or download the PDF version at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov).

### Where can I use my Chafee Grant?

You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college as well as colleges in other states. In California, you can attend:

- Career and technical schools
- California Community Colleges
- California State University campuses
- University of California campuses
- Independent and private colleges

### What happens after I apply?

- The Commission will review your FAFSA and Chafee Grant application.
- The California Department of Social Services will verify your foster status.
- Your school's financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter if you are selected for an award.
- The school will verify payment eligibility and disburse the check to you.

### What is required to receive your Chafee funds?

You must:

- Enroll in an eligible public or private college or university or technical school.
- Be enrolled at least half time.
- Enroll in a program at least one academic year long.
- Attend class regularly and get good grades or you may lose your Chafee Grant funds.

### How do I renew my Chafee Grant?

If you receive a Chafee Grant, it may be renewed through your 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. You do not need to reapply for your Chafee Grant each year; however, you must submit a FAFSA and your school must submit a NAR yearly to determine if you are still eligible. The Commission may contact you for updated information. Be sure to respond to e-mails, letters or forms that you may receive.

### Don't Have a Social Security Number?

You need a Social Security number to submit the FAFSA and the Chafee Grant application online. If you are an undocumented foster youth, contact your school or the Commission for assistance.

## Where can I find out more about the Chafee Grant and other services for foster youth?

### For more information, contact your:

- High school counselor
- College academic advisor
- College financial aid office
- Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) liaison
- County Independent Living Coordinator
- One-Stop Career Center
- Social worker or probation officer

### You can also visit the following Web sites:

- [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)
- [www.communitycollege.org](http://www.communitycollege.org)
- [www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov](http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov)
- [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com)
- [www.childsworld.ca.gov](http://www.childsworld.ca.gov)
- [www.cacollege.pathways.org](http://www.cacollege.pathways.org)
- [www.cccco.edu/](http://www.cccco.edu/)
- [www.calyouthconn.org](http://www.calyouthconn.org)



## How Can I Contact the California Student Aid Commission?

### If you have questions about the Chafee Grant:



Visit the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)



E-mail your questions to [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov)  
(enter "Attn: Chafee" in the subject line)



Call toll free 1.888.224.7268  
Monday through Friday from  
10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (PST)



### Write or mail:

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs Operations Branch  
California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

## Keep in Touch With "WebGrants4Students"

Log on to [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and click on  
"WebGrants for Students" to set up your  
account.

Access information and manage your account  
24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can also use [WebGrants 4 Students](#) when  
you need to change your e-mail address,  
mailing address, telephone number or school.

# Expecting a Refund?

CCCCD delivers your refund with BankMobile Disbursements

When it comes time to receiving your funds, you deserve choices.

To get started: Log into [m.4cd.edu](http://m.4cd.edu) to follow these steps to make your refund preference selection:

1

Tap the Financial Aid Tile

2

Select My FA Disbursements  
from the menu

3

Select BankMobile -First Time  
Setup

## Your Choices Include:



Deposit To An  
Existing Account



Deposit To A BankMobile  
Vibe Checking Account



# LMC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



## ELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON STUDENTS' FAFSA OR CADAA APPLICATION

### TUITION COVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES

- **California College Promise Grant** (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver): This grant offers tuition fee waivers for eligible California residents attending community colleges.
- **Full-Time Free Tuition Program:** This program enables eligible full-time students to attend community college without any tuition fees, effectively covering the enrollment cost.

### EOPS DEPARTMENT ALSO OFFERS:

- **Book Vouchers:** Financial support to help cover the cost of textbooks.
- **Other Supplies:** Assistance with purchasing essential school supplies to enhance your educational experience.

### HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION?



**-OR-**



### FEDERAL GRANTS (FAFSA)

- **Pell Grant:** Provides up to \$7,395 per year to eligible students, helping to cover educational expenses.
- **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG):** Offers additional funding of up to \$600 per year for students with exceptional financial need.
- **Federal Work-Study:** Allows students to earn up to \$5,000 per year through part-time employment, helping to offset college costs while gaining valuable work experience.

