TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE FAFSA

BEFORE YOU START:

• Have the Social Security numbers and tax returns handy for you and your parents
• Obtain a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov (You’ll use this as your electronic signature for the application)

Filling out the FAFSA

GO TO WWW.FAFSA.GOV
Click on “Start A New FAFSA” if you are starting a FAFSA for the first time. If you filled out a FAFSA last year and want to renew it, click “Login” on the home page and make sure to update your information.

STUDENT LOGIN
You have two options to log in: 1) If you obtained an FSA ID, you can enter it OR 2) Enter your name, Social Security number and date of birth.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY
Selective Service Registration: Male students must be registered with the Selective Service to receive federal or state aid.

GRADE LEVEL IN 2019-20
If you applied to UC as a freshman, select “Never attended college/1st year.”

COLLEGE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE
Select “1st bachelor degree” even if you plan to earn advanced degrees in the future.

SCHOOL SELECTION
This section must be completed accurately to ensure that the colleges and universities you have applied to will receive your FAFSA information. You must indicate at least one California college or university to be considered for a Cal Grant.

To help the California Student Aid Commission determine your Cal Grant eligibility, it’s best to list a UC campus or other California four-year college or university first.

List each UC campus that you have applied to, entering the federal school code from the list below.

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**SUBMIT YOUR GPA FOR A CAL GRANT**

If you’re a California resident or you graduated from a California high school, you may be eligible for a Cal Grant. To be considered, in addition to filing a FAFSA, make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission.

All California public and charter high schools are required by law to electronically submit GPAs for currently enrolled seniors who do not opt out. However, if your school does not submit GPAs electronically, use the paper GPA Verification Form, which is available through your school or at www.csac.ca.gov (click on “Cal Grant GPA Forms” under “Students and Parents”).

Complete the top section of the form, including the student certification, and sign it. Once an official from your school has filled out the bottom half, send the form via first-class mail. Make a copy of the form and obtain a certificate of mailing from the post office for your records.

For you to be considered for a 2019-20 Cal Grant, your GPA Verification Form must be postmarked by March 2, 2019.

If you received a Cal Grant for the 2018-19 academic year, you do not have to submit a 2019-20 GPA Verification Form.

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

Within five days after you submit your FAFSA, you’ll receive an electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) at the email address you listed on the application. If any information is incorrect, or if you want to add to or change your school selections, make the changes on the SAR and return it to the processor as directed.

If you are selected to receive a Cal Grant, you also will get a California Aid Report. You can check the status of your Cal Grant application at WebGrants for Students (www.webgrants4students.org).

After you’re admitted to a UC campus, you will receive a financial aid notice (most likely through the campus portal) with a summary of the estimated costs of attendance and the financial aid options for which you are eligible.