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# Looking to the future and a debt free UC

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# Introduction



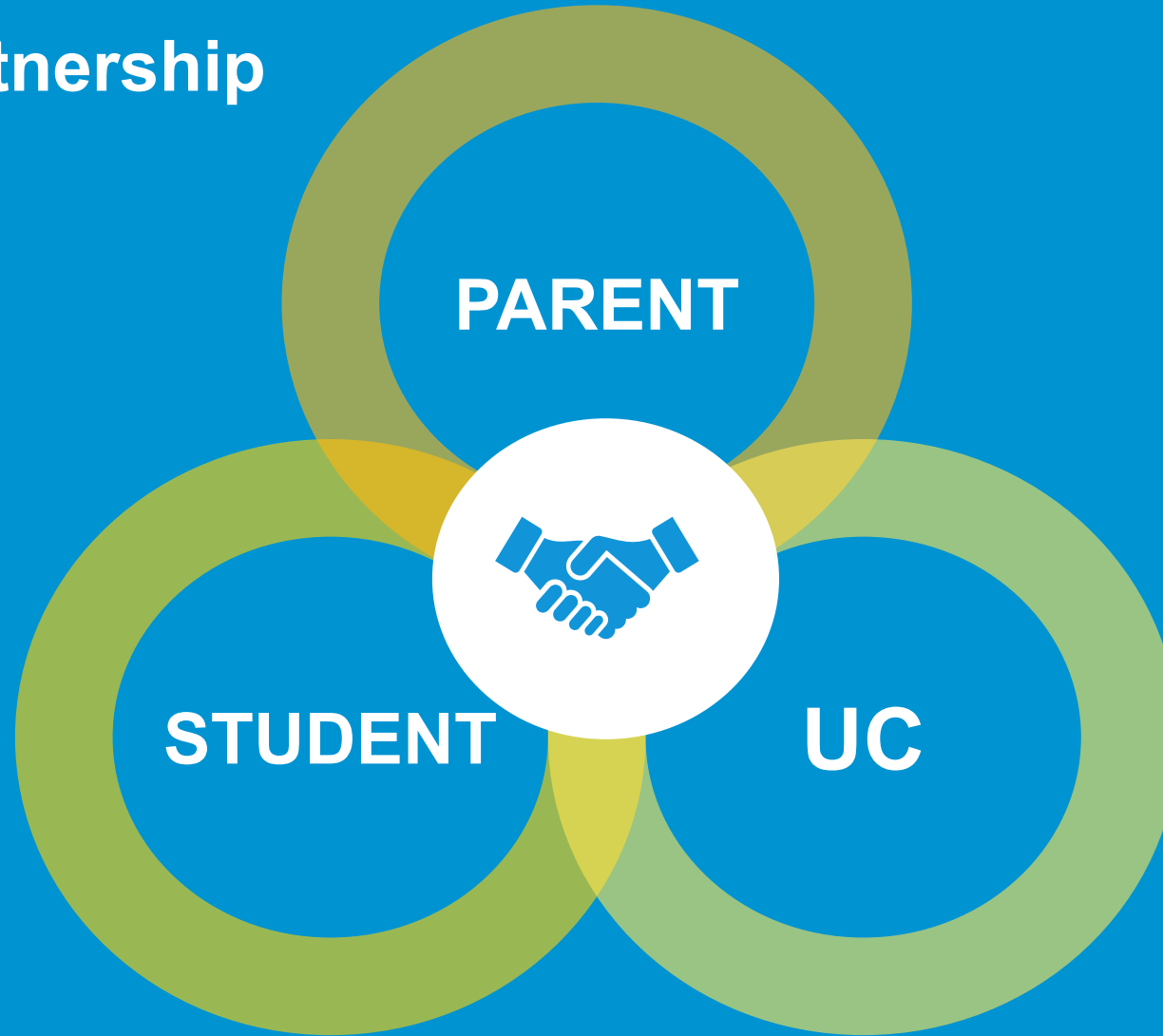
## Today's Session

- 01** Review of UC's financial aid philosophy
- 02** The future of UC financial aid
- 03** FAFSA simplification: better FAFSA better future
- 04** Financial aid related resources



