Welcome to our 2020

Financial Aid Workshop

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Today’s Agenda

- La Sierra Highlights
- La Sierra Scholarships and Grants
- External Scholarships
- Federal Aid
- State Aid
- How to Pay for College
- Helpful Resources

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WHAT'S NEW

- Seniors graduate with an average of **30% less debt** than other local universities.
  (according to the National Center for Education Statistics)
- Received **$2.5 million grant** from US government to improve student success.
- Graduate students can now enroll in new **PhD program** in Leadership.
- **Priority Admission** to Loma Linda's School of Nursing bachelors program and six other programs.

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BEST VALUE

- More than 95% of students receive financial aid that **does not** need to be repaid.
- **$17,500+** average amount of scholarships and grants awarded annually per student.
- Top two in SDA system for percentage of students who rise from the bottom 20% to the **top 20% of the income distribution**.
  (according to the Equality Opportunity Project)
- Over **80 academic programs** emphasizing undergraduate research leading to graduate and professional school opportunities.

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ACADEMICS

La Sierra University offers **STRONG ACADEMICS** in over 80 rigorous undergraduate and graduate programs with outstanding **research opportunities** and **career outcomes**.

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STUDENT LIFE

At La Sierra, **Student Life** bridges the gap between the mental, social, physical, and spiritual components of our students' experiences, preparing them for a successful future.

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LOCATION

Our **REMARKABLE LOCATION** offers a variety of world-class attractions, and is an hour's drive to the **beach**, the **mountains**, and the **desert**.

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RECOGNITIONS

Ranked **1st in the nation** by *Wall Street Journal* for Environment (diversity)

Ranked **Best Regional University** by *US News & World Report* and as a **Top Performers on Social Mobility**.

Ranked top 10 in the nation by MONEY *Magazine* for **value-added education**.

Ranked in the top 11% in the nation by *The Economist* for **value-added** education.

Recognized top 5 on the President's Higher Education **Community Service Honor Roll** & recognized as a **College of Distinction.**

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CONTACT US

Contact one of our Enrollment Counselors for a **financial aid estimate** to see how La Sierra is affordable for you!

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recruit@lasierra.edu

La Sierra's FAFSA code: 001215

Student Financial Services
951.785.2175
sfs@lasierra.edu

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Director,

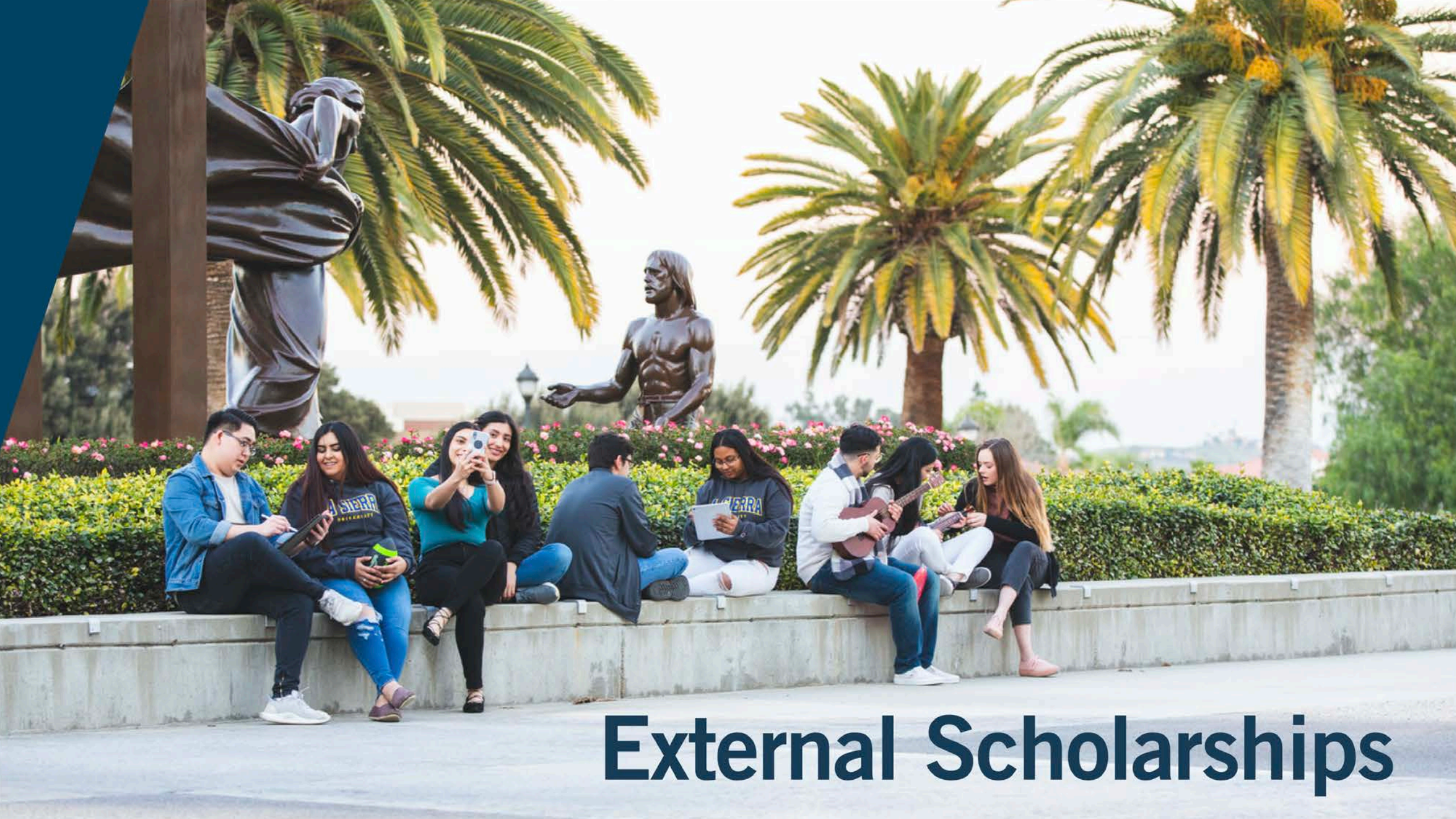
Student Financial Services

La Sierra Scholarships & Grants

Types of La Sierra Aid

lasierra.edu/scholarships

- La Sierra Freshman/Transfer Merit Award (for Freshman and Transfer students respectively)
- 4-year Renewable (Based on GPA)
- Academic Achievement Award (Based on SAT/ACT Scores)
- National Merit Scholarship (PSAT Scores)
- SDA Award
- Church Match
- Commitment Scholarship
- Honors
- Family Discount
- Presidential Scholarship
- Athletics
- Music