### CALIFORNIA STATE GRANTS (FAFSA OR CADAA)

- **Cal Grant B:** Provides up to \$1,648 per year, with an increased amount of up to \$6,000 available for students with dependents.
- **Cal Grant C:** Offers up to \$1,094 per year, with a potential increase to \$4,000 for students with dependents.
- **Full-Time Student Success Grant:** Provides funding of up to \$8,000 per year to support full-time students.
- **Chafee Grant:** Awards up to \$5,000 per year to current or former foster youth.

**\*\*No funds are guaranteed until awarded. Please monitor the InSite Portal for updates\*\***

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# FAFSA

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid



Students can apply for a variety of financial assistance by completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.

**You are eligible to complete the FAFSA if you are:**

**U.S. Citizen**

-or-

**Permanent  
Resident**

-or-

**Eligible  
Non-Citizen**

-or-

**T Visa  
Holder**



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**Apply for FAFSA online at: <https://studentaid.gov/>**



# FAFSA STUDENTS



## CHECKLIST FOR FAFSA STUDENTS

### STUDENT AND/OR SPOUSE INFORMATION:

- Student's FSA ID and Password
- Student's Social Security Number (For FAFSA applicants, must not say "Valid for Work Purposes only" on card) or Alien Registration Number (if an eligible noncitizen)
- Student and/or spouse's Tax Information
  - 1040s and W2s from two years prior (if applicable)
- Student and/or spouse's Record of untaxed income
  - Child support, combat pay, retirement, Worker's Compensation, Disability, etc.
- List of colleges that the student is interested in applying to

### IF STUDENT IS DEPENDENT (under age 24, unmarried, does not support any dependents):

- Parent's FSA ID
- Parent's Social Security Number
- Parent's Date of Birth
- Parent's Date of Marriage/Divorce
- Parent's Tax Information
  - 1040s and W2s from two years prior) if applicable
- Parent's Record of untaxed income
  - Child support, combat pay, retirement, Worker's Compensation, Disability, etc.

### Determining your dependency status:

The FAFSA determines your dependency status through a series of questions. Dependent students must report both their own and their parents' information. For the latest details on determining your status, visit <http://www.studentaid.gov> and go to "FAFSA" > "Apply for aid" > "Filling out the FAFSA" > "Dependency Status."

**Important: Ensure all steps are completed accurately to avoid delays in processing your application.**



## CHECK YOUR INSITE PORTAL FOR UPDATES

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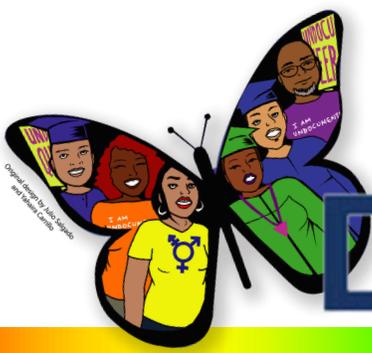


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# California Dream Act



## WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT?

The California Dream Act allows undocumented students, DACA recipients, U Visa holders, and TPS students who qualify under AB540, SB2000, or SB68 to apply for state financial aid programs. Additionally, it allows these eligible persons to pay in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities in California.



## THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID.

The California Dream Act allows non-residents to apply for state aid programs such as:

- Private scholarships that are funded by public universities.
- State financial aid.
- University grants.
- Community college fee waivers.
- Cal Grants.



## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Students who meet the following criteria should apply if:

- You are an **undocumented student**
- You are **not a U.S Citizen**
- You have **attended a CA high school for at least 3 years & will graduate from a CA high school**
- You **do not** have a **social security number** or you have a **social security number that was issued to you for work purposes only (ITIN)**



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW & REMEMBER:

- You **DO NOT** need DACA to complete The California Dream Act Application (**CADAA**)
- DACA and the California Dream Act are two **DIFFERENT** things
- **PRIORITY DEADLINE is MARCH 2**
  - The California Dream Act application is available starting October 1 and the priority filing period continues until March 2 prior to the academic year you are applying for.