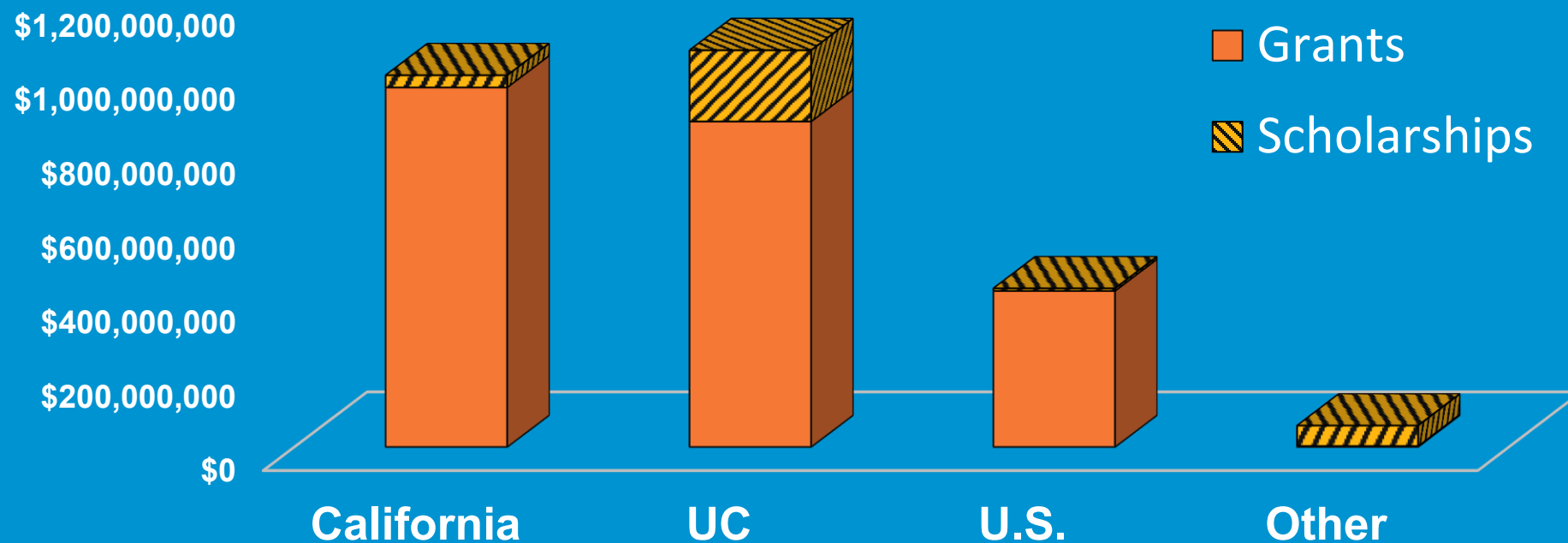
## UC Financial aid philosophy

# Financing partnership



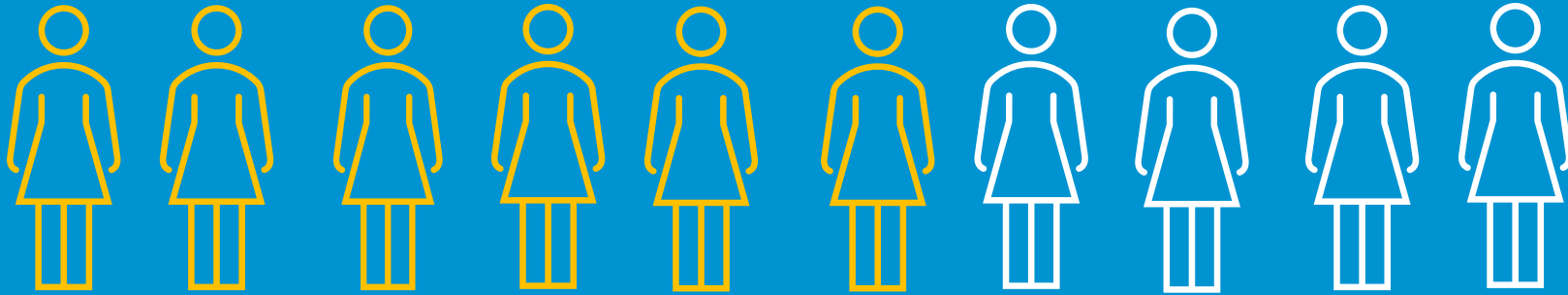
## Big results for California students

# \$2.5B in grants and scholarships



## Results

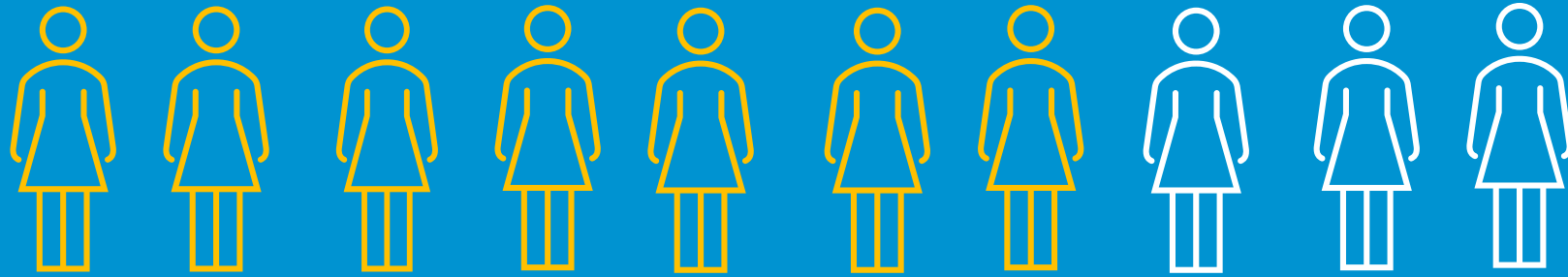
