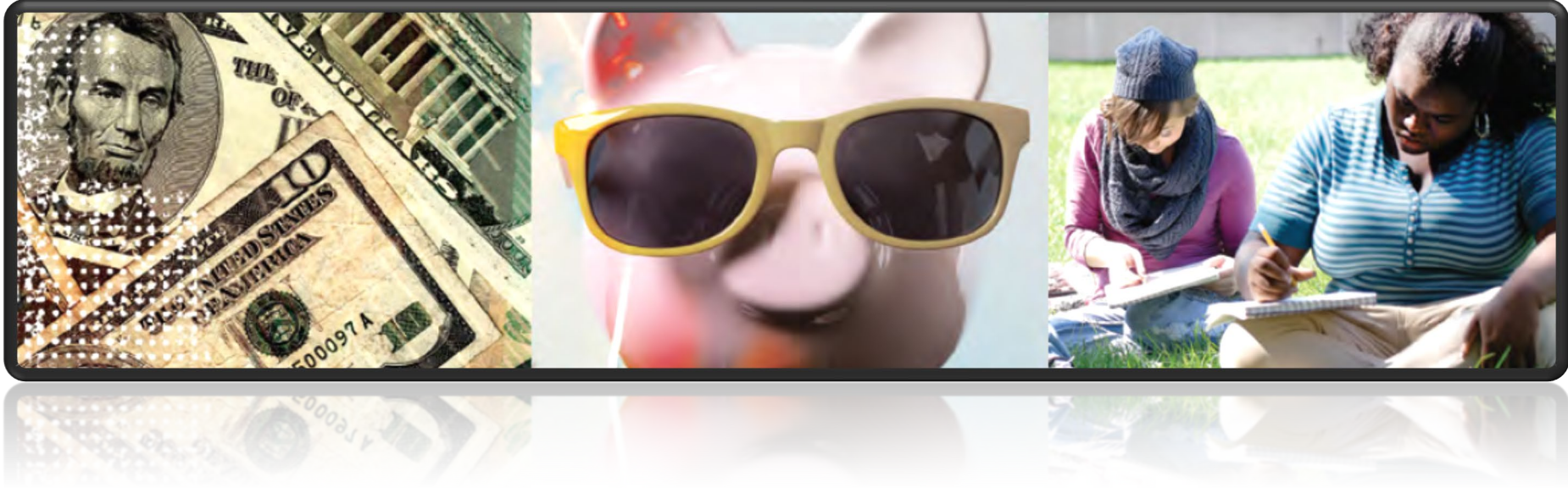




High School Counselors' Conference

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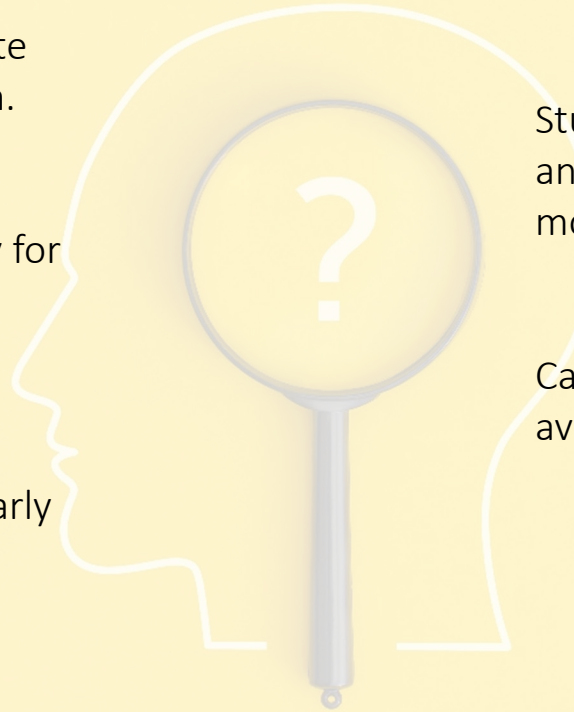


Did You Know?

87.3% of first-time, first-year undergraduate students receive financial aid in some form.

Maximum Federal Pell Grant \$7,395 to pay for school-related expenses.

Federal Pell Grant recipients who attend community college may also qualify for yearly tuition fee waiver.



Students receiving aid are more likely to persist and graduate from their institutions while being more likely to graduate on time.

California ranks #1 for FAFSA submission by state, average of 2.4 million.

Today's Agenda



FINANCIAL AID
ELIGIBILITY & PROCESS



ACADEMIC
STANDARDS



FINANCIAL AID
PROGRAMS



TIPS &
REMINDERS

One-Stop for Most Financial Aid

Federal Aid : Pell Grant, Work Study and Subsidized Loans (FAFSA Filers)

State Aid : Cal Grants, Middle Class Scholarship, Students with Dependent Children, financial aid for foster youth

Institutional Aid : the California Promise Grant (CCC), State University Grants (CSU) and the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan (UC).

Other Campus-Based Grants & Scholarships based on financial need and/or on academic merit, specific fields of study, and other criteria.

Paid Volunteer & Community Service Opportunities on campus and off

CADAA

California Dream Act Application



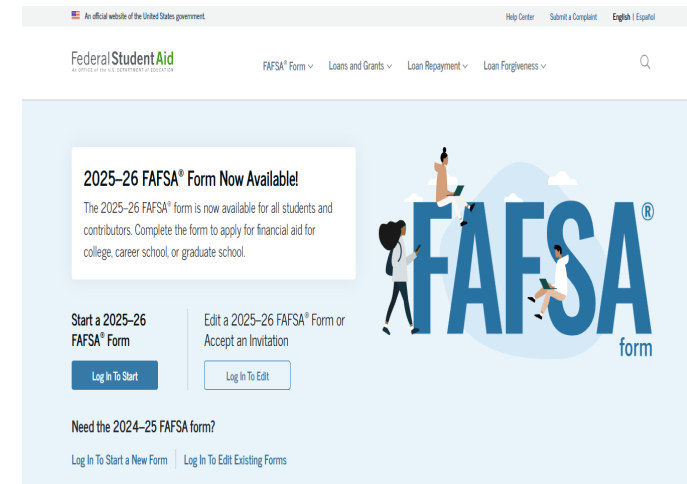
Meet “Non-resident tuition exemption” also known as [AB-540 eligibility](#) and any of the following:

- Undocumented,
- [DACA](#) recipients (valid/expired)
- U-visa holder,
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

1. U.S. citizens or “green card holders” whose parent(s) or spouse are undocumented (mixed-status families) can also apply for the CADAA if they do not want to submit a FAFSA.

FAFSA

Free Application Federal Student Aid



- U.S. Citizen,
- [Eligible Non-citizen](#)

1. U.S. Permanent Resident,
2. Individual who has an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing certain designation. Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending), Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980), Parolee.
3. T-visa holder, victims of human trafficking,
4. You are a “[battered immigrant-qualified alien](#)” who is a victim of abuse as such under the *Violence Against Women Act*.
5. Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.



CADAA

California Dream Act Application



Student create user account.

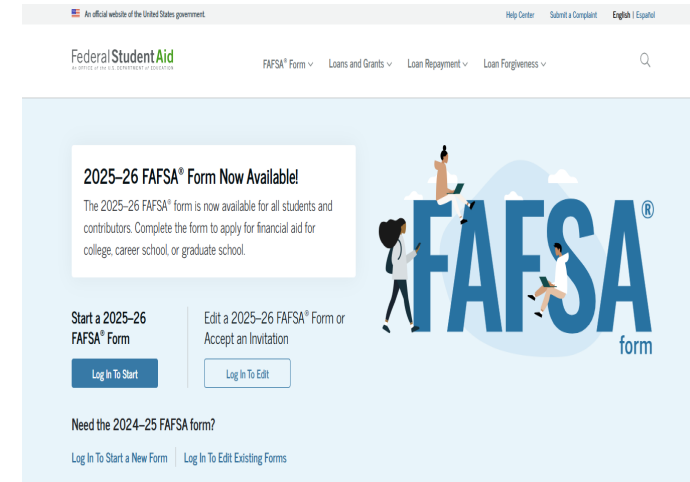
GPA verification to CSAC.

Immigration status documentation (*DACA work permit or other relevant immigration paperwork*).

*ITIN number.

FAFSA

Free Application Federal Student Aid



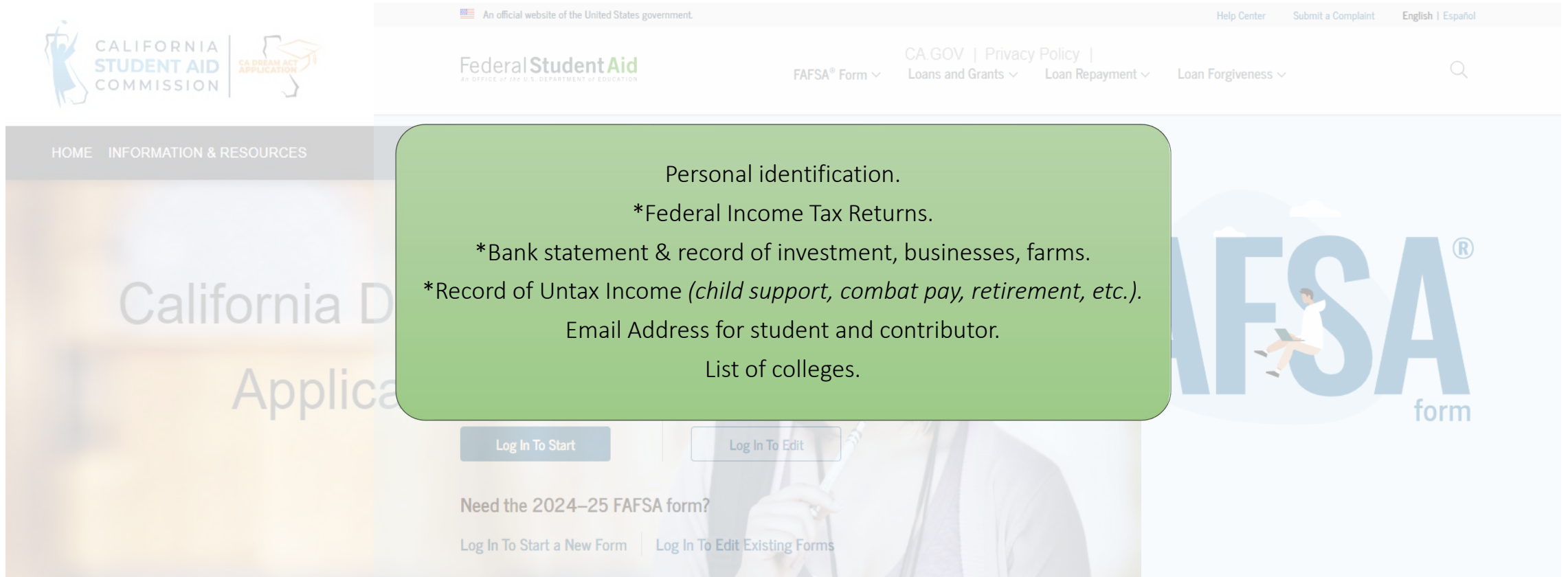
Contributors create user account.

Social Security Number.

*Alien Registration Number.

NOTE: Student's spouse (if married) and/parents are not financially responsible for the student's education costs.

Application Checklist



The image is a screenshot of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Help Center', 'Submit a Complaint', and 'English | Español'. Below this, the 'Federal Student Aid' logo is visible, along with links for 'FAFSA® Form', 'Loans and Grants', 'Loan Repayment', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. A search icon is also present. A green rounded rectangle is overlaid on the center of the page, containing a checklist of items needed for the application. The background of the website shows a large 'FAFSA form' graphic and a person sitting on a laptop.

- Personal identification.
- *Federal Income Tax Returns.
- *Bank statement & record of investment, businesses, farms.
- *Record of Untax Income (*child support, combat pay, retirement, etc.*).
- Email Address for student and contributor.
- List of colleges.

Log In To Start Log In To Edit

Need the 2024–25 FAFSA form?

Log In To Start a New Form Log In To Edit Existing Forms

*If applicable.



FAFSA Flowchart

Student

Section 1 – Personal Circumstances

Section 2 – Demographics

Section 3 – Financials

Section 4 – Colleges

Section 5 – Contributor Invite

Section 6 - Signature

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FAFSA Flowchart

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Invite a Parent Contributor

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 Send Invite

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Get Money To Help Pay For School

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Edit Existing Forms



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[Edit Existing Forms](#)

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Log In | Create Account

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

Get Started

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address



NOTE: Use your personal email address, phone number, and legal name.

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Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username

Password

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FAFSA® FORM 2026-27 Student HARRY DO

Save FAFSA Menu

Student State of Residence

State

Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school.

California (CA) ⓘ

Date the Student Became a Resident of California (CA)

If the student was born in California (CA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to California (CA).

Month Year ⓘ

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State of Residence

Select the state where your permanent address is located.

If you're temporarily living in a state for the sole purpose of attending a school, don't select that state as your state of residence. Instead, select the state you live in when you're not attending school. If you split time living in two different states when not attending school, select the state you use in your permanent mailing address.

If you live in a foreign country, select "Foreign Country (FC)."

If you moved to a state or country because you (or your parent or spouse) are serving in the U.S. armed forces, enter "Military" and select one of the following options:

- Military—Americas except Canada (AA)
- Military—Europe, Middle East, Canada (AE)
- Military—Pacific (AP)

Each state determines residency differently. Most states require at least 12 months of residency prior to beginning classes for a student to be considered a state resident. Students should contact their college's or career/trade school's financial aid office for help answering residency questions.



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HOME INFORMATION & RESOURCES

California Dream Act Application



Log in or Create an Account



STUDENT ACCOUNT

- Submit a CA Dream Act Application
- Update a previously submitted CA Dream Act Application
- Retrieve Username or Password

Login

Need an Account? Click [here](#) for first-time account registration.



PARENT SIGNATURE

- Reserved for parent(s) ONLY
- Sign your child's CA Dream Act Application

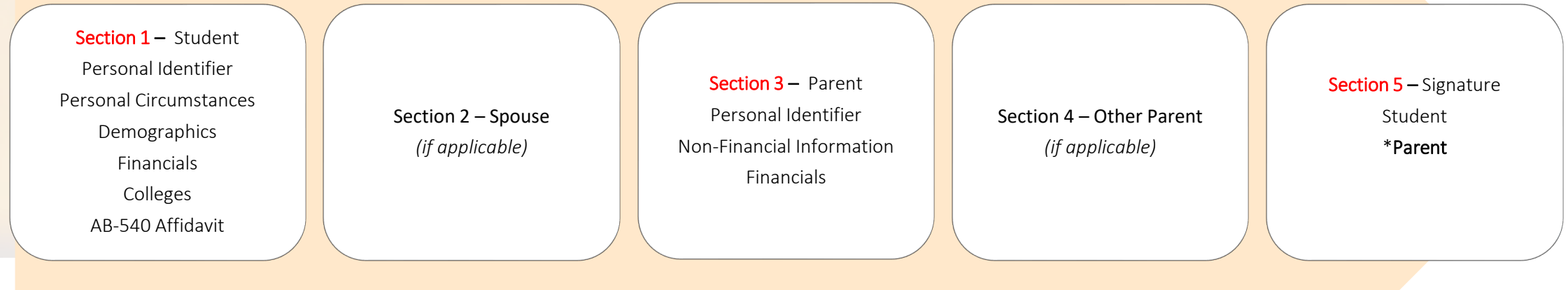
Sign

*Start video at 5:20



CADAA Flowchart

California Dream Act Application



*Parent of a dependent student can provide electronic signature within the application session.

Parent Signature

If the parent is not available to sign immediately, they can sign later using the parent signature section on the home page.



PARENT SIGNATURE

ved for parent(s) ONLY

our child's CA Dream Act Application if you did not submit the application was submitted.

Sign



CA Dream Act Application

PARENT SIGNATURE

our child's CA Dream Act Application

As a parent on your child's CA Dream Act Application and are required to provide your signature, please complete the following information to complete your child's CA Dream Act Application.

Your signature does not make you (the parent) financially responsible, nor is this an application for a loan. Your parental signature is required by the Financial Aid Commission to determine your child's eligibility for state and institutional financial aid.

OUR CHILD'S INFORMATION BELOW (must match with your child's CA Dream Act Application)

* CA Dream Act Application Year: -- SELECT --

* Student's First Name:

* Student's Last Name:

* Student's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

* Student's Zip Code:

* Student's Email Address:

Continue **Clear**

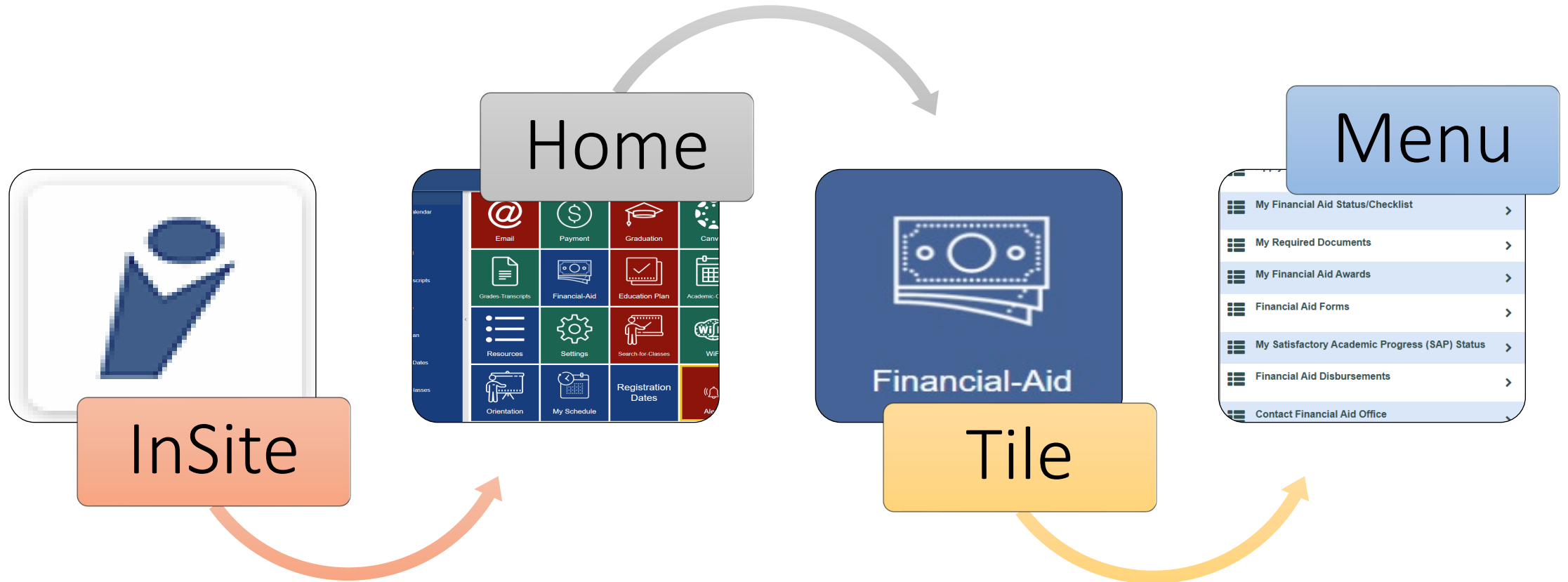
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Financial Aid Process



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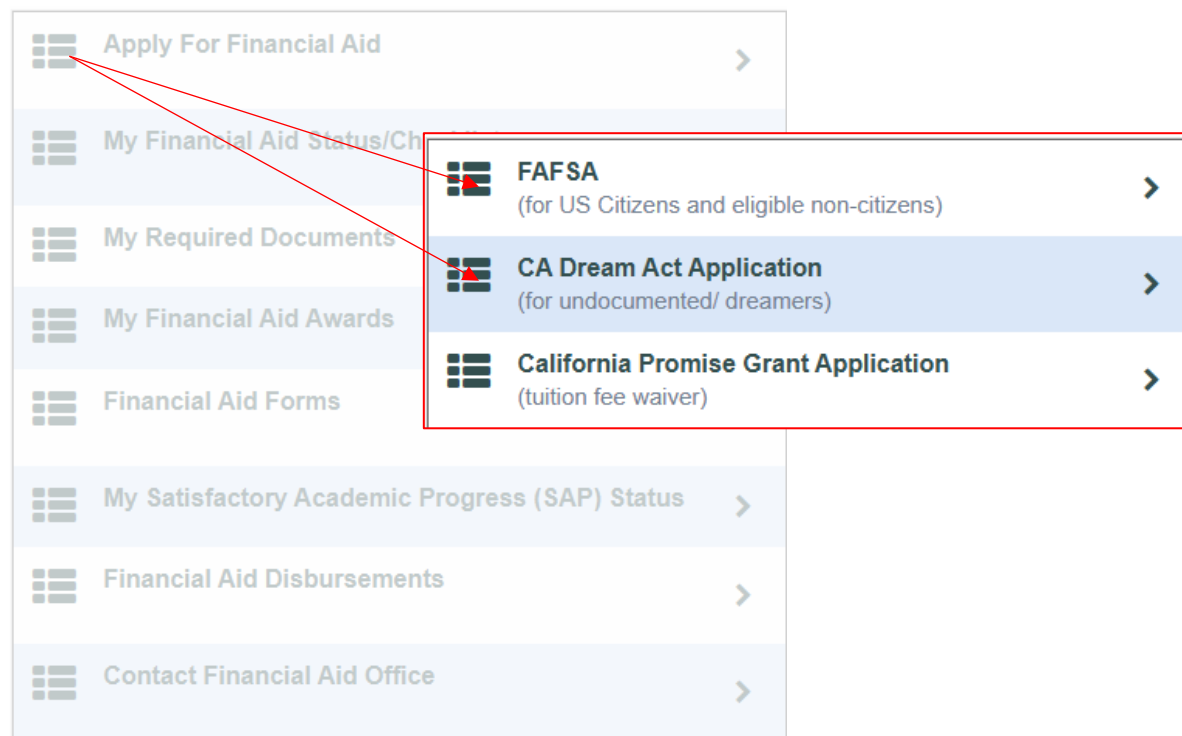
Student Dashboard



Financial Aid Process

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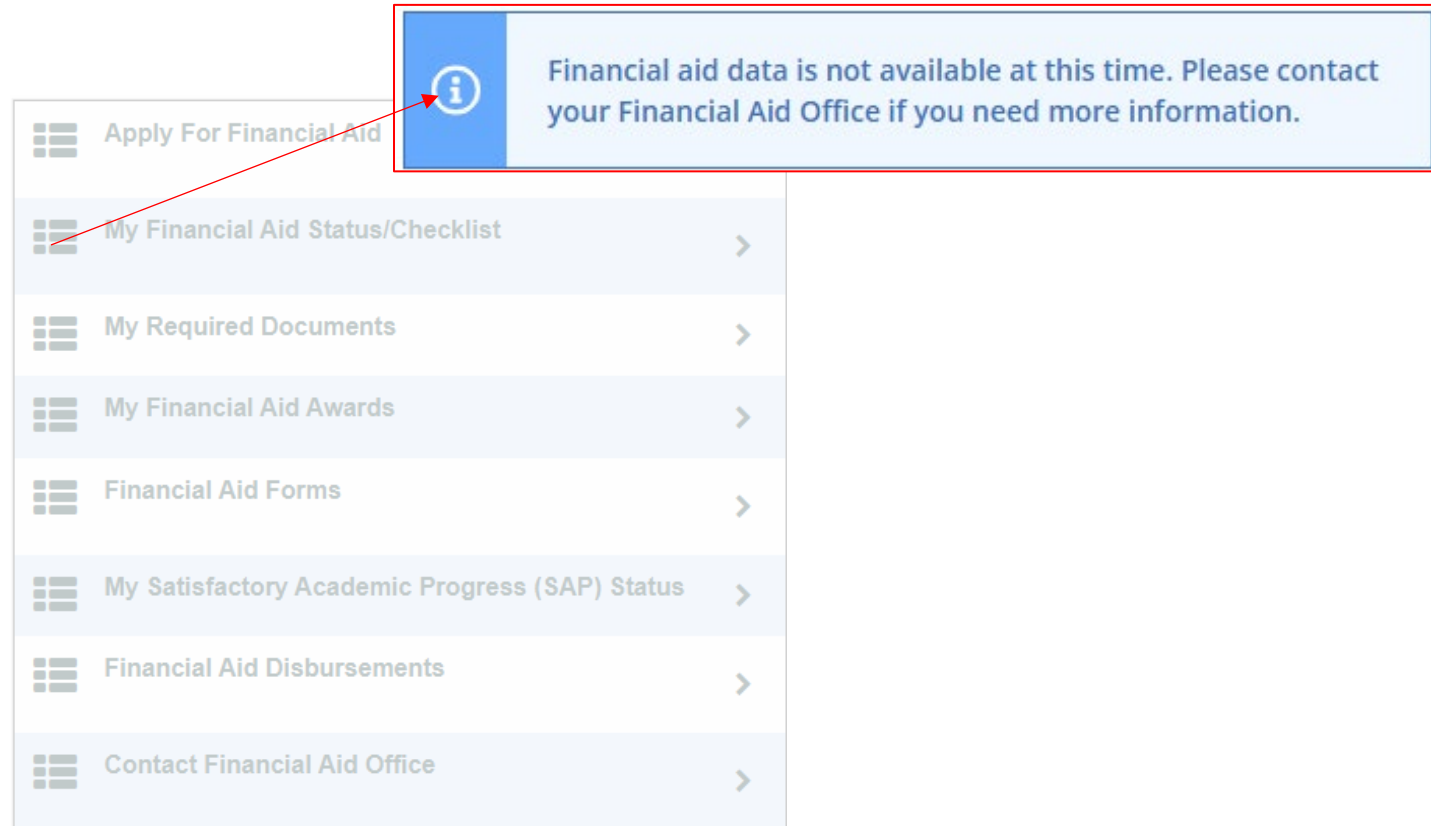
Submit a
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Financial Aid Process

2

Check Your
Status & Review
Your Checklist



The screenshot displays a web interface for financial aid. At the top, a blue header bar contains a white information icon (a lowercase 'i' inside a circle) and a message: "Financial aid data is not available at this time. Please contact your Financial Aid Office if you need more information." Below this header is a list of menu items, each preceded by a hamburger menu icon and followed by a right-pointing chevron. The items are: "Apply For Financial Aid", "My Financial Aid Status/Checklist", "My Required Documents", "My Financial Aid Awards", "Financial Aid Forms", "My Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Status", "Financial Aid Disbursements", and "Contact Financial Aid Office". A red arrow points from the "My Financial Aid Status/Checklist" item to the information icon in the header.

Menu Item	Action
Apply For Financial Aid	
My Financial Aid Status/Checklist	>
My Required Documents	>
My Financial Aid Awards	>
Financial Aid Forms	>
My Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Status	>
Financial Aid Disbursements	>
Contact Financial Aid Office	>

Financial Aid Process

2

Check Your
Status & Review
Your Checklist

Apply For Financial Aid	>
My Financial Aid Status/Checklist	>
My Required	
My Financial	
Financial Aid	
My Satisfact	
Financial Aid	
Contact Financial Aid Office	>

Checklist

✓ Completed	Submit a financial aid application (FAFSA/CADAA)
⚠ Action Needed	Complete required documents
✓ Completed	Your application is being reviewed by the Financial Aid Office
⚠ Action Needed	View your Financial Aid Award

Financial Aid Process

3

Submit Required Documents *(if applicable)*

Document	Explanation
High School Grad or GED	Our records indicate that you do not have a high school diploma, GED or other recognized equivalent. You are not eligible to ... more DVC students ONLY: High School Completion Confirmation LMC Students Only: High School Completion Confirmation

Apply For Financial Aid

My Financial Aid Status/Checklist

My Required Documents

My Financial Aid Awards

Financial Aid Forms

My Satisfactory Academic Progress

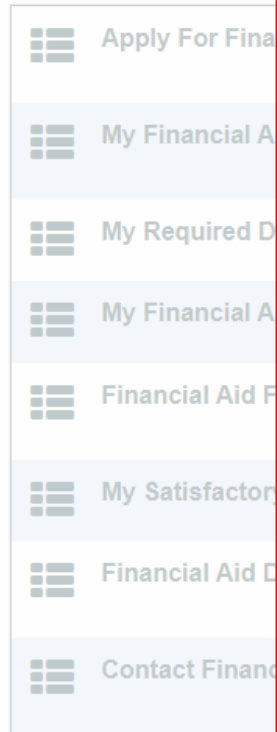
Financial Aid Disbursements

Contact Financial Aid Office

Financial Aid Process

3

Submit Required Documents (if applicable)



* = required field
Some content may be updated based on selection

DVC
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

2025-2026 High School Completion Confirmation

First Name: **Last Name:** **SID#**

Our records indicate that you do not have a high school diploma, GED or other recognized equivalent. You indicated on your FAFSA or admissions application that you have not attained a high school diploma or other recognized equivalent. Please complete the form below to provide our office with clarification regarding your high school diploma , GED or other recognized equivalent..

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college this school year?

Special Circumstances:

- If you do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, but completed at least six degree applicable units while enrolled in a federal aid eligible program prior to July 1, 2012, please visit the Financial Aid office or email us at financialaid@dvc.edu.

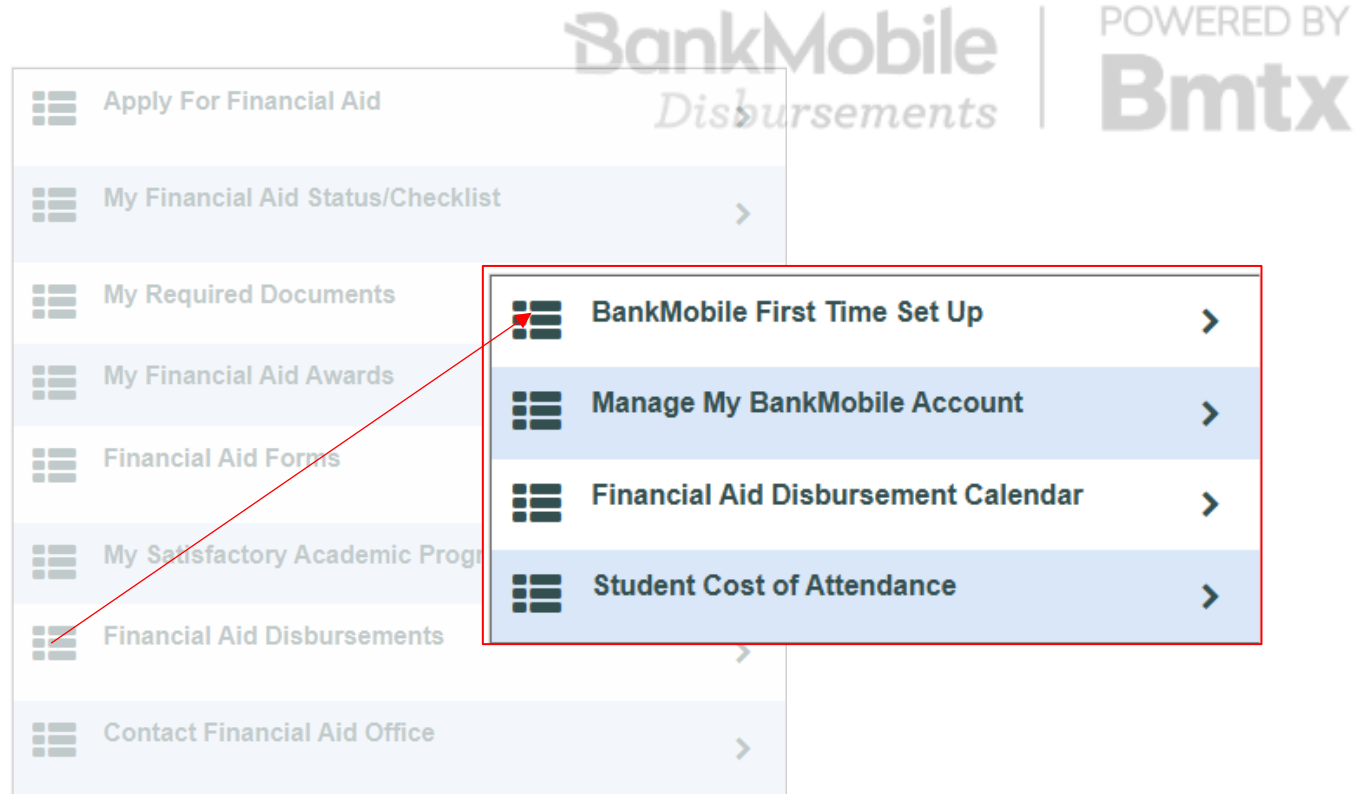
Please provide your signature on the next page to notify the Financial Aid Office that you have submitted high school completion confirmation. After this form is submitted, the Financial Aid Office will review your file for completion.

Please click "next" to provide signature and submit form.

Financial Aid Process

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Select how you
want to receive
your aid



Financial Aid Process

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Review your
financial aid
award offer

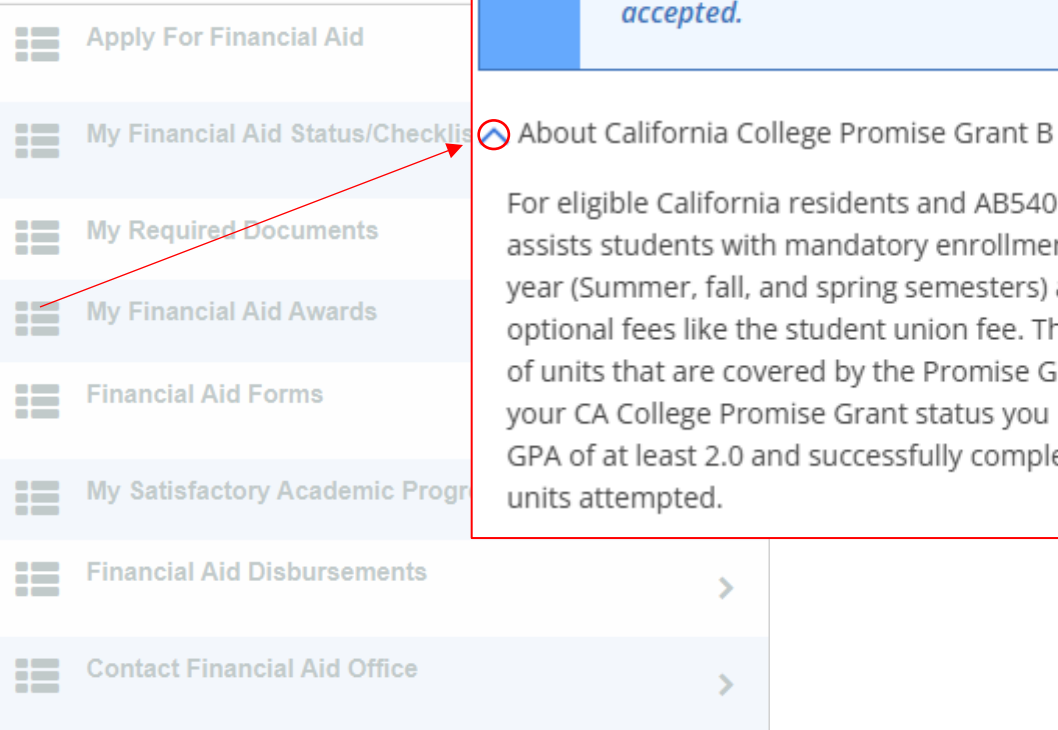
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 Scholarships and Grants Money you do not have to pay back \$8,499.00		
Award	Status	Total Awarded Amount
 California College Promise Grant B  View award	Estimated	\$1,104.00
Federal Pell Grant - DVC  View award	Accepted	\$7,395.00
Award Total		
Award	Total Awarded Amount	
Total Awards	\$8,499.00	

Financial Aid Process

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- Apply For Financial Aid
- My Financial Aid Status/Checklist
- My Required Documents
- My Financial Aid Awards
- Financial Aid Forms
- My Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Financial Aid Disbursements
- Contact Financial Aid Office



This award is on an estimated status. If this award is a California Promise Grant, this award will remain at an estimated status and no action is required. If this award is a Pell Grant, check My Required Documents to determine if additional documents are required before this award can be accepted.

About California College Promise Grant B

For eligible California residents and AB540 students, the Promise Grant assists students with mandatory enrollment fees for the entire academic year (Summer, fall, and spring semesters) and does not waive any optional fees like the student union fee. There is no limit to the number of units that are covered by the Promise Grant. In order for you to keep your CA College Promise Grant status you must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and successfully complete at least 50 percent of all units attempted.

Satisfactory Academic Progress - [SAP](#)



Maintain

maintain a cumulative financial aid GPA of a 2.0 or higher,



Complete

complete at least 67 percent or more of all units attempted,



Complete

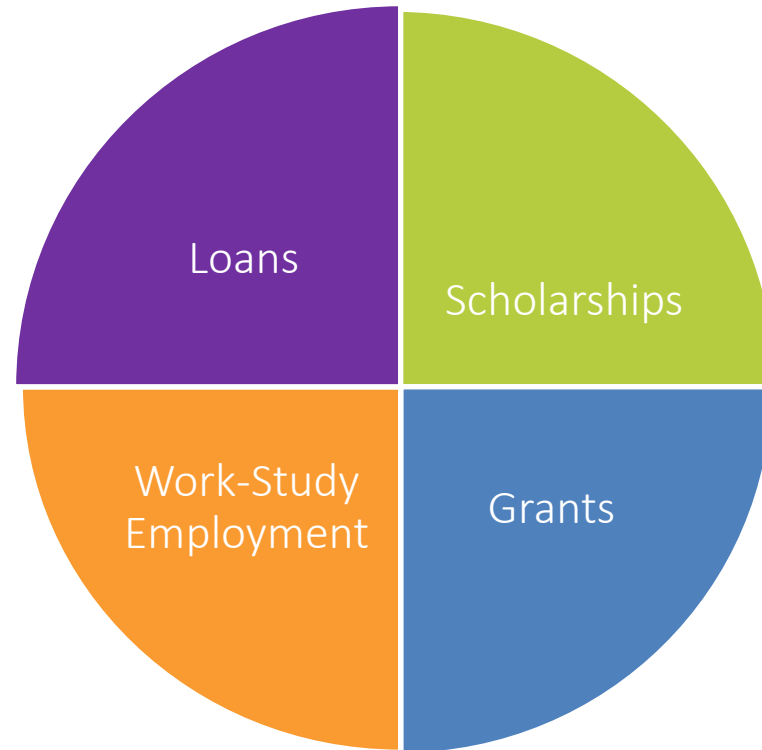
complete your educational goal within 150 percent of the published requirement of the goal.

Financial Aid Programs

Self-Help Aid

Loans: borrowed funds that is paid back with interest

Work-Study: earn money by working part-time at school

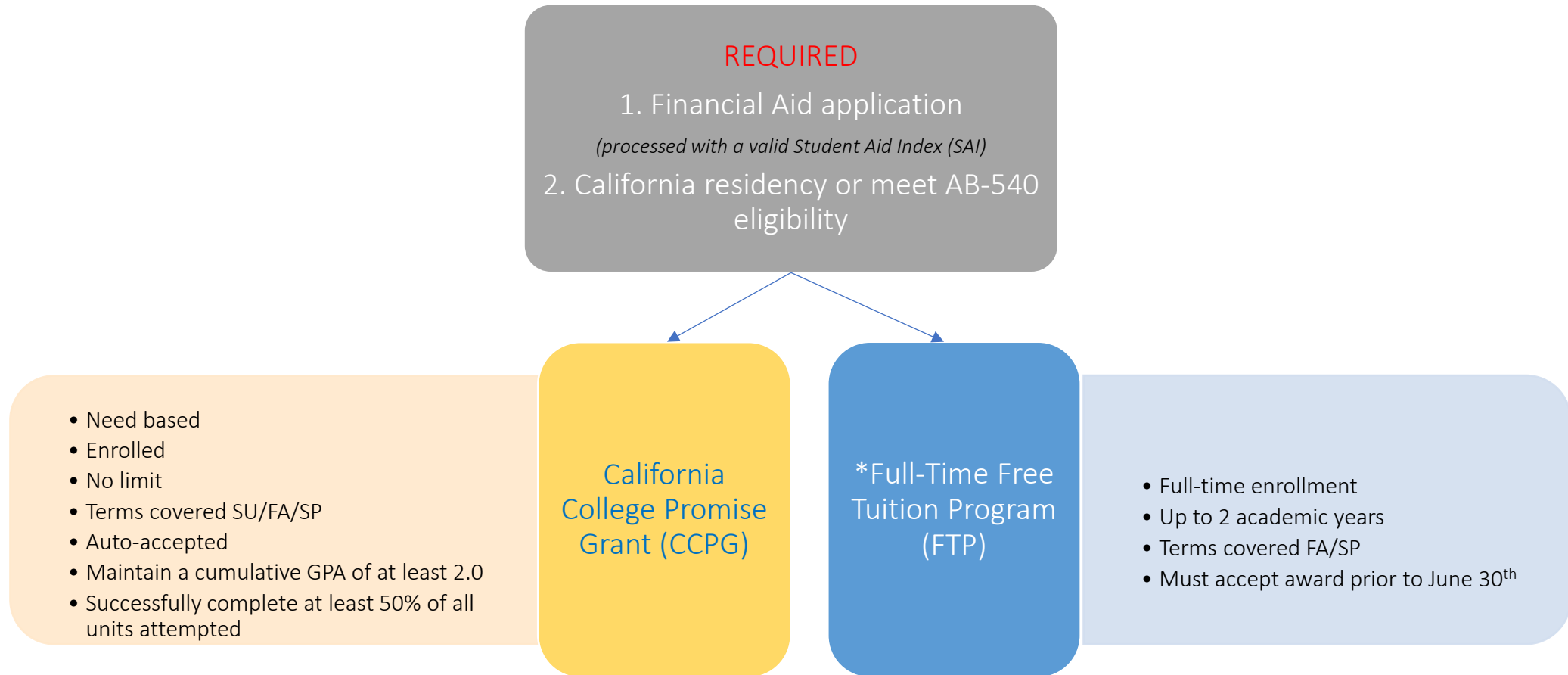


Gift Aid

Scholarships: free money, sometimes based on academic merit, talent, or a particular area of study

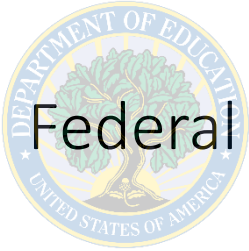
Grants: money that doesn't have to be repaid, (cash aid, tuition fee waiver)

Tuition Fee Waiver Programs



[*Full-Time Free Tuition Program FAQ's](#)

Self-Help Aid



Federal Work Study

- Part-time job
- Wages vary depending on position
- Limited to a maximum 20 hours of work per week.
- Income earned does not count towards Student Aid Index (SAI)
- If you are working at a Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) college campus you are subject to district hiring policies.



DREAM Act Service Incentive Grant

- Community or volunteer service
- Award up to \$4,500 per academic year (up to \$2,250 per semester).
- 300 hours per academic year (150 hours per semester).
- Subject to 4CD non-employee LiveScan policies.
- Must meet DSIG program eligibility
- Limited 1,667 positions

Self-Help Aid Program

Benefits

Educational Grant

- Additional grant funding

Soft Skills & Experience

- Leadership
- Career Development
- Oral, Written & Digital Communication
- Civic Engagement/Social Responsibility
- Professionalism/Integrity
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Research Ability
- Digital Information Fluency
- Self-Reflection
- Innovation/Entrepreneurial Thinking
- Teamwork/Cross-Cultural Collaboration
- Understanding Global Context

Convenience

- On/off campus opportunities
- Schedule around your classes

Tips & Reminders

- Naming convention of application i.e., 2025-2026
- Use legal name on official documents
- Renew/reapply each school year
- DVC School Code (FAFSA: 001191); (CADAA: 00119100)
- Verify college records: Date of Birth and SSN
- Know your Residency Status
- Regularly monitor your InSite email account

Dates & Deadlines

- June 30, 2026 *Application deadline
- October 1, 2025 **Application cycle opens
- March 2, 2026 **CA priority deadline
- June 30, 2027 **Application deadline

*2025-2026 School Year, **2026-2027 School Year

Tips for Avoiding Phishing/Scams

- Call DVC-Financial Aid Office at 925-969-2009, if you suspect an email/text message you received is a phishing attempt.
- Do not share two-step authentication code! No one from the college/district will contact you for this code.
- Look before you click
- Check the sender's email address before opening a message—the display name might be a fake.
- Check for contact information in the email footer. Legitimate senders always include them.
- Avoid saving passwords or credit card numbers in any browsers.

Resources

DVC – Financial Aid Office, in-person & online assistance



Tutorials & informational videos at Financial Aid TV

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

Chat with virtual assistant (Penny)



QUESTIONS? ASK PENNY

Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)



[Department of Education \(DOE\) Resources](#)

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)



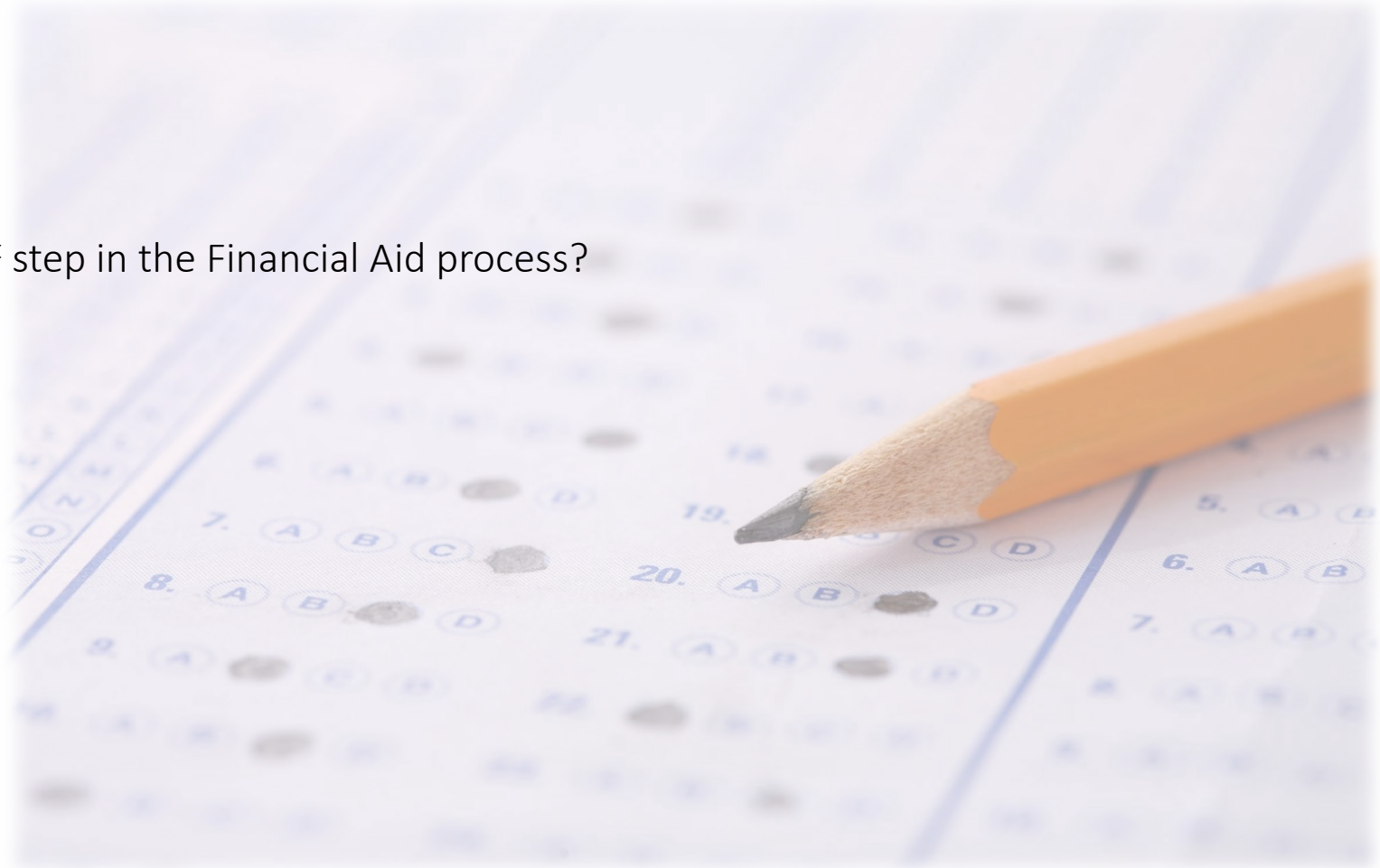
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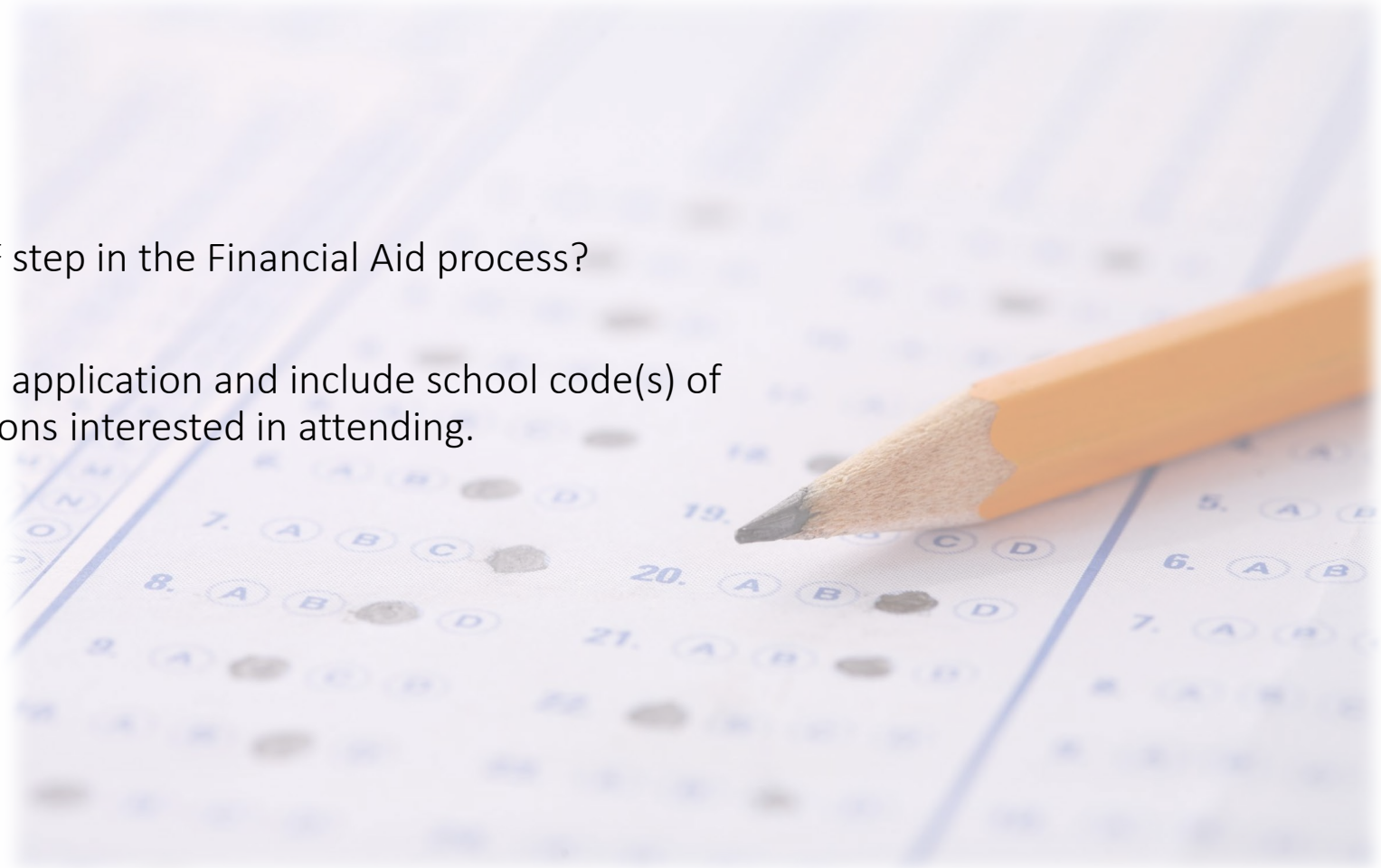
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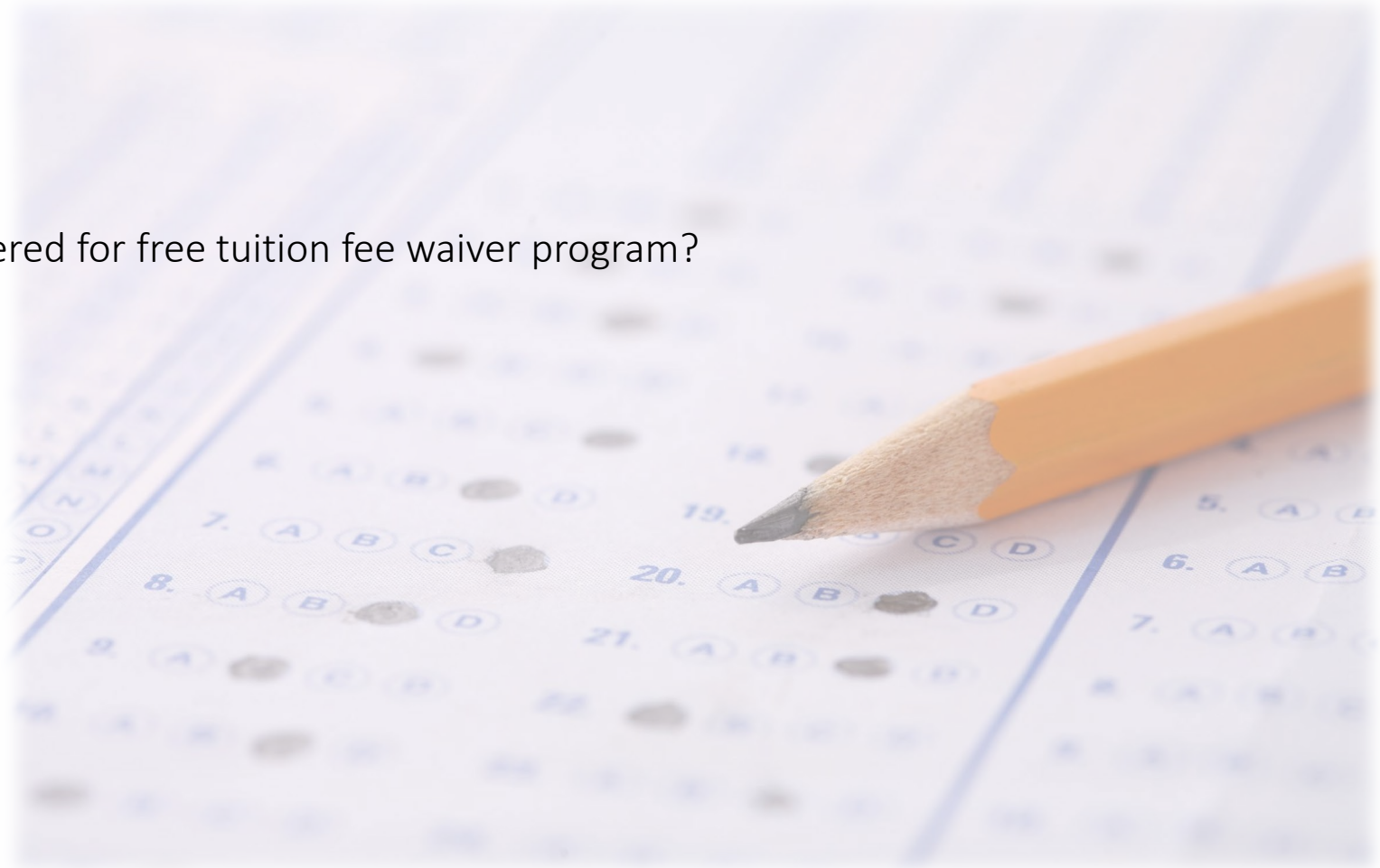
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Submit a Financial Aid application and include school code(s) of institutions interested in attending.



