
UC financial aid

Empowering students for fall 2025 admissions

September 2024

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AGENDA

- FAFSA simplification
- Financial aid in flux
- Blue and Gold Opportunity
- 2025-26 FAFSA
- CalKIDS
- Resources

FAFSA simplification

A low-angle photograph of a modern university building. The building features a concrete walkway with white metal railings. Several students are walking on the walkway. The building has large windows and a distinctive architectural design with a large overhang. The sky is clear blue.

2024-25 FAFSA Challenges

NEEDS ANALYSIS CHANGES

- New formula
- More Pell
- Some Pell loss

DELAYED DATA

- Mid-March trickle
- Late March to April
- Delayed aid offers

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

- Data errors
- Calculation discrepancies

MIXED STATUS FAMILIES

- ID verification process issues
- CADAA workaround
- FASFA ID verification waived

DISBURSMENTS CONCERNS

- Summer aid no issues
- Fall disbursements pending

Admissions & Financial Aid Timeline Impact

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Prior to 2017-18	-	-	-	FAFSA Opens, Schools Get Data	Admissions Offers Begin	March 2 Deadline: Fin Aid Offers	-	May 1 SIR First-year	June 1, SIR Transfers
2017-18 to 2023-24	FAFSA Opens, Schools Get Data	-	-	-	Admissions Offers Begin	March 2 Deadline: Fin Aid Offers	-	May 1 SIR First-year	June 1, SIR Transfers
2024-25	-	-	-	FAFSA Opens,	Admissions Offers Begin	Schools Begin to Get Data w/ Errors	Fin Aid Offers	May 2 Deadline. May 15 SIR First-year	June 1, SIR Transfers

Financial aid in flux



Federal factors

2023-24 and prior

Pell Grants maximum increased

2024-25 and beyond

FAFSA sees critical service disruptions

Needs analysis changed **Pell Grant** eligibility requirements changed

Emergency Aid flexibility

Outcomes

Pell Grants increased (+\$105M)

Families ability to pay decreased (-\$110M)

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State factors

2023-24 and prior

Middle Class Scholarship Program sees major changes (~800% more UC qualify)

College Corps

Learning-Aligned Employment Program

Cal Grant Reform talks

Other new programs

2024-25 and beyond

Middle Class Scholarship funding volatility

Cal Grant Reform tabled

Learning Aligned Employment Program ended

Outcome

Cal Grant continue to cover tuition for eligible UC students

Middle Class Scholarship fund for this year only.

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UC factors

2023-24 and prior

Cohort tuition

Debt-Free UC

**Native American
Opportunity Plan**

Non-tuition costs

increases due to dramatic
inflation

2024-25 and beyond

Non-tuition costs continue
to increases due to dramatic
inflation

Debt-free expands

**UC Student Health
Insurance Program**

premiums increase

Special populations:

Undocumented, parenting
students, foster youth

Outcome

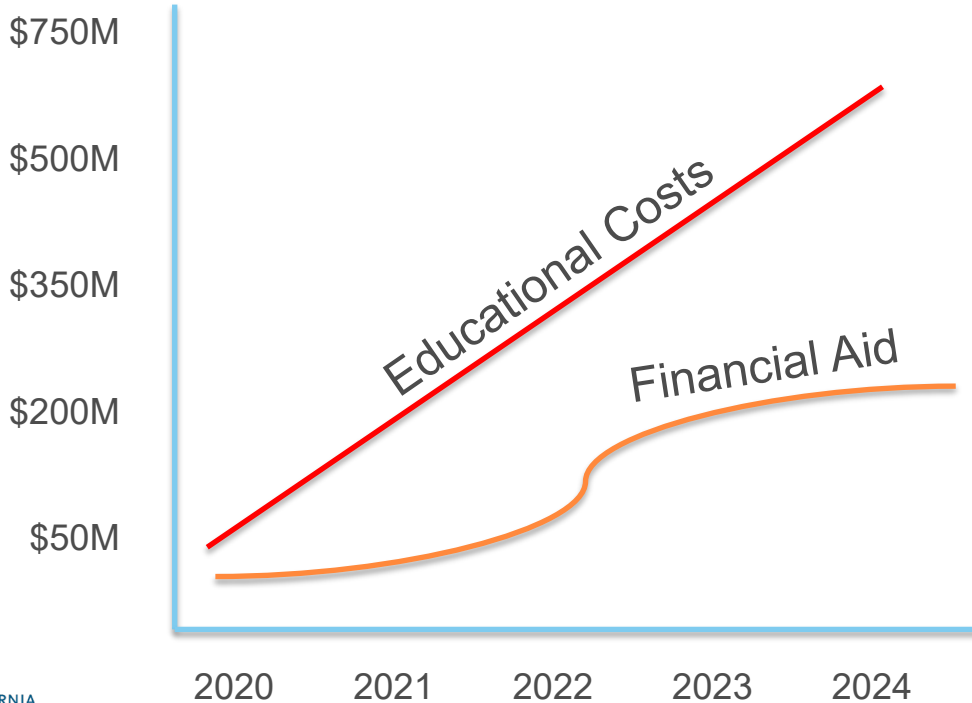
\$209M aggregate increase
in cost due to inflation

