**PHASE 1** October 1 - March 2

**Student** enters or creates a user name and password at caldreamact.org

WRITE THEM DOWN and SAVE this information!

- **Parent** information is REQUIRED unless:
  - student is 24 years old or
  - was born before 1/1/98
  - is married, has children, dependents other than children, is an orphan, ward of the court, veteran or on active duty or in graduate school

- **Student** completes 2021–22 California Dream Application 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 their DREAM application by 3/2/21 AND immediately checks the app status on the confirmation page tab.

- **Parent** obtains a personal identification number (P.I.N.) and signs the application (the P.I.N. is unique to each student).

**OPTIMAL TIMELINE**

**PHASE 2** October 1 - March 2

- **Student** applies for the Cal Grant at csac.ca.gov

1. Submit Dream App
2. Verify your high school or community college sent your GPA (electronically)
3. If school did not send GPA, student prints out Non-SSN GPA verification form, has school fill it out, then student mails form to CSAC by 3/2/21 and request proof of mailing from US Postal Service

- **Student** creates account on webgrants4students on mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

- **Student** checks status of GPA submission, Cal Grant & Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)

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**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** calculates each college’s costs and develops a per semester/quarter and per year budget, including any scholarships.

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

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- **Students** who are male and over 18 years old must show their proof of registration for the selective service.

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- **Student** & Family, if chosen, must complete and submit (a) an income verification form AND (b) 2019 Tax Return TRANSCRIPT(s), if required to file taxes per the IRS tax code.

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