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**undergrads pay no tuition because of grants & scholarship aid**

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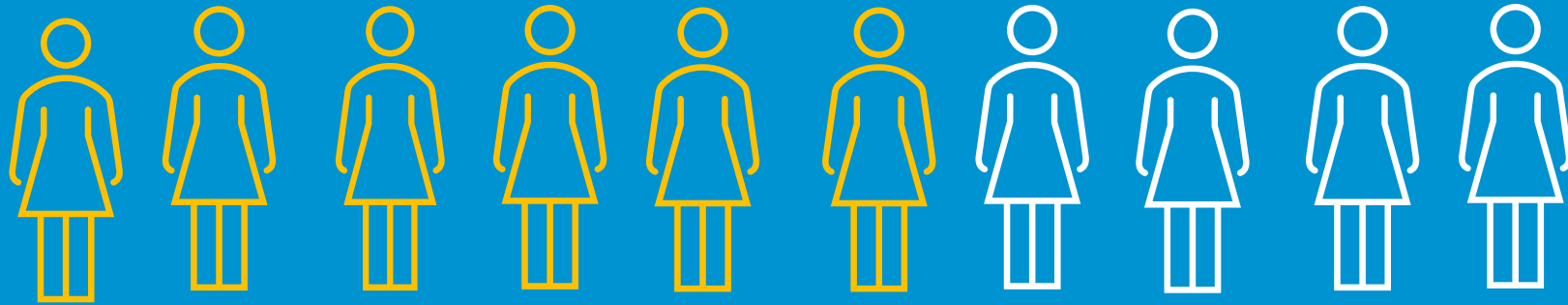
Over **70%** of CA