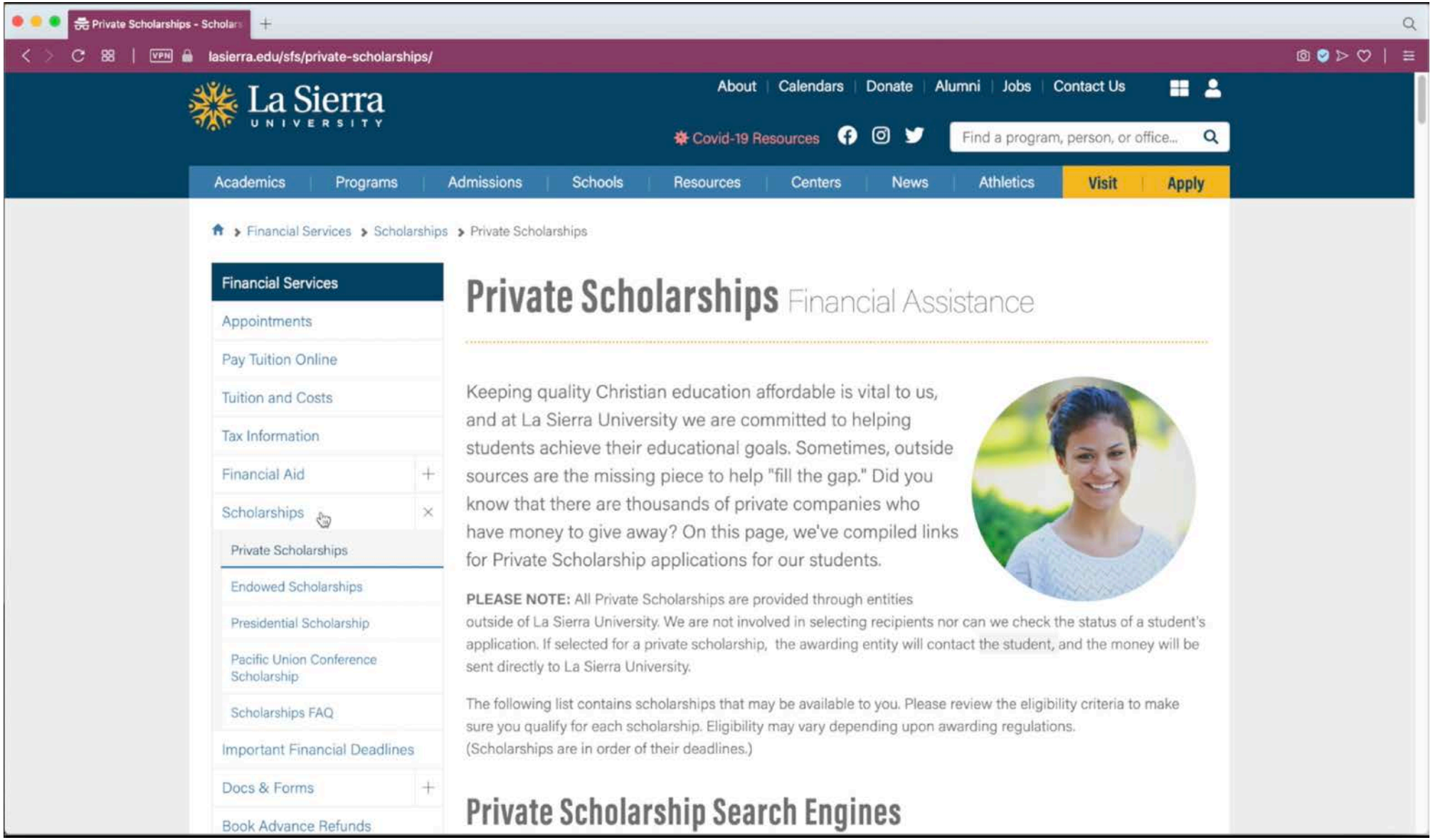


External Scholarships

Adventist Scholarships

- **Local SDA Conference** (Education Dept., Ethnic Ministries, and Youth Dept.)
- **Summer Camp Matching**
- **Literature Evangelist Matching**
- **Pacific Union Endowment** (Deadline June 30th)

- **Education Allowance + La Sierra Gap Scholarship**
  = Free Tuition


Private Scholarships - Scholars
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Presidential Scholarship
Pacific Union Conference Scholarship
Scholarships FAQ
Important Financial Deadlines
Docs & Forms
Book Advance Refunds
Private Scholarships Financial Assistance
Keeping quality Christian education affordable is vital to us, and at La Sierra University we are committed to helping students achieve their educational goals. Sometimes, outside sources are the missing piece to help "fill the gap." Did you know that there are thousands of private companies who have money to give away? On this page, we've compiled links for Private Scholarship applications for our students.
PLEASE NOTE: All Private Scholarships are provided through entities outside of La Sierra University. We are not involved in selecting recipients nor can we check the status of a student's application. If selected for a private scholarship, the awarding entity will contact the student, and the money will be sent directly to La Sierra University.
The following list contains scholarships that may be available to you. Please review the eligibility criteria to make sure you qualify for each scholarship. Eligibility may vary depending upon awarding regulations. (Scholarships are in order of their deadlines.)
Private Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarship Websites

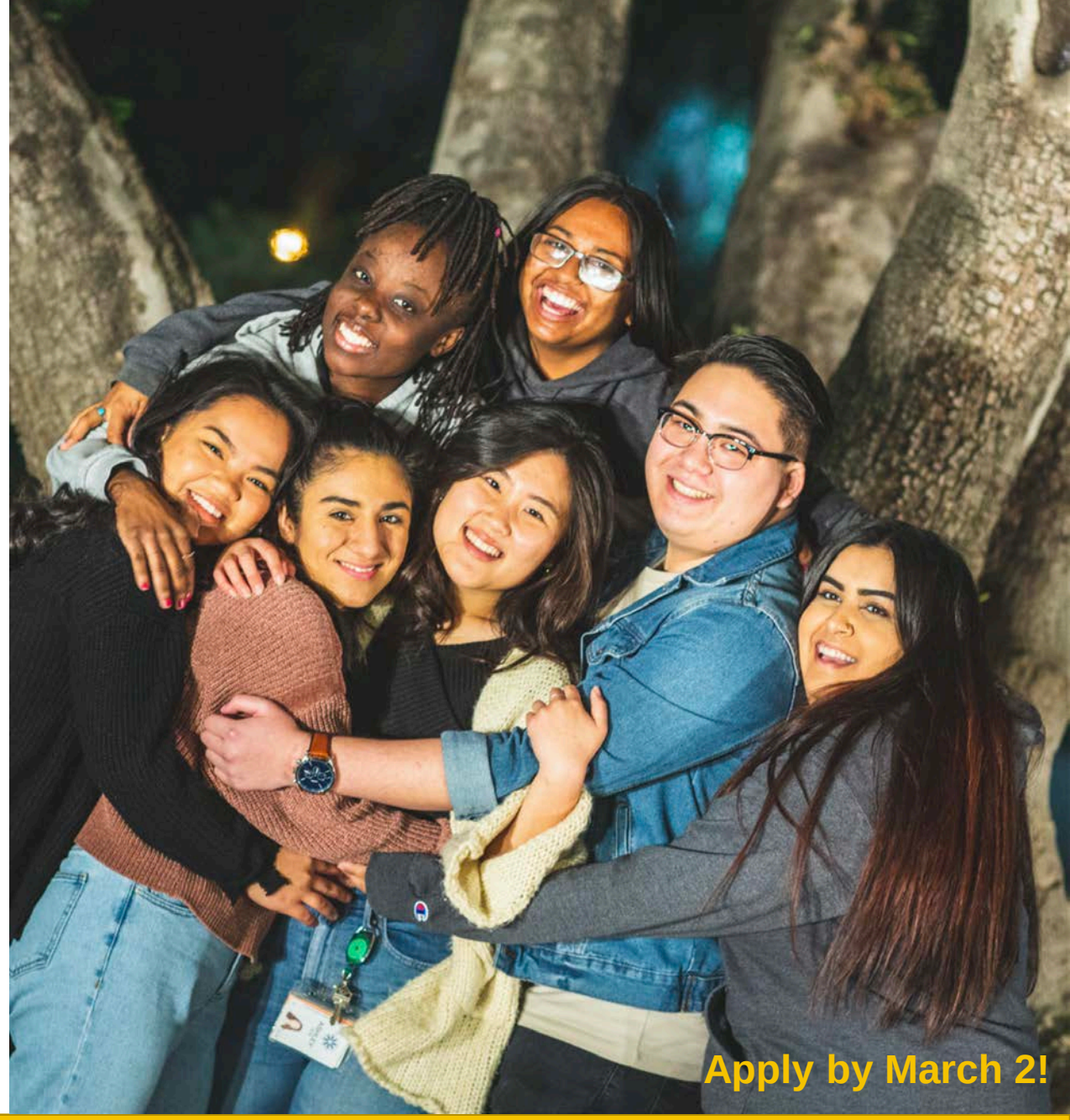
Great FREE resources: lasierra.edu/sfs/private-scholarships

- fastweb.com
- collegeboard.com
- scholarshipexperts.com
- finaid.org
- gocollege.com
- scholarshipmonkey.com
- myscholly.com ($2.99)

Federal Aid

Types of Financial Aid
Need Based

- Federal Pell Grant (Free)
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG, Free)
- Federal Work Study Program
- Subsidized Federal Direct Loan



Types of Financial Aid
Non-Need Based

- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans
- Parent PLUS loans
- Private Loans

Federal Aid Prerequisites…

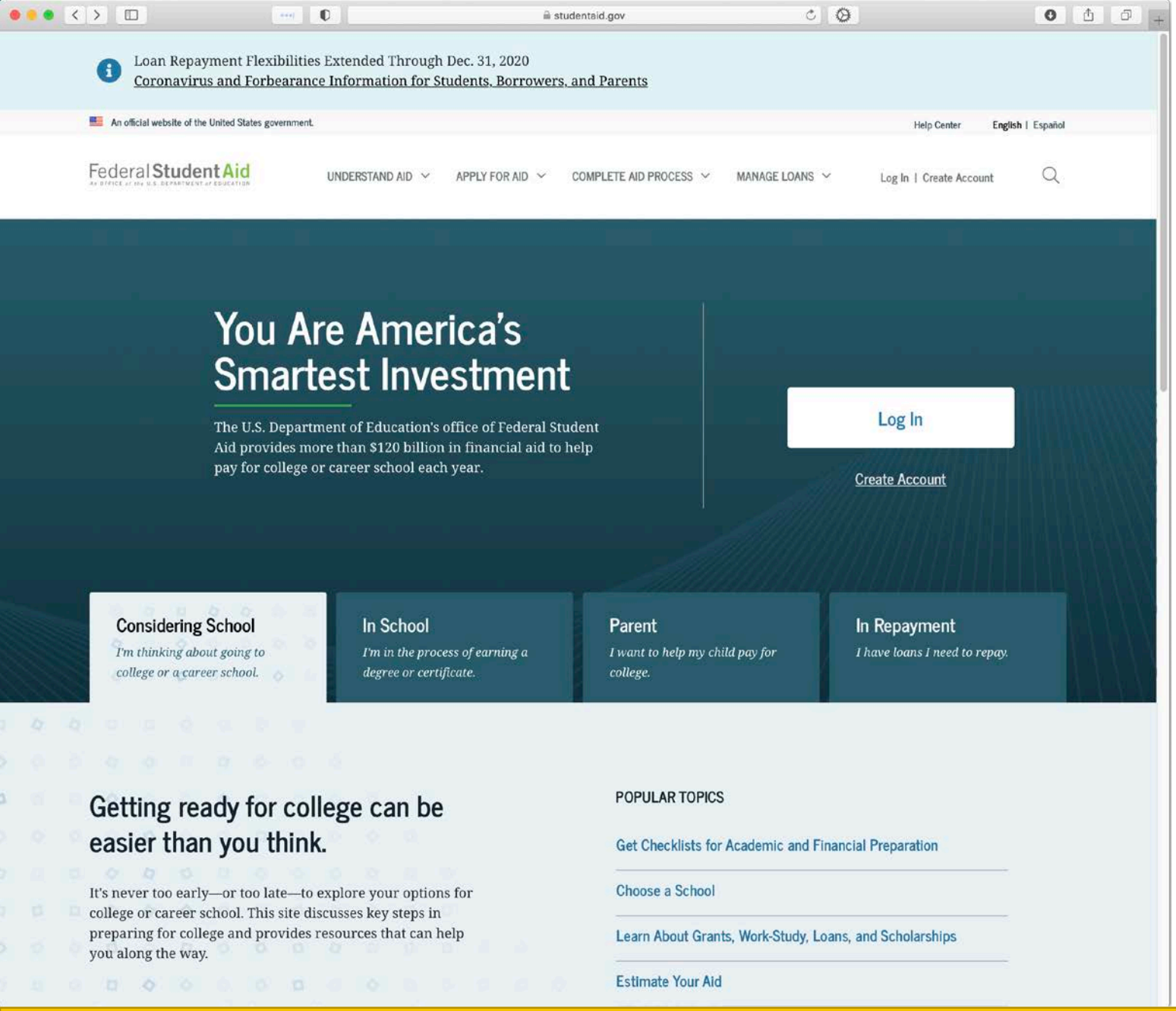
In order to qualify for federal aid, you must have:

- High school diploma, completed homeschooling, or GED
- A valid Social Security Number
  (Students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are exempt from the SSN requirement)
- U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen status
- Enrollment as a regular student in an eligible program in college
- Must not have been suspended or expelled due to a drug-related conviction
- Males must register with the Selective Service

What is a FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- A federal evaluation of your family's financial situation.
- EFC Number (Expected Family Contribution): determines how much aid the government, state, or university can award a student
- Must apply electronically at www.studentaid.gov or with the new app "myStudentAid"
- Customer Service:
  1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)



Can fill FAFSA as early as October 1 of Senior Year of High School

FAFSA Website

www.studentaid.gov

La Sierra's Federal School Code:

001215

You can also use the FAFSA Phone App:

"myStudentAid"

