Which Is The Correct Financial Aid Application For You - FAFSA or CA Dream Act?

Fullerton College

Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Students must submit only one application for financial aid consideration. For assistance, please visit the Financial Aid Office.

Who Can Apply?

Each application has its own set of eligibility criteria and offer different types of aid programs. The priority filing deadline is March 2nd, but students may apply at any time during the application window.

FAFSA
studentaid.gov

The FAFSA is a federal financial aid application that allows students to apply for federal and state aid programs.
- U.S. citizens
- Eligible non-citizens:
  - U.S. Nationals
  - U.S. permanent residents
  - Individuals with an I-94 Arrival-Departure Record from USCIS in specific status categories
- T visa holders
- VAWA designees

CADAA
dream.csac.ca.gov

The CADAA is California's application operated by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) that allows students to apply for only state aid programs.
- Undocumented students
  - Must meet the AB 540 "non-resident tuition exemption" by completing an AB 540 Affidavit processed by the Admissions & Records office
- DACA recipients (valid or expired)
- Students with a U visa
- Students with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

FAFSA
Types of Financial Aid Programs at Fullerton College

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
- Student Loans
- California College Promise Grant (CCPG)
- Cal Grant
- Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)

Overlap of FAFSA & CADAA Financial Aid Programs at Fullerton College

- CCPG
- Cal Grant
- SSCG

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- California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG)

For questions please contact the Financial Aid Office (https://financialaid.fullcoll.edu/#contact).