**undergrads receive grants and  
scholarships (Average award of  
\$18,000)**

## Results

nearly **55%** of CA



**undergrads graduate with no student loan debt**





## The future of financial aid at UC

# Two noteworthy UC aid programs

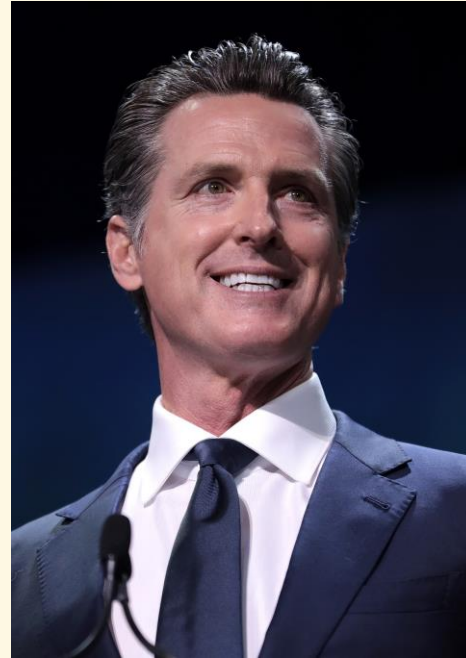
**Path to Debt-Free UC**

**Native American  
Opportunity Plan**

# Path to Debt-Free UC



**Michael V. Drake M.D.**  
UC President



**Gavin Newsom**  
California Governor



**California Legislature**  
State Assembly &  
Senate

# What is the Path to Debt-Free UC?

California definition:

Student contribution of \$7,900

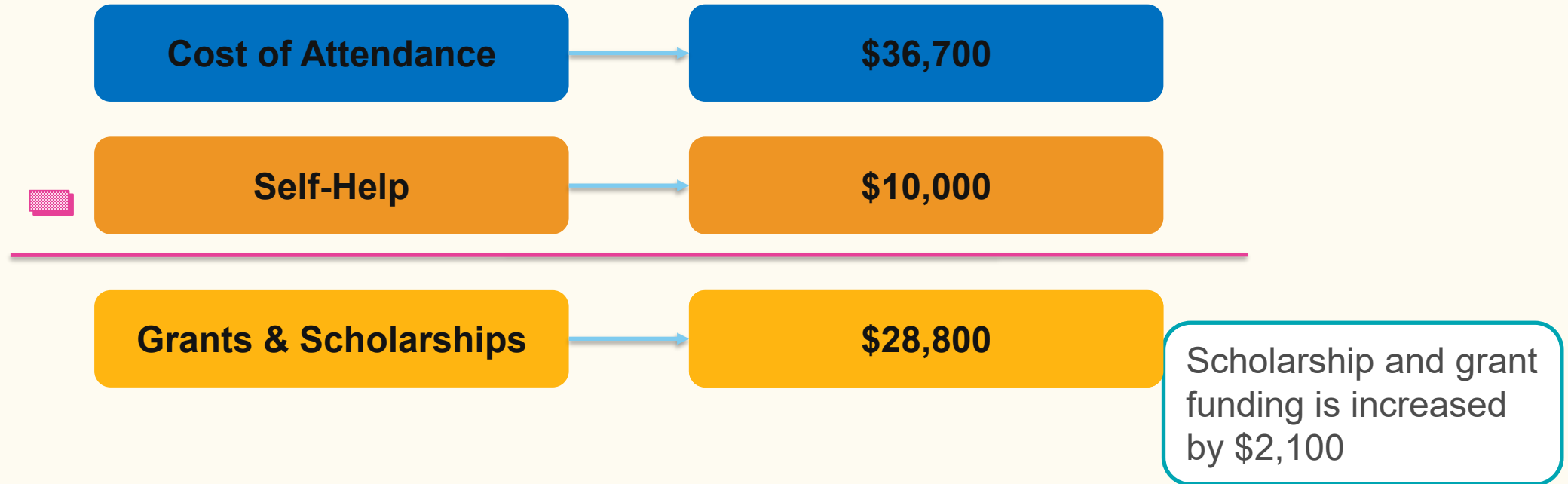
Student would work part-time  
(20 hours or less per week)