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The bottom line



Costs are outpacing increases in **aid**

Blue & Gold Opportunity



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01 **\$0 in tuition** for most California families that earn up to \$100,000

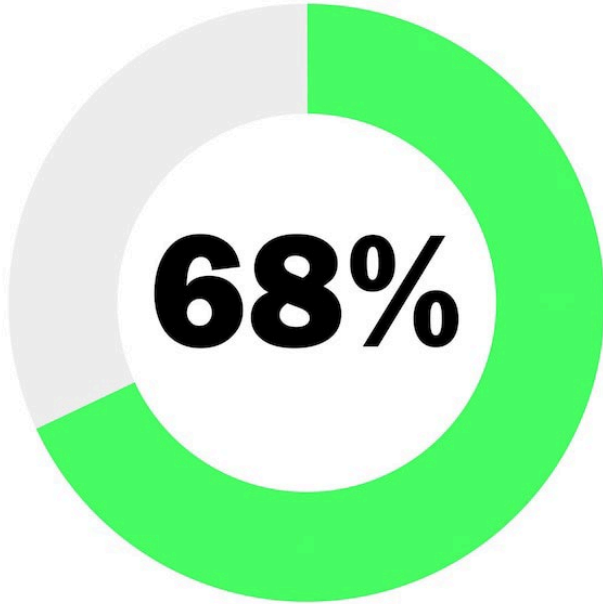
02 **Path to debt-free UC** for the neediest Californians

03 **Tuition predictability** for all students

\$2.9 billion

in grants and scholarships available to
California students

Results for California students



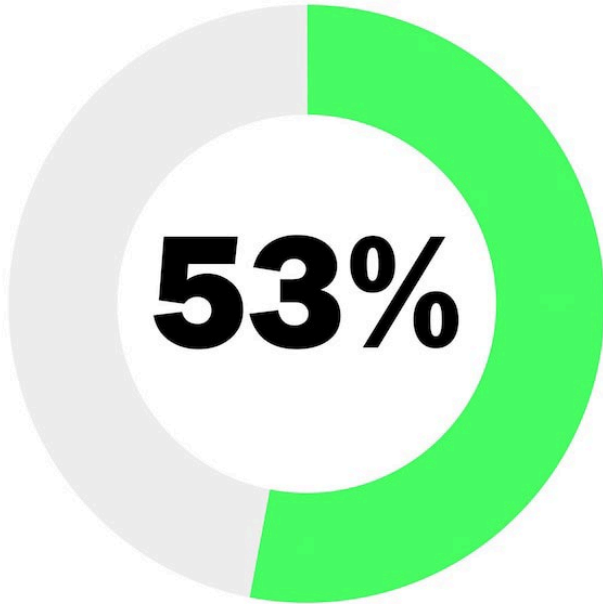
of California undergrads receive grants and scholarships, with an average award of \$20,000

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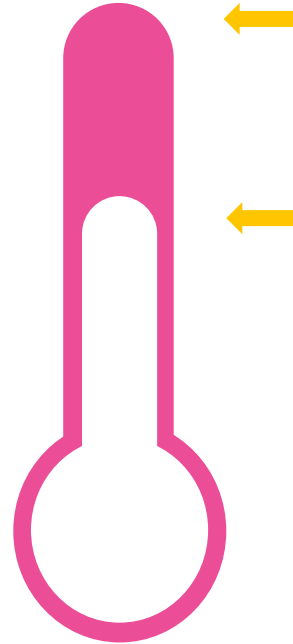