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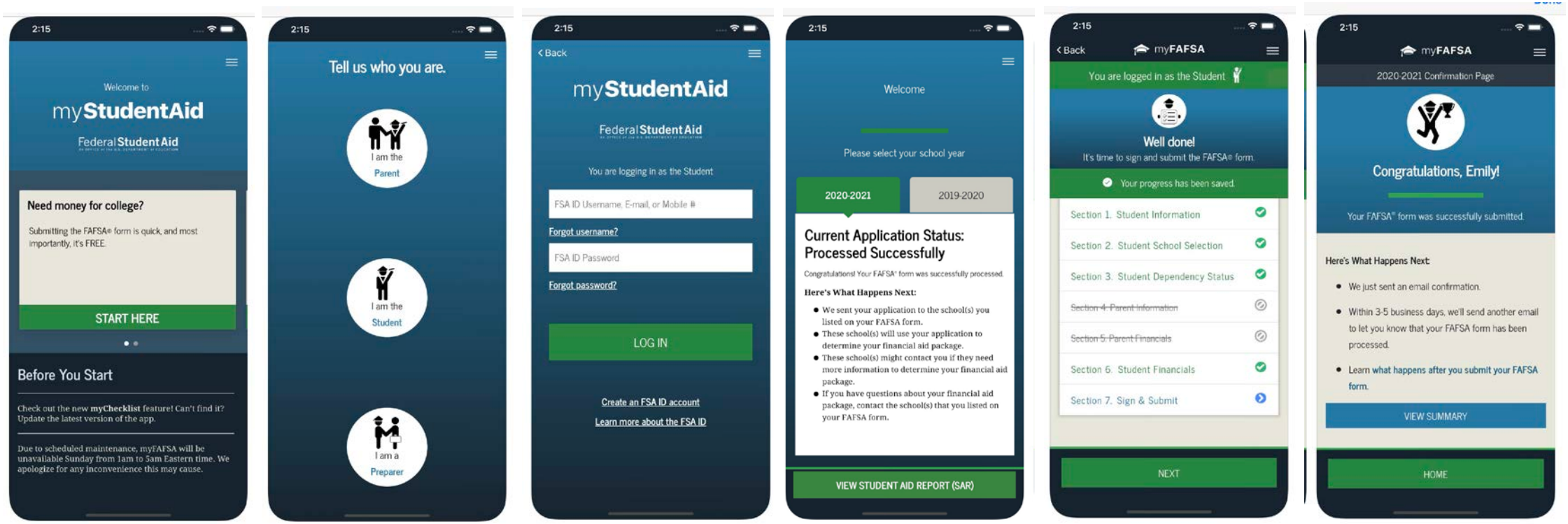


