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FAFSA opens up on **October 1st!** Cal Grant Priority Deadline is **March 2.**

We highly encourage to complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!

FAFSA CHECKLIST ✓

1 GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

- Social Security Card and Legal Name
- Alien Registration Card (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if applicable)
- **2021** Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned in 2021.
2023-2024 FAFSA you will be using 2021 tax and income information.
- Current bank account balances and records of investments and untaxed income.
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent(s)' information. If your parents do not have a SSN you will need to type in 0's on the application.
Ex. 000-00-0000

2 CREATE AN FSAID

- The Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) is the **username** and **password** students use to complete the FAFSA application.
- Parent of a dependent student will also need an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA. (Parents with no SSN are ineligible to create an FSA ID, but will be able to print and sign a signature page.)
- Use the FSA ID Worksheet to keep track of your answers when you create an account at studentaid.gov.

3 SIGN AND SUBMIT

- Review your answers on the Summary Page, correct any errors. Enter your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA.
- If you are considered dependent, your legal parent is also required to sign your FAFSA.
- If necessary, you or your parent can print a signature page, sign it and mail it to the address indicated on the page.
- Don't forget to click SUBMIT at the bottom of the screen.
- Print your confirmation page for information about an estimate of your financial aid eligibility.

Student FSA ID Worksheet

Do NOT share your FSA ID with anyone, including school or college staff. Your FSAID information is confidential!

STUDENTAID.GOV

The FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID is used to:

- Access all of your financial aid information, awards and applications
- Electronically sign any type of federal aid documents
- Sign your FAFSA (The parent of a dependent student will need an FSA ID.*)

STEPS TO CREATE YOUR FSA ID

1 ENTER AN EMAIL ADDRESS _____

The email address must be your personal email address. You will not be able to use the same email address for student and parent. DO NOT use high school email accounts.

2 CREATE A USERNAME _____

Must be 6 — 30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate.

3 CREATE A PASSWORD _____

Must be 8 — 30 characters. Avoid personal identifiers.

COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

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1. Enter your social security number
 2. Enter your birth date
 3. Enter your legal name **exactly** as it is listed on your social security card
-Social Security Administration matches are confirmed within 1 to 3 days. Errors can cause delays.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

There are four challenge questions and answers. Select the questions from drop down menus and provide your answers below:

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| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

6 VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS & MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

FSA will send an email AND a text message to you with a code for you to verify your FSA account. Once completed, your FSA ID is ready to use!

*Parents without a social security number cannot create an FSA ID; you must print and mail the signature page with parent signature. The mailing address will be provided on the printed page. Please allow the Federal Student Aid 6-8 weeks for processing. You may check your application status by signing into your FAFSA or call 1-800-433-3243.

Parent FSA ID Worksheet

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