

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT BUDGET WORKSHEET

FIVE QUICK STEPS to understanding your financial aid award at any college or university in California. This worksheet can be used per semester or per year. If you are considering a number of schools, fill out a worksheet for each one and compare what your financial aid award would be. For more details, check out this video: youtu.be/3N5DhEbZKVI

1. Determine the cost of tuition and other expenses on your school's website by searching for "Cost of Attendance." Write down the estimated costs, then add your own expenses.
2. Review your financial aid award & write down any CA Dream Act Grants offered through your institution. Add up your grants and subtract the cost of tuition. Determine if there is any remaining balance available to cover other costs.
3. Write down all the scholarships you've been awarded & subtract any outstanding tuition owed, if applicable.
4. Identify other ways to pay for college and list any money you will receive through employment, paid fellowships, savings or the CA Dream Loan to determine how you will cover any outstanding expenses.
5. Figure out how your remaining college expenses will be covered by looking at the money left over once your tuition is paid. Create a budget. Apply for more scholarships.

1. ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)

Search for "Cost of Attendance" on your campus website. Fill in the estimated costs below and then figure out your actual costs. Students living at home might have significantly lower room & board expenses. Keep in mind, tuition must be covered.

	ESTIMATED COA	YOUR COA
TUITION	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
ROOM & BOARD	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
BOOKS	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
PERSONAL EXPENSES	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
TRANSPORTATION	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
TOTAL COA	= \$ _____	= \$ _____

2. CA DREAM ACT GRANTS (FREE MONEY)

AB 540/SB 68 requirements must be met to receive CA state aid. Check csac.ca.gov for Cal Grant information.

CAL GRANT (A, B OR C)	+ \$ _____
INSTITUTIONAL GRANT (CCC, CSU OR UC)	+ \$ _____
OTHER GRANTS	+ \$ _____
TOTAL GRANTS	= \$ _____
MINUS TUITION (from section 1)	- \$ _____

REMAINING TUITION OWED TO SCHOOL OR REMAINING FUNDING AFTER TUITION PAID* = \$ _____

**If this number is negative, you would owe this amount to school. If it is positive, this amount should be paid to you. Carry this number (including ± symbol) to Section 5.*

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR ADVOCATING FOR YOUR FINANCIAL AID: Talk to the financial aid office at the school you are attending or plan to attend. If you do not have a completed financial aid award, check the following three places: (1) The "TO DO" list on your student portal; (2) Your Confirmation page on the Dream Application at dream.CSAC.ca.gov; and/or (3) Your Cal Grant account at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov. Be diligent, ask questions, and follow up!

3. SCHOLARSHIPS (MONEY YOU WIN)

Each Scholarship has specific rules for enrollment & how it can be used.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS = \$ _____

4. OTHER WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

A) OTHER SOURCES / STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

This is money from additional sources.

FELLOWSHIPS/DREAMER SERVICE INCENTIVE GRANT	+ \$ _____
SAVINGS/FAMILY/OTHER SOURCES	+ \$ _____
ON/OFF CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT	+ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF OTHER SOURCES = \$ _____

B) CA DREAM LOAN (MONEY YOU BORROW)

This is money you repay once you graduate or drop below half time.

CA DREAM LOAN = \$ _____

5. REMAINING COST OF ATTENDANCE

REMAINING TUITION OWED TO SCHOOL OR REMAINING FUNDING AFTER TUITION PAID (from section 2) () \$ _____

ADD AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS + \$ _____

ADD AMOUNT OF OTHER SOURCES + \$ _____

ADD CA DREAM LOAN + \$ _____

REMAINING TUITION OWED TO SCHOOL OR REMAINING FUNDING FOR COA AFTER TUITION PAID = \$ _____