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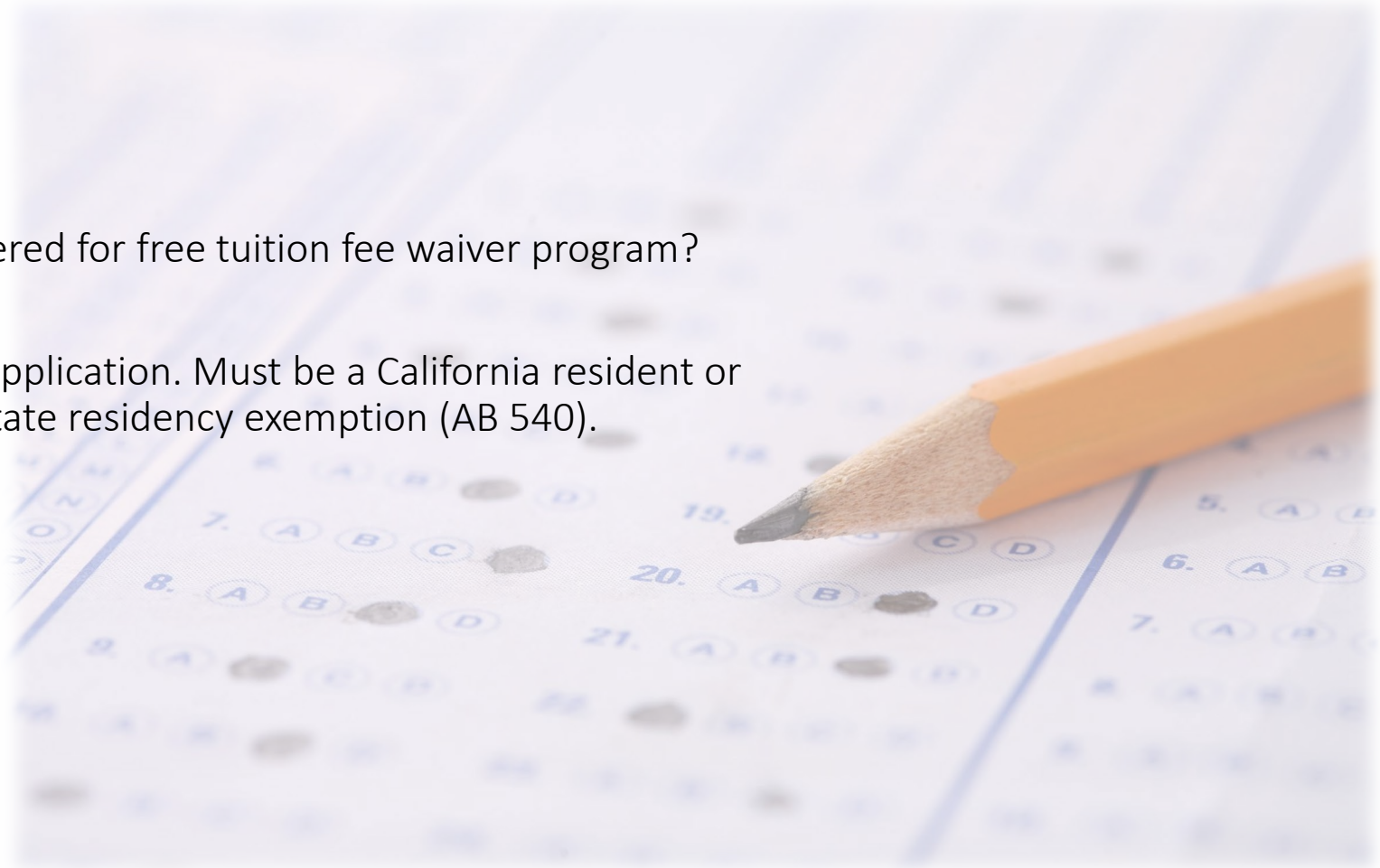
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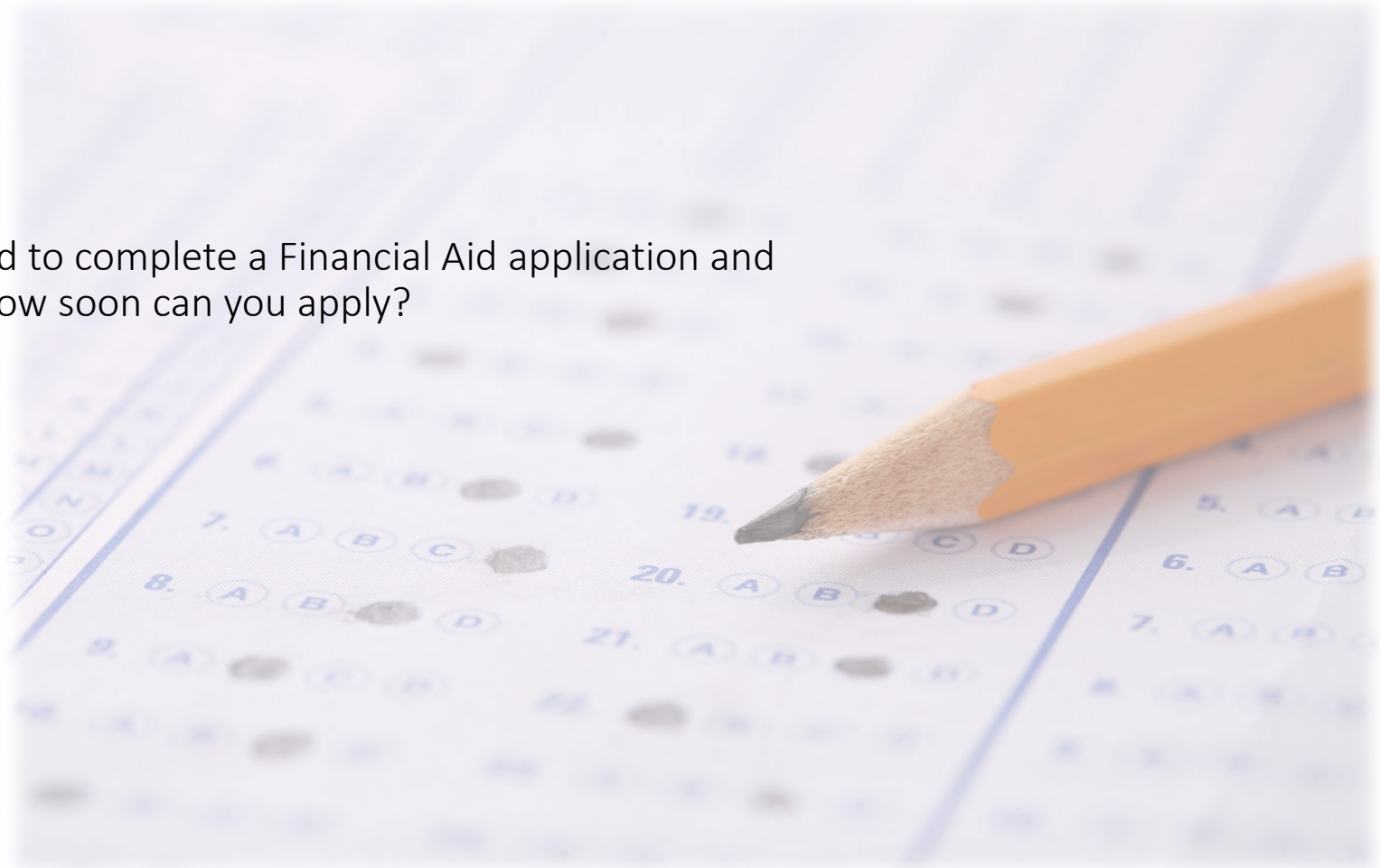
How can I be considered for free tuition fee waiver program?

Submit a financial aid application. Must be a California resident or qualify for in-state residency exemption (AB 540).



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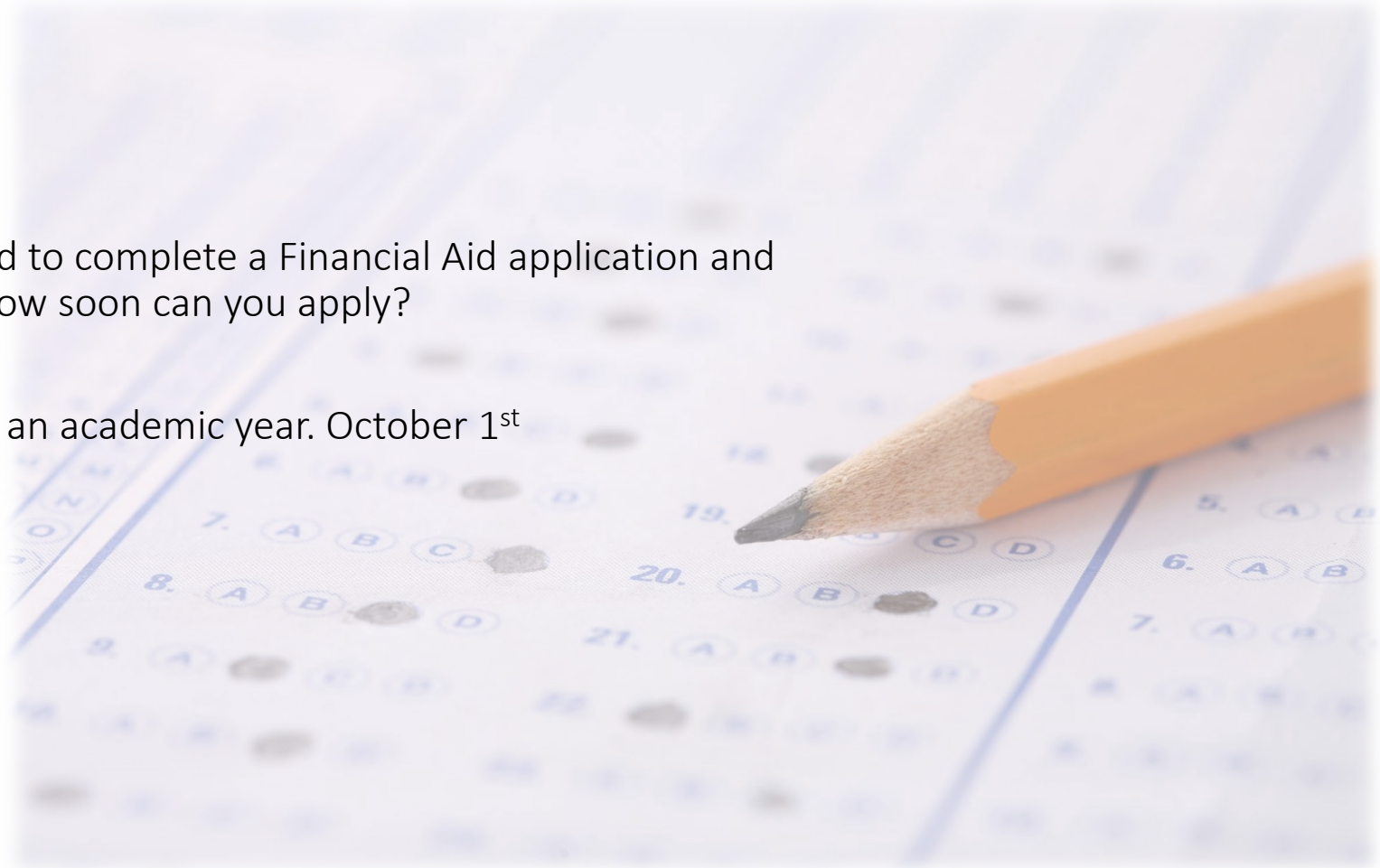
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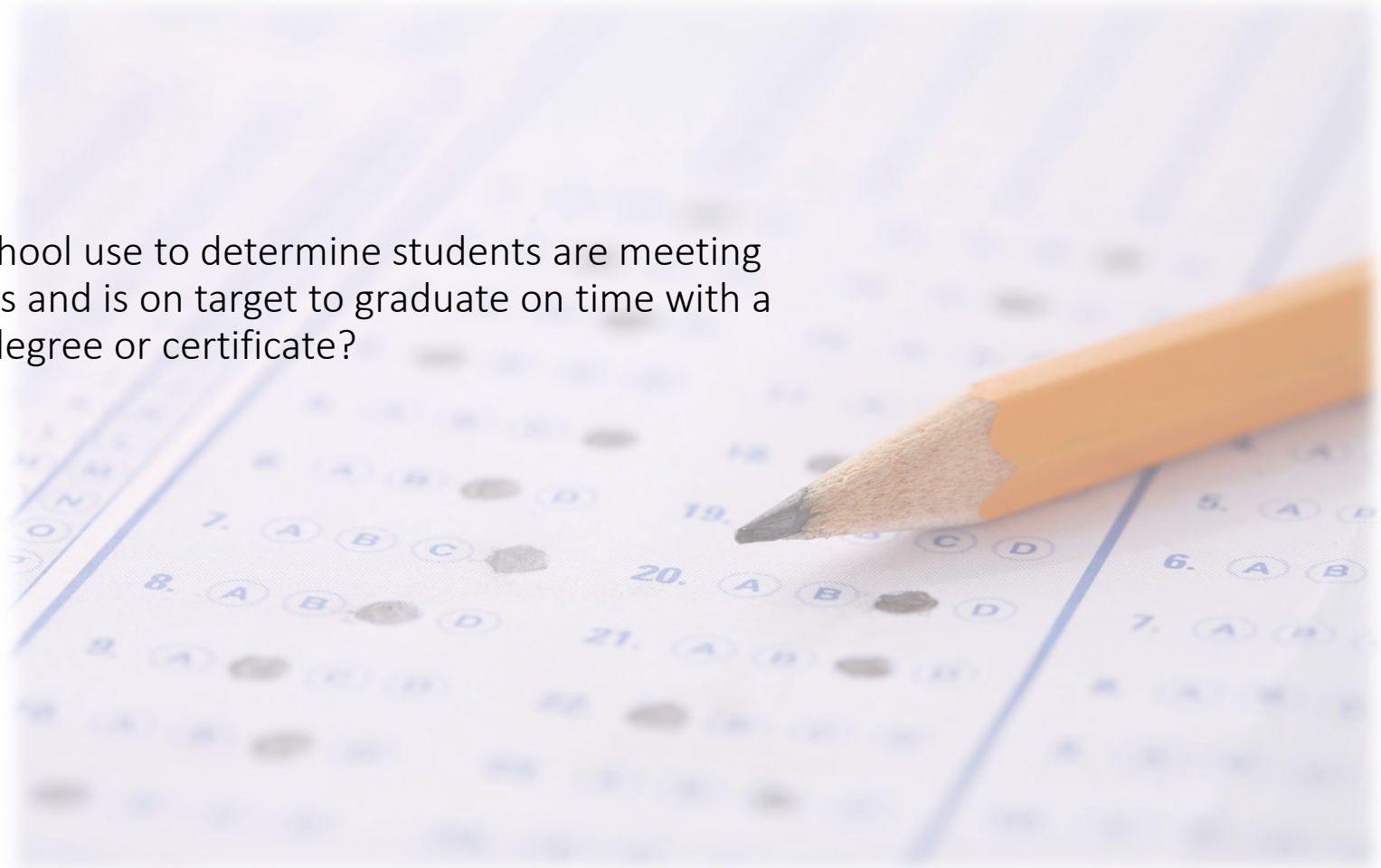
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Once in an academic year. October 1st