Preparing to Fill Out a FAFSA

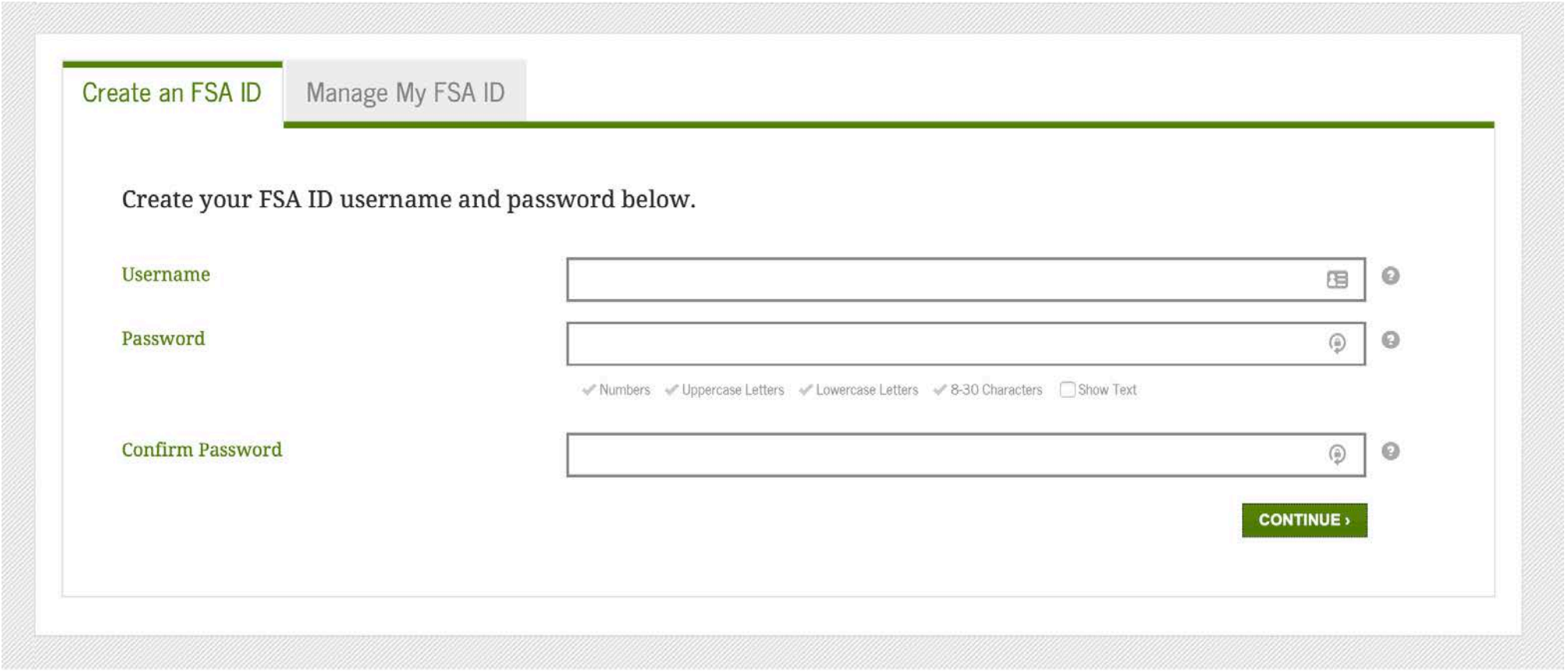
Part 1: Apply for a FSA ID

- Create an FSA ID before completing the application https://fsaid.ed.gov/
- Both student and one parent must have their own FSA ID
- An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature
- Only create an FSA ID using your own personal email and information
- Information Needed: Username, Password, Email, & 5 Challenge Questions

FSA ID Setup Page

https://fsaid.ed.gov/

Apply by March 2!
Federal Aid



Preparing to Fill Out a FAFSA

Part 2: Documents you will need

- Social Security Number
- Driver's license
- **2019** W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- **2019** Federal Income Tax Return:
  - IRS 1040
  - Foreign Tax Return
- **Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the FAFSA**
- **2019** untaxed income records
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment mortgage information, stock, bond, or other investment records
- Alien registration or permanent resident card if not U.S. Citizen

Common FAFSA Errors

Remember these tips to avoid errors!

- Round to the nearest dollar and do not use commas or decimal points
- Do not mail tax forms or worksheets to Federal Student Aid
- Divorced/Remarried parents
- Include the tax/income information of the parent(s) with whom the student lives or lived with for more than half of the year
- Use legal name as printed on Social Security card
- **Enter correct Social Security number**

State Aid

Types of State Aid

- Cal Grant A & B
- Dream Act

California Grant (Cal Grant)

Apply by March 2!
State Aid

To be eligible for this grant, you must:

- Be a California resident
- Have graduated from a California high school
- Have financial need based on your college costs
- Have family income and assets below the established ceilings
- Meet minimum GPA requirements (calculated from Sophomore and Junior years in high school)
- Be enrolled at least half time

Dream Act

California Dream Act

Apply by March 2!
State Aid

- You are eligible to complete if:
- Undocumented
- Have a valid or expired DACA
- U Visa holders
- Have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

WEBSITE:
dream.csac.ca.gov

Customer Service:
1-888-224-7268

Cal Grant Categories

Cal Grant A

- Student - GPA of 3.0 or above (Sophomore/Junior year)
- Used for tuition and fees
- Private University/La Sierra University

  > $9,084 (2020-21)

- Renewable up to 4 years (maintain 2.0 GPA, meet Income & Asset Ceilings annually)

Cal Grant B/Access

- Student - GPA of 2.0 or above (Sophomore/Junior year)
- Used for book and supplies
- $1,656 (2020-21) Access amount (Freshman Year)
- After Freshman year, Cal Grant B pays in the amount of Cal Grant A ($9,084) + Access amount ($1,656) = $10,740

Cal Grant A & B Eligibility Caps…

Apply by March 2!
State Aid

To be eligible for a Cal Grant, you must fit into the following Income & Asset Ceilings (based on 2021-22 school year)

Family Size	A	B
Six or more	$127,700	$70,100
Five	$118,400	$65,000
Four	$110,400	$58,100
Three	$101,700	$52,200
Two	$99,200	$46,300
Independent	$40,500	$40,500
Married	$46,300	$46,300

Asset ceiling (<u>not</u> including primary residence):

Dependent: $85,500

Independent: $40,700

Contact Info

California Student Aid Commission

Website:
dream.csac.ca.gov

Customer Service:
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Simplified How To Pay For College Formula

Tuition and Standard Fees + Room and Meals = Total Cost

Total Cost

\- { University Scholarships
External Scholarships
Federal Aid (FAFSA)
State Aid (Cal Grant)

Remaining Balance
(Responsibility of students/parents)

Apply by March 2!
State Aid

More Resources or to Request Your Estimate!

lasierra.edu/helpful-links

Thank you!