

# APPLICATION DEADLINE Feb 28th at 6:00 PM! csssa.ca.gov/application

The Financial Aid application is due WITH your CSSSA application.

**QUESTIONS?** comments@csssa.ca.gov

## **FINANCIAL AID**

All are encouraged to apply!
Application is part of online app.
Takes just a few mins to complete.

# What you'll need:

Combined Household AGI
Parent Income & Assets
Size of Household (# of Dependents)
Tax Return (2023 or 2024)



# TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

### **TUITION**

\$4,830 (CA Residents) \$9,977 (Out of State/International)

Includes 4-Week Program, Room, Board, Curricular Field Trips, Supplies

### **FUNDING**

Many CSSSA students qualify for aid



# What to upload in the application:

Copies of Tax Return (2023 or 2024)
Pages 1 & 2 Only

**Student Aid Index (SAI)** 

**Two screenshots from SAI Estimator** 

## **Additional Items (Optional):**

Pay Stubs
Award Letters for Public Assistance
Social Security Recipient Documents
Statement of Extenuating Circumstances



### **Hot Tip!**

Redact and block out sensitive information such as SSN #

# Start Here <a href="https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator">https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator</a>

#### **Federal Student Aid Estimator**

Our Federal Student Aid Estimator provides an estimate of how much federal student aid the student may be eligible to receive. These estimates are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.



#### This Is Not the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Form

With this tool, students can find out how much federal student aid they may be eligible for in the 2025-26 award year.

To apply for financial aid, complete the FAFSA® form.



#### Begin Estimate of Federal Student Aid

The student may want to use the Federal Student Aid Estimator before filling out the FAFSA form to help them understand their options for paying for college or career school by providing them an early estimate of how much federal student aid they may be eligible for.



CSSSA uses the Federal Student Aid Estimator to calculate your SAI.

Click Start Estimate to begin.

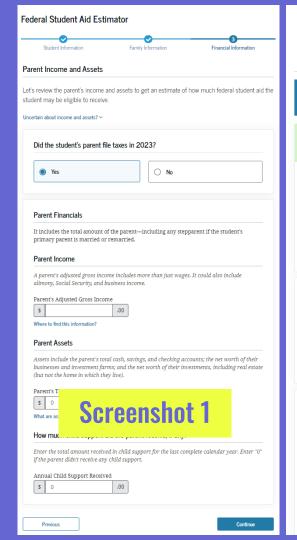
# SCREENSHOTS NEEDED

Answer all questions to the best of your ability

Capture Two Screenshots

Parent Income and Assets Estimate Results

**Upload Screenshots To Application** 





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More information about these numbers >

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Estimated SAI 134743

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#### **Screenshot 2**

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#### State A

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# ESTIMATED STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI)

**Enter this number in your CSSSA application.** 

#### Other Factors To Consider



#### Cost of Attendance (COA)

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# **FAQs**

Can I apply if I'm not from CA?
CA state residents only

What if my family doesn't file taxes?
Upload docments such as an award
letter for social security or public
assistance

Will applying for aid affect my chances of getting in?

No, all encouraged to apply

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