

CSAC

ALL IN!
FOR FAFSA/CA DREAM ACT





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FAFSA/CA Dream Act

Assembly Bill 469





What is All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act?



Starting in 2022-2023 Academic School Year



High schools, continuation schools, and school districts (Local Educational Agencies) will ensure that **all seniors in California complete a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)**



Unless student has formally submitted an opt-out waiver



Goal of "All In" is to **expand access to financial aid** to thousands of students who may have otherwise not been aware of these opportunities



Why is Financial Aid Application Completion So Important?



At the Student Level



Opportunities and Options
for students post -high school



Supports
Equity in Higher Education



Post-secondary degrees result in
Increased Earning Potential



At the State Level



Return on Investment:
\$4.50 for every \$1.00
that California invests in
students going to college



Increased taxes on the
College Graduate's Income



Lower costs for
Social Services & Incarceration



Assists in closing the
Skilled Worker Degree Gap





Purpose of All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act



FAFSA or CADAA allows students to be considered for:

- ✓ Federal Aid (FAFSA only)
- ✓ State Aid
- ✓ Institutional Aid
- ✓ Loans



Provides access to various options for financial aid, allowing students and families to make informed decisions about attending college, university, or vocational school



Empowering opportunity that can make all the difference in a student's decision to pursue post-secondary education



Role of CDE & CSAC



California Department of Education required to **share current school year's roster of pupils with CSAC**

Data will be published by **CSAC** via WebGrants and the Race to Submit dashboards



CSAC developed **model opt-out form for LEAs** to document their seniors who elect not to submit or are exempt from submitting the FAFSA or CADAA



CSAC developed **model acceptable use policy** for the secure handling of parent, guardian, and student personal information gathered by the LEAs



CSAC **will be a resource to LEAs** and can assist with workshops, training events, resources and virtual webinars





Appendix A

MODEL FAFSA or CADAA Opt-Out Form

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) determines a pupil's eligibility for financial aid to assist with a pupil's attendance at a college or career school. California Education Code (CEC) § 51225.7 requires a local educational agency to confirm each 12th grade pupil's completion and submission of a FAFSA or CADAA unless the pupil is determined to be exempt or an opt-out form is completed by a legally emancipated pupil, a pupil who is 18 years or older, a legal guardian, or parent, or a local educational agency on a pupil's behalf. This opt-out form permits a pupil to opt out of the completion of a FAFSA or CADAA form.

If you wish to opt yourself or your pupil out of the Financial Aid Application requirement, please complete this form and return it to your local high school counselor by the date established at your local school district.

Submitting a *Financial Aid Application Opt-Out Form* does not prohibit a pupil from completing and submitting a financial aid application at any time in the future.

PUPIL INFORMATION

Pupil Name (First, Last)	
Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)	
Statewide Student Identifier (SSID)	

Option 1 – Pupil Authorization (emancipated or age 18 or older): By signing this form, I have read the information on the reverse, I understand what the FAFSA and CADAA are, and I choose not to submit a completed financial aid application.

Pupil Signature	Pupil Printed Name	Date
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Option 2 – Parent or Guardian Authorization: The pupil named on this form is under the age of 18. I am a legal guardian of the above-named minor, and by signing this form I have read the information on the reverse, I understand what the FAFSA and CADAA are, and I choose for my pupil not to submit a completed financial aid application.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Date
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Option 3 – Counselor Authorization: My signature below certifies that reasonable efforts to fulfill obligations of the pupil have been made, but I have determined the pupil is unable to complete requirements of Education Code Section 51225.7.

Counselor Signature	Counselor Printed Name	Date
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Model Opt-Out Form



The goal is to avoid the opt-out form as the default option by educating students and families about the benefits of applying for aid



The Opt-out form must be completed by:

