

WHERE TO FIND COLLEGE GRANTS

Free money may come from federal, state, college, and special-program sources. Start early and check every place you may qualify.

DON'T STOP AT FAFSA

FAFSA is the starting point. After you submit it, check your California aid account and the financial aid website of every college, university, community college, or career school you are considering.

GRANT SOURCES TO CHECK

FEDERAL PELL GRANT Federal need-based grant for eligible undergraduate students. Apply by completing the FAFSA each year. Federal Pell Grant	FSEOG Campus-based federal grant for undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Funding is limited, so ask the school about its deadline and participation. FSEOG information
CAL GRANT California state grant aid for eligible students. Submit the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application and monitor your award status through WebGrants 4 Students. California Student Aid Commission	CHAFEE GRANT For eligible current or former foster youth attending college, career, or technical training. Separate eligibility rules and application steps apply. Chafee Grant
TEACH GRANT For eligible students preparing to teach in high-need fields. Read the service obligation carefully: failing to complete it can turn the grant into a loan. TEACH Grant	COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GRANTS Many schools offer their own need-based, merit, departmental, or special-program grants. Search the financial aid and scholarship pages of every school on your list.

WHAT TO SEARCH ON A COLLEGE WEBSITE

Search: Financial Aid | Institutional Grants | Need-Based Aid | Merit Aid | Incoming Freshman Aid | Department Scholarships

4 STEPS TO MAXIMIZE GRANT AID

1 SUBMIT FAFSA / CADA Meet federal, state, and school deadlines.	2 CHECK CALIFORNIA AID Create or monitor WebGrants 4 Students.	3 CHECK EACH SCHOOL Look for institutional grants and extra forms.	4 READ YOUR OFFER Separate grants from loans and compare net cost.
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TRUSTED LINKS

[FAFSA](#) • [Federal Grants](#) • [CSAC](#) • [WebGrants 4 Students](#) • [Chafee Grant](#)

Grant amounts, eligibility, deadlines, and program rules can change. Always verify current information with Federal Student Aid, the California Student Aid Commission, and the school you plan to attend.

There's just not one pathway to success.™