## WHERE SHOULD YOU GO TO APPLY?

Apply for **CADAA** online at:  
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov> -or-  
by scanning the QR code below



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# CADAA STUDENTS



## CHECKLIST FOR CADAA STUDENTS

### BEFORE YOU APPLY, YOU WILL NEED:

- ITIN number (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if applicable)
- Student Tax Information: (1040s and W2s from two years prior) if applicable
- Parents Tax Information: (1040s and W2s from two years prior) if applicable
- Record of untaxed income (child support, combat pay, retirement, etc.)
- List of colleges that the student is interested in applying to
- Create Parent PIN: **Necessary if you are a dependent student.**

### APPLYING ONLINE:

- Visit the Application Site: Go to [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov) to begin.
- Complete Eligibility Screening: Ensure you meet all criteria.
- Follow Onscreen Instructions: Answer all questions. If you or your parent does not have an SSN or has an ITIN, leave blank
- Sign the Form:
  - **Students:** Sign using your account login.
  - **Parents:** Use the Parent PIN to sign electronically.
- Confirm Submission:
  - Congratulations Page: You have successfully submitted the CADAA when you see this page.
  - Email Confirmation: Check your email for confirmation of your submission.

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# AFTER-SUBMITTING: FINANCIAL AID GUIDE



## FAFSA & CADAA STUDENTS

### WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- After a student completes and submits a financial aid application (FAFSA or CADAA):
  - The Department of Education or California Student Aid Commission will send the student a confirmation and a copy of the application, which should be reviewed for accuracy.
  - Your FAFSA/CADAA will be sent to Los Medanos College typically within 7-10 business days.

### CHECK THE INSITE PORTAL

- Check your students' InSite email:
  - Click on the Email tile to access your InSite inbox. Students will receive an email regarding their financial aid status once it's available.
- Check Your Financial Aid in InSite:
  - Click on the Financial Aid tile in InSite to complete any missing or required documents.
- Once file is complete:
  - Students will receive a tentative award notification email.
  - Be sure to sign up for a disbursement method with BankMobile.

### SET UP YOUR BANKMOBILE ACCOUNT

- BankMobile is the disbursement method used by Los Medanos College. Please note that students must have a financial aid award on file and be enrolled in units to sign up for BankMobile.
  - Log in to [m.4cd.edu](http://m.4cd.edu) (InSite)
  - Click on the 'Financial Aid' tile
  - Select 'My FA Disbursements' from the Menu
  - Select 'BankMobile- First Time Setup'
  - Follow the steps on BankMobile's website to create a new account and choose your disbursement method.

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# PROTECTING YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT & FINANCIAL AID



## STAY SAFE ONLINE!

As students, you are vulnerable to data breaches that can lead to financial aid losses. Follow these essential tips to safeguard your personal information:

### KEEP YOUR INFORMATION SAFE

- **Use a strong, unique password**
  - Create passwords combining letters, numbers, and symbols.
  - Avoid using the same password across multiple sites.
- **Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA)**
  - This adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification, like a text message or authentication app.
- **Never Share login details with anyone**
  - Your passwords are private and should not be disclosed, even to friends or family.

### AVOID FINANCIAL AID SCAMS

- **Beware of emails, calls or texts asking for personal information**
  - Phishing attempts can look very convincing. Verify the source before responding.
- **Only access financial aid through official school portals**
  - Always log in directly through the college's official website or InSite app instead of clicking on links from emails.
- **Report suspicious activity immediately**
  - If you notice anything unusual with your accounts, report it to the relevant authorities or institutions right away.

### Important Reminder:

The LMC Financial Aid Office, the College/District, and BankMobile will **NEVER** ask you for your username and password.

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