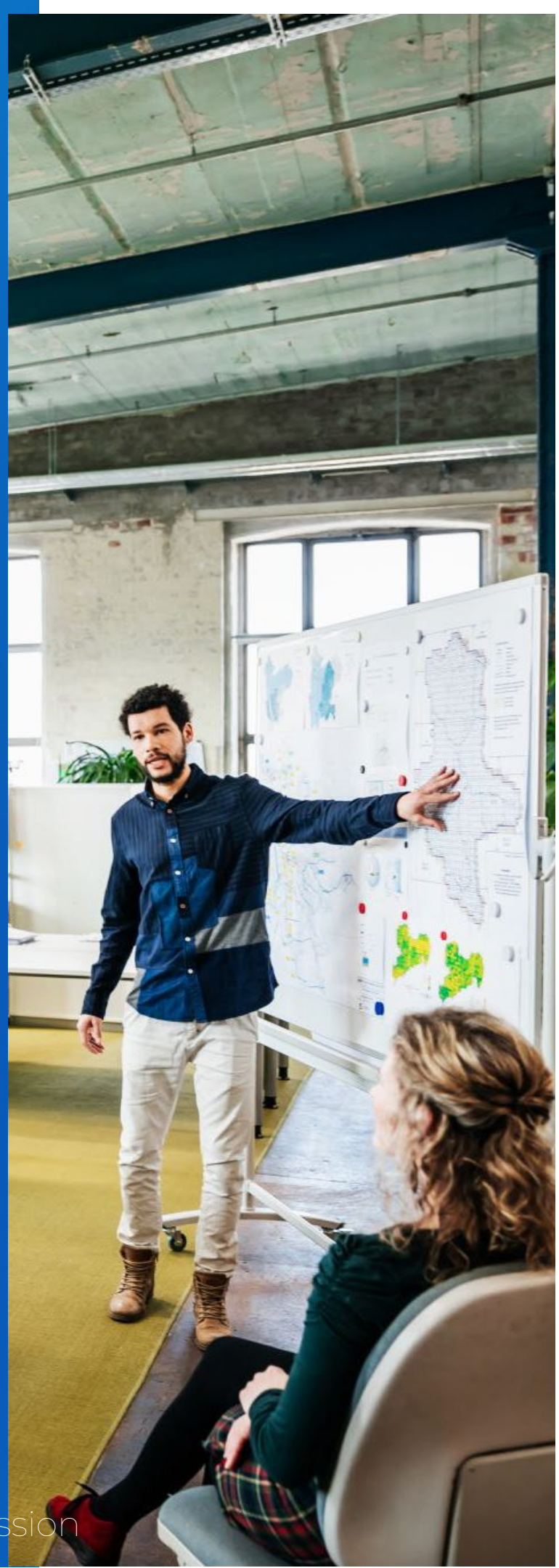
- Legally emancipated pupil
- Pupil who is 18 years or older
- Legal guardian or parent
- Local Educational Agency on pupil's behalf

The All In Campaign is On!

- ✔ CSAC Hires K-12 Coordinator (Sal Villaseñor)
- ✔ Focus on School District Superintendents
- ✔ Ensure School Board participation statewide
- ✔ Expand pool of statewide organizations
- ✔ CSAC leadership at major event gatherings
- ✔ Use all forms of media to generate interest



Resources to help you!



All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act **Landing Page**



Annual Statewide Financial Aid **Workshops** ,
AllIn **presentations** , Cash for College
Workshops, **webinars** , etc.



Data (WebGrants , Race to Submit, Tableau, etc.)



Various **marketing materials** (flyers, postcards,
social media graphics, etc.)



Collaboration is Key



Brainstorm with people who can assist with this campaign & develop a game plan:

- ✓ School administrators
- ✓ Teachers & student leaders
- ✓ Community Based Organizations: Non-profits, Churches, College Access Programs, etc.
- ✓ CSAC: Cal-SOAPs, Regional Coordinating Organizations
- ✓ Local colleges
- ✓ Parent Organizations



Get the conversation started and ask for support on increasing financial aid application completion



Cash for College



Encourage students and families to attend Local Cash for College workshops or Statewide Webinars for help completing:

- ✓ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- ✓ Chafee Grant for Foster Youth



Get trained & certified to host Cash for College Workshops through the Train the Trainer Program



CSAC Trainings & Workshops



182 **Cash for College workshops** already registered!
11 **Cash for College Statewide Webinars** scheduled
70 **Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops** scheduled



8 **Train the Trainer workshops** scheduled



Find Local Workshops: cash4college.csac.ca.gov
Find Statewide Webinars: bit.ly/registerC4C
Register for Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops:
https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/2022-23-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops-rancho-cordova-august-850869



Race to Submit



Creates competition to increase the number of financial aid applications submitted by HS seniors



Data updated weekly and can be filtered by high school, school district, and county



Downloadable data in CSV format:

- ✓ FAFSA/CADAA completion and submission rates
- ✓ Number of FAFSA/CADAA submitted and completed
- ✓ Number of students eligible for Cal Grant
- ✓ Number of Cal Grant awards

**RACE TO
SUBMIT**
MISSION TO FAFSA AND
CA DREAM ACT SUBMISSION

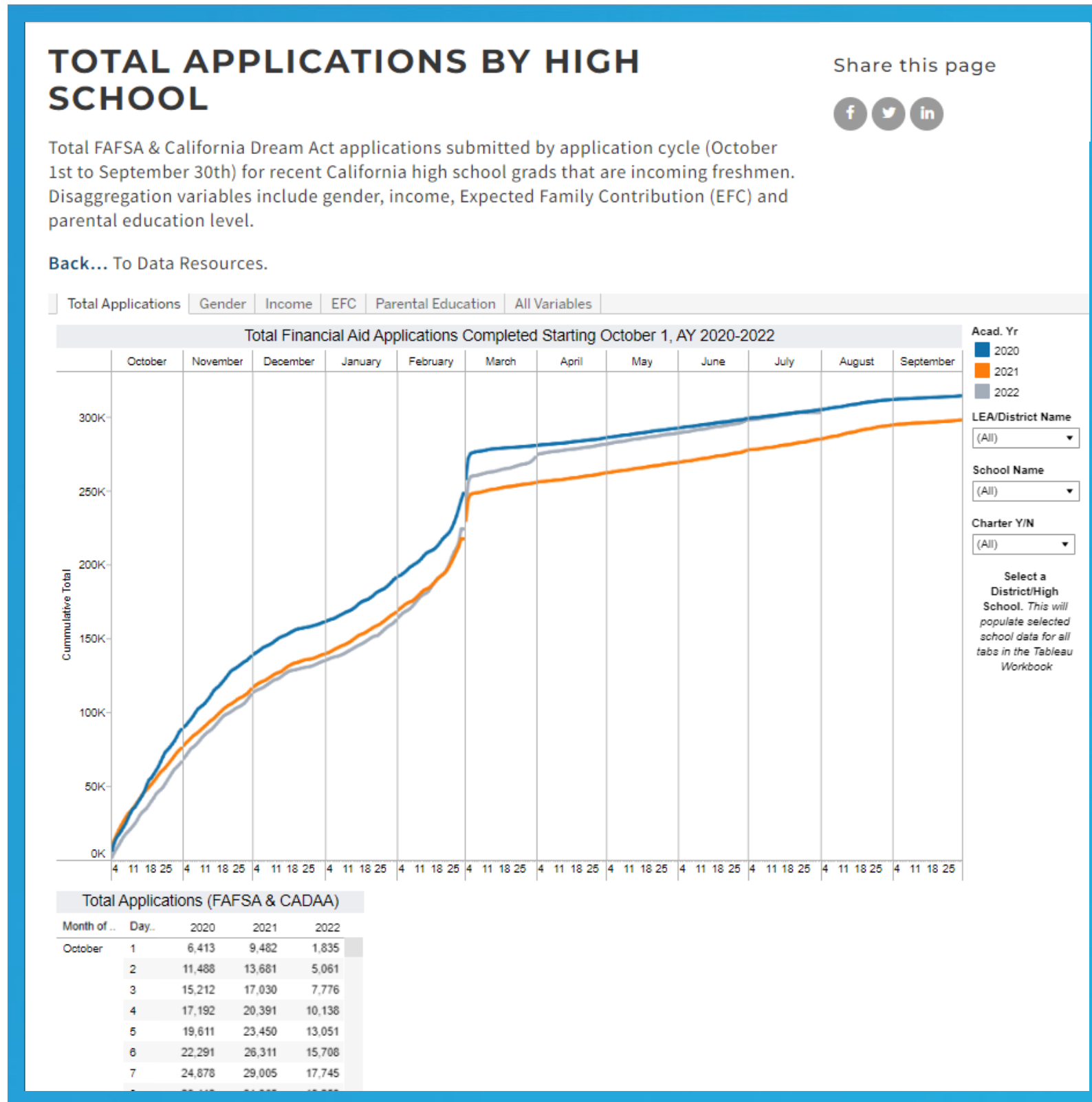


Data Dashboard



Find data at: csac.ca.gov/data

- ✓ Total Applications
- ✓ Total Applications by County
- ✓ Total Applications by High School



Key Dates

- ✓ Oct 1
 - 2023-2024 FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) cycle opens
- ✓ Oct 3 & 4 Launch Events



We're **All In** for FAFSA/CA Dream Act!



Check out our All In landing page and social platforms for various **resources and marketing materials** to help you promote the campaign



csac.ca.gov/all-in



csac.ca.gov/cash-college



csac.ca.gov/social-media-toolkits





Thank you!



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