- Work-study
- Service learning
- On or Off-campus work



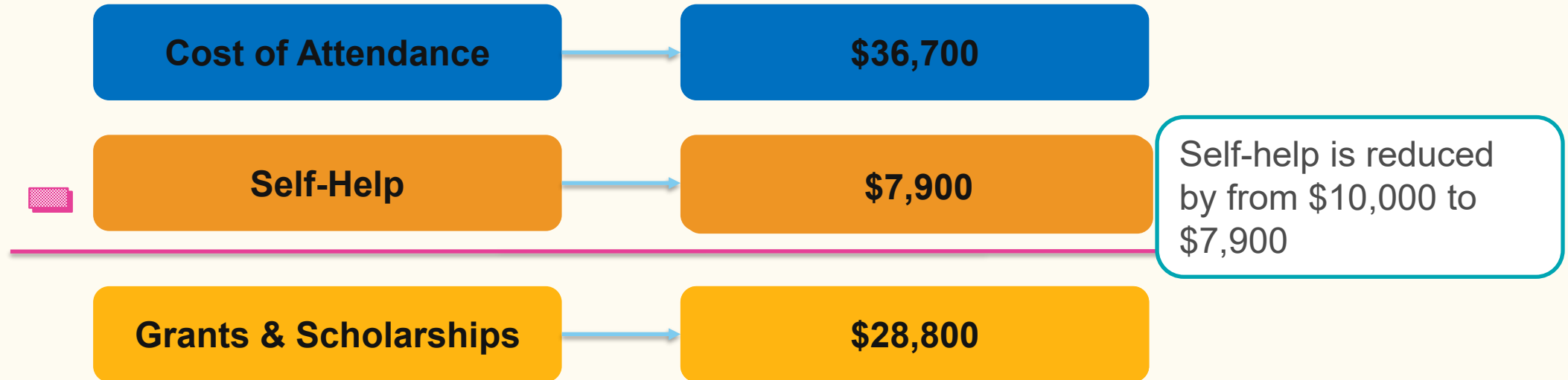
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## Path to Debt-Free UC: Student earning example

Students works 36 weeks  
of the calendar year  
 $\$7,900 / 36 \text{ weeks} = \$219.44$

California minimum wage:  
\$15.50 per hour

16 (hours per week)  
x \$15.50 (per hour)  
\$248.00 gross (\$226.79 net)



# Path to Debt-Free UC: communications to students


Eligible students...

- May still see loans in their financial aid offer and will retain the right to borrow
- Will receive communications informing them of that they have been selected for the Path to Debt-Free program along with their augmented aid offer



## Path to Debt-Free UC: CalKIDS

**CalKIDS** provides low-income California public school children with up to **\$1500** for college



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## Current school-aged student eligibility:

- Low-income California public school students
- Enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades during the 2021-2022 academic year
- Low-income first graders during the 2022-23 and subsequent academic years



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Eligible low-income public-school students receive a:

- \$500 auto deposit in a CaKIDS Account
- \$500 additional deposit for eligible students who are foster youth
- \$500 additional deposit for students who identify as homeless



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# Native American Opportunity Plan (NAOP)

UC's Native American Opportunity Plan (NAOP) ensures that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes.



# Native American Opportunity Plan

## Requirements

- Enrolled in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian, or Alaskan Native tribe
- Meet UC's California residence for tuition purposes or AB540 requirements
- UC undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a state-supported degree program
- Apply for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA or California Dream Act application by the March 2 priority deadline



**FAFSA simplification: better FAFSA better future**

# What is the FAFSA Simplification Act?

## Background:

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 & 2022 amended HEA of 1965 and FAFSA
- The Department of Education phased implementation began during 2021-22
- The 2024-25 award year will see the full implementation



# What we know

- 2024-25 application opening Dec 2023
- SAI Replaces EFC
- Changes in Need Analysis
- Expanded access to Pell Grants
- A streamlined application process

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "An official website of the United States government." and "Federal Student Aid" with "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" below it. Navigation links include "FAFSA", "Loans & Grants", "Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". There are also links for "Help Center", "English", "Español", "Log In", and "Create Account".

