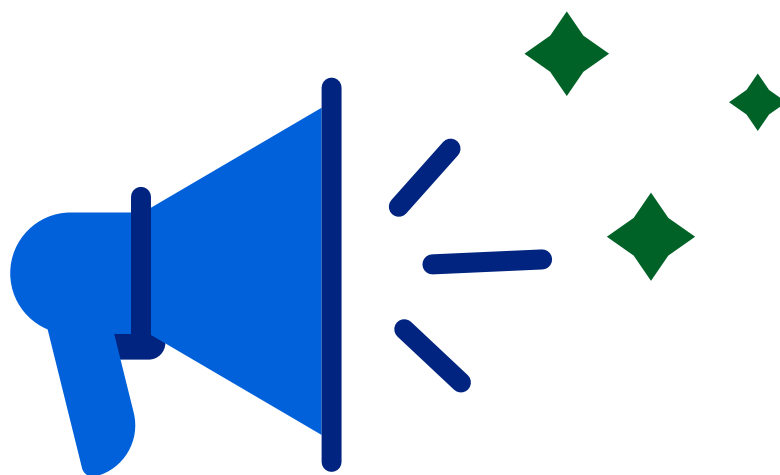


FAFSA/CADAA Talking Points

General Talking Points:

- Students who file a FAFSA/CADAA have better postsecondary outcomes – they enroll directly into college in higher numbers, persist in college longer, and complete a bachelor’s degree at higher rates than non-filers.
- In addition, students who complete and submit their financial aid applications become eligible for a greater number of funding sources for college: federal student loans with lower interest rates, forgivable student loans, federal and state scholarships and grants, and institutional aid.
- Los Angeles Unified is dedicated to finding creative solutions to support students in completing FAFSA/CADAA applications. We are providing schools with additional funding to offer after school and weekend help for students to complete their financial aid applications. As students complete their applications, schools will shift to supporting understanding financial aid award letters, tuition bills and payment options, the verification process, scholarship/grants search and loan options, college acceptance decisions, and submitting the Statement of Intent to Register.
- Los Angeles Unified is working closely with our community partners at L.A. Cash for College and CAL-SOAP to offer workshops for families and students. Topics range from financial literacy, financial aid overviews, to hands-on completion of the FAFSA/CADAA. Workshops are offered live and recorded for on demand viewing, in both English and Spanish. Future workshops will include how to read financial aid award letters, discussing the best match and fit as our graduates begin to make decisions for transition.



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For students and families:

- Did you know that 2/3 of jobs now require some college education? Whether you already have your sights set on college, or if you're still exploring your options after graduation, all seniors should apply for financial aid by the Priority deadline of April 2, 2024.
- Don't miss your opportunity to get FREE money to pay for the education you need for a successful career. Getting an Associate's Degree will help you earn an extra \$7,000 a year on average than with just your high school diploma.
- All Los Angeles Unified graduates can go to college for FREE at any of the L.A. Community College District's 9 campuses through the L.A. College Promise Program. But you have to apply for financial aid by the Priority deadline of April 2, 2024.
- Each year, hundreds of billions of dollars in financial aid are awarded nationally to undergraduate students in the form of grants and scholarships, work-study, and loans. Financial aid is provided by the federal government, the state governments, and colleges and universities.
- Interested in financial aid? You'll need to complete the FAFSA this year! You will need an FSA ID, so create one as soon as possible as it can take up to three days before you can use your account. FSA ID is a username and password combination used to log in, complete, and submit the 2024-2025 FAFSA form. You can find more information on getting an FSA ID at the [Federal Student Aid Website](#)
- FAFSA and CADAA are due by the Priority deadline of April 2, 2024 to qualify for aid. If you make a mistake on your form, you will need your FSA ID to make corrections. Corrections can also be made after the Priority deadline of April 2, 2024.
- You can correct a mistake after April 2, but you need to submit by the deadline.
- Reach out to the financial aid office of the college you plan to attend if there will be a significant change in you or your parent's income for the present year or if your family has other circumstances that cannot be reported on the FAFSA form.



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For staff:

- Educators, did you know that you can access support for helping students complete financial aid applications? Direct students to resources and financial aid workshops offered by L.A. Cash for College, CAL-SOAP and CSAC.
- Many students do not complete financial aid applications for several reasons: financial aid applications are complicated; parents may feel uncertain about sending their children to college, especially if they rely on them for childcare or for income support; students may feel unsure about going to college, worried about leaving their families, or that they won't belong.
- Educators can help in promoting a sense of urgency with your seniors with financial aid applications. Share the importance of financial aid and post-secondary education and coordinate with your school counselors to offer assistance and resources to help students complete their financial aid applications by the Priority deadline of April 2, 2024.