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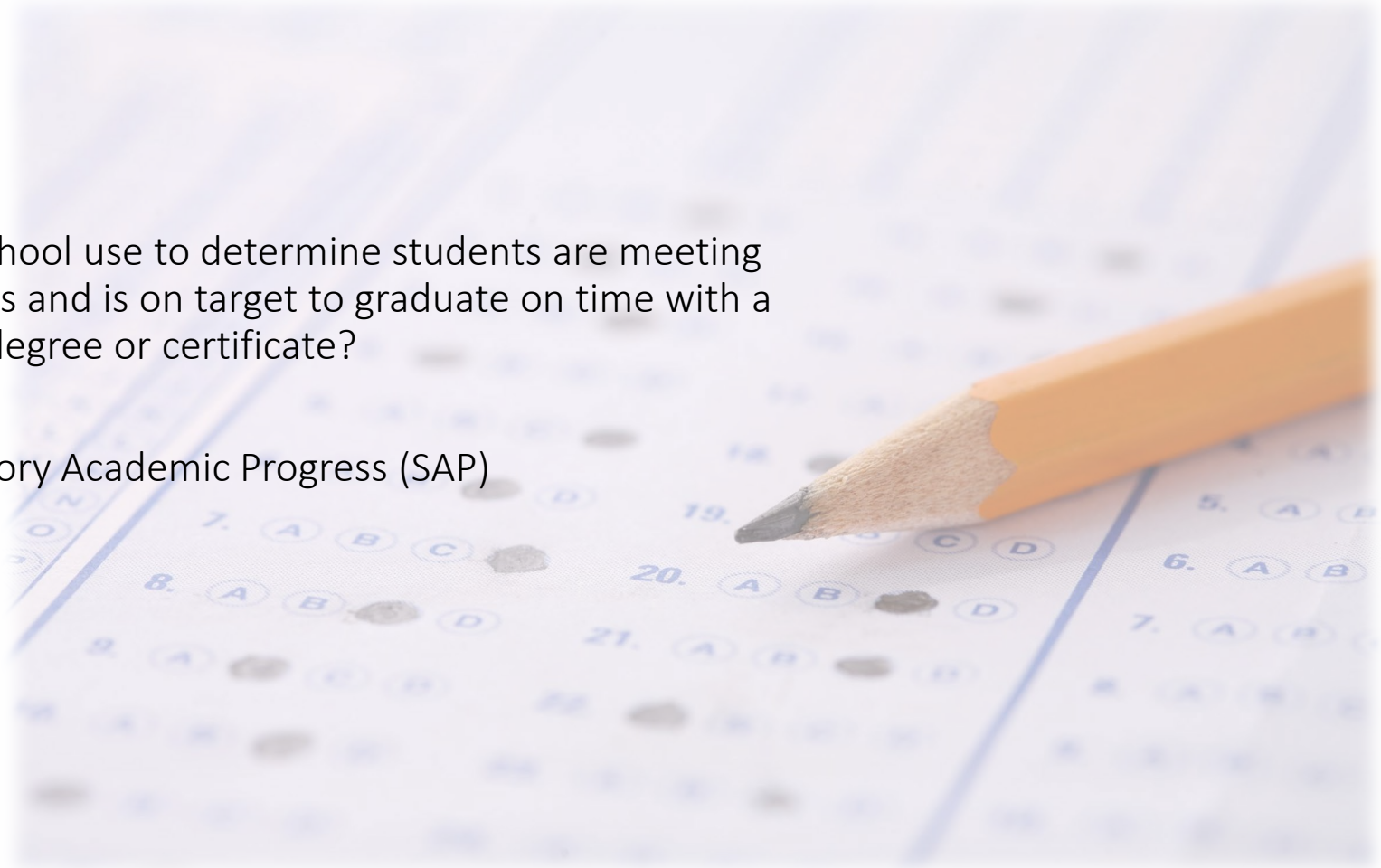
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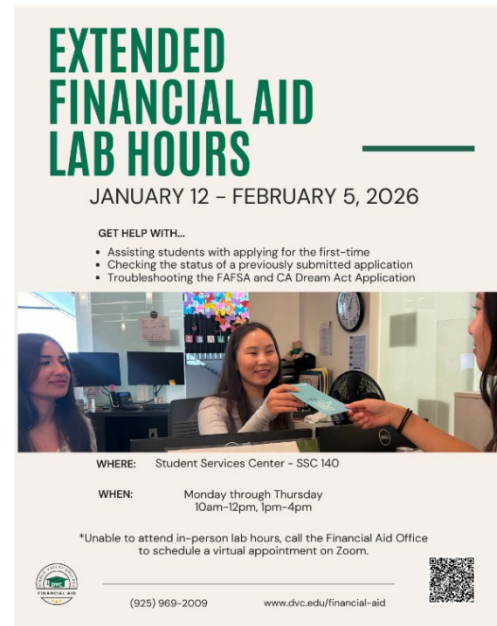
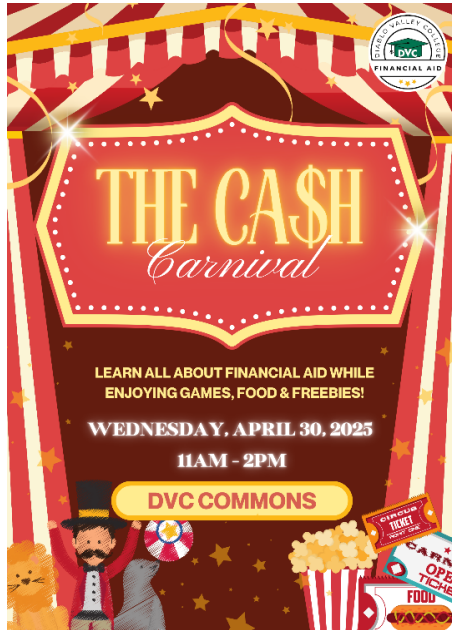
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Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)



1. Submit a Financial Aid application. 2. Submit a Financial Aid application. 3. Once in an academic year, October 1st. 4. Tuition fee waiver eligibility. 5. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). exemption (AB 540).



Events & Workshops

- Student Center Pop Up events:
 - 2/2 2pm-4pm: Academic Support Center (SRC)
 - 2/3 11am-1pm: Science & Health
 - 2/4 11am-1pm: PUMA Center
 - 2/5 1pm-3pm: Business, Computer Sci. & Culinary Arts
 - 2/10 11am-1pm: Academic Support Center (PH)
 - tbd - Arts, Communication & Language
 - tbd - Math & Engineering
 - tbd - Social Sciences
- February – Financial Aid Awareness workshops
 - 2/17 through 2/26
- Spring semester – CASH Carnival

Thank You!



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