PHASE 1 October 1 - March 2

Student enters or creates a user name and password at caldreamact.org. Write down and save this information!

PHASE 2 October 1 - March 2

Student completes 2022–23 California Dream Application (CADAA) online at caldreamact.org. Make sure to select the correct aid year. Student must include:
- School code for all schools they are considering
- Parental information
- Income (taxed & untaxed)
- Assets & Investments
- Household size
Social Security Number is not required.

Student submits CADAA by 3/2/22 and immediately checks the app status on the confirmation page tab.

PHASE 3 March - May

School will receive all CADAA that are complete, with a valid EFC.

Warning: Incomplete CADAA
School contacts students under 24 who did not include parent information. Documentation is required before financial aid can be awarded.

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC):
1. Calculates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
2. Sends CADAA to all schools listed.
3. Randomly selects students for income verification.
4. Identifies any errors or missing information on the CADAA.

Student must:
1. Correct CADAA & provide necessary information
2. Re-sign & resubmit CADAA including the parent signature, if required.

Student ensures they are enrolled in proper number of units and there are no holds on their financial aid record.

Student checks if there are any scholarship restrictions regarding tuition; financial need; unit requirement; or others, per the organization.

School disburses grants and/or scholarships to pay tuition and other outstanding balances.

PHASE 4 May - September

Student logs onto student portal at each school to review and accept each financial aid offer. Follows up with CSAC, if necessary.

Student accepts financial aid, informs school of any pending scholarships, and confirms tuition is deferred, so classes will not be dropped.

Student submits AB 540/SB 68 affidavit and necessary documents. School confirms student meets AB 540/SB 68 eligibility.

Starting in 2021, per SB 169, male students are no longer required to provide proof of registration for the selective service.

School will send the student:
- Available funds after tuition and fees are paid (via direct deposit, check or credit); or
- A bill for the balance that is still outstanding.

You’re ready to start Phase 4!

OPTIMAL TIMELINE

PHASE 1 Apply for CA State Aid October 1 - March 2

PHASE 2 GPA received by CSAC October 1 - March 2

PHASE 3 Claim your financial aid March - May

PHASE 4 Use your financial aid May - September

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