The main heading is "Get Money to Pay for School" with the subtext: "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." Below this are two buttons: "Start a New Form" and "Edit Existing Form".

There is a section for "2024-25 FAFSA Form" with a link: "Need to access last year's form? Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form".

A dark blue section titled "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In" contains two dropdown menus for "School Year" and "State of Residence", a "Find Deadlines" button, and a link "View All FAFSA Deadlines".

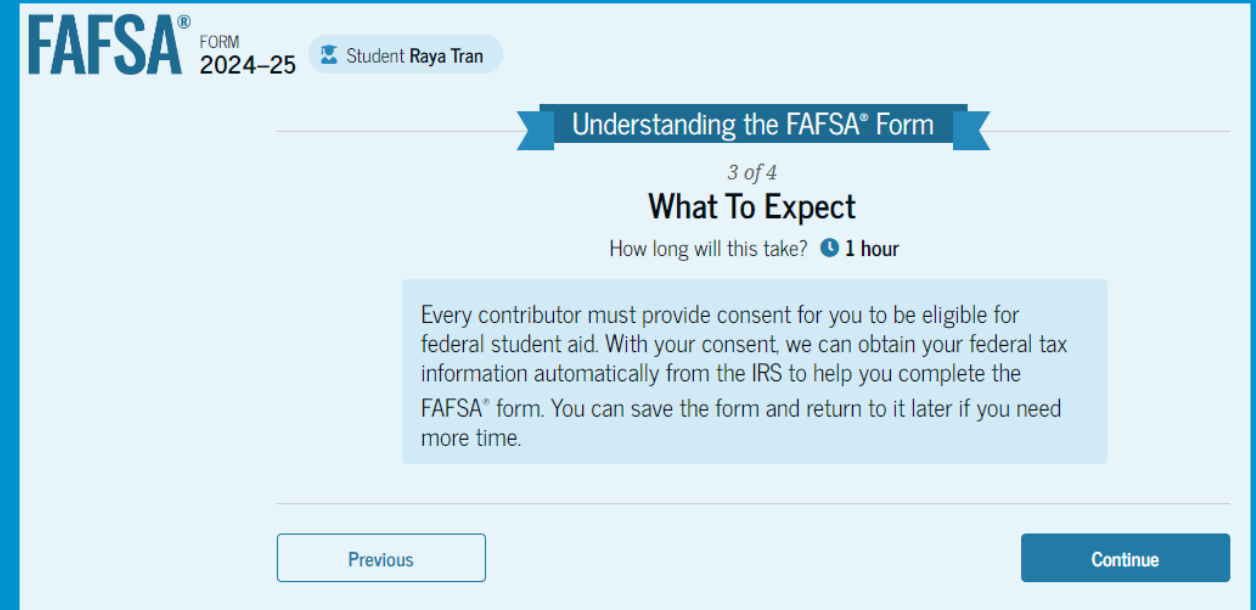
Below this are three white boxes with icons and text:

- Who Should Complete This?** (Person icon): "Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study."
- How Long Will it Take?** (Clock icon): "It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed." (1 hr)
- What Do I Need?** (Checklist icon):
  - Verified StudentAid.gov account
  - Social Security Number
  - Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
  - Income and asset information, if required



# What students and parents need to know

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Dec 2023-March 2, 2024



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The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for a student named Raya Tran. The page is titled 'Understanding the FAFSA Form' and is the second of four steps. The main heading is 'Contributors to the FAFSA Form'. There are two main sections: 'Parents or Spouses' and 'How to Invite'. The 'Parents or Spouses' section includes an icon of a woman and a child, and text explaining that their answers will determine if contributors need to be identified. The 'How to Invite' section includes an icon of a person thinking and text explaining that contributors need to log in with their own FSA ID. Below these sections is a box titled 'Information or Documents You May Need' which lists: Tax returns, Records of child support received, Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts, and Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms. At the bottom of the page are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran

Understanding the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form  
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### Contributors to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

 **Parents or Spouses**  
Your answers on the FAFSA form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but will not become financially responsible for your education.

 **How to Invite**  
Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

Information or Documents You May Need ^

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
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## Key Change – FSA ID Requirement

All students and contributors must create a StudentAid.gov account to complete the FAFSA® form online.

To log in to their accounts, students and contributors will use their FSA IDs (account username and password).

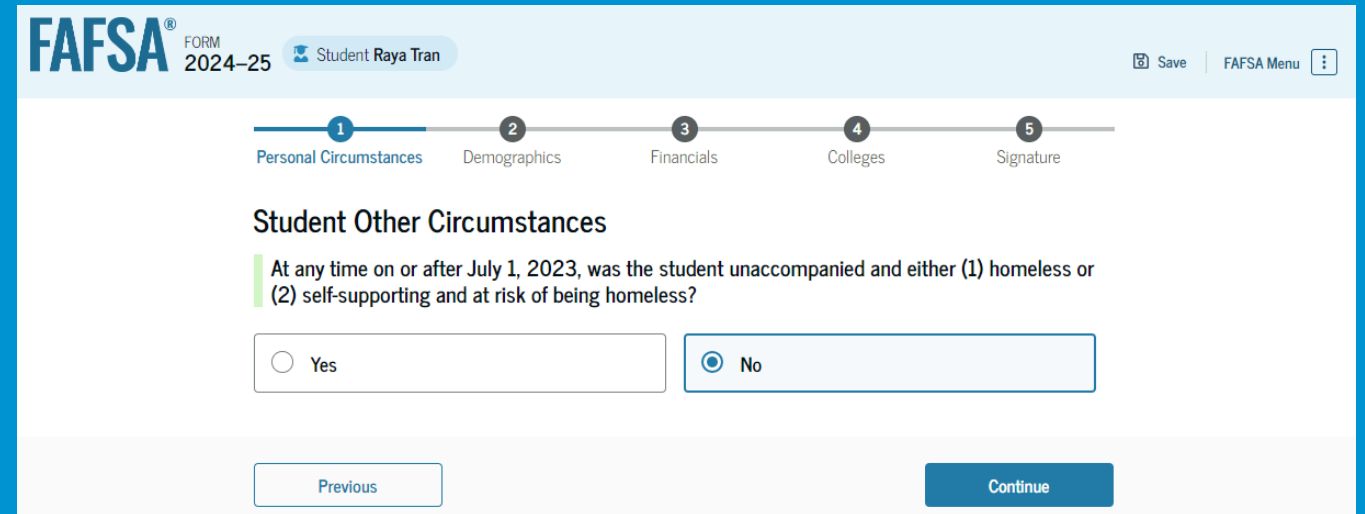
Even if a contributor doesn't have a Social Security number, they can still get an FSA ID to fill out their portion of the student's FAFSA form online.

**NOTE:** A student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen to be eligible for federal student aid.



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- **Professional Judgments Guidance Updated:** Reflects UC's current practices



FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran Save | FAFSA Menu

1 Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

**Student Other Circumstances**

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes  No

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# What are we still waiting for?

Application Opening Date: TBD (will open in December 2023)

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## Financial Aid Estimator and Preview Tools

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## Policy Guidance

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Better FAFSA® Better Future Timeline

June 2023





**UC resources**

# Resources

## *UC Tuition and Financial Aid*

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/tuition-stability-plan.html>

## *UC Financial Aid Videos*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MWsGbifdE&list=PLwL0JPr9mVI3HbkycPjbvRNtH4vgreSzG>

## *UC Info Center*

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center>

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