Scholarship and Financial Aid Checklist

- Get started on your Internet scholarship search today.
- Get an e-mail address for yourself and your parents.
- If filing a FAFSA:
  - Get a Financial Student Aid (FSAID) for yourself and your parents.
- Get financial aid information and help with the FAFSA or CA Dream Application at local workshops. Both applications are available October 1 and use 2016 income and tax data.
- Undocumented students and U Visa holders can apply for financial aid using the CA Dream Application.
- Applying for a Cal Grant?
  - Make sure your high school or community college submits your GPA Verification form to CSAC by October 1.

What You’ll Need to Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California DREAM Act Application (CADA)

- Accurate income records for you and your family from the year prior to when you start school (e.g., For the 2018-19 school year, you will need 2016 income information).
- For the FAFSA: Your Social Security card and driver’s license or state issued ID.
- 2016 W-2 forms or other records of income earned.
- Your (and your spouse’s, if you are married) 2016 federal income tax return.
- Your parents’ 2016 federal income tax return if you are a dependent student.
- Records of other untaxed income received such as workers compensation, disability benefits, military or clergy allowances.
- Current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds, and other investments.
- For FAFSA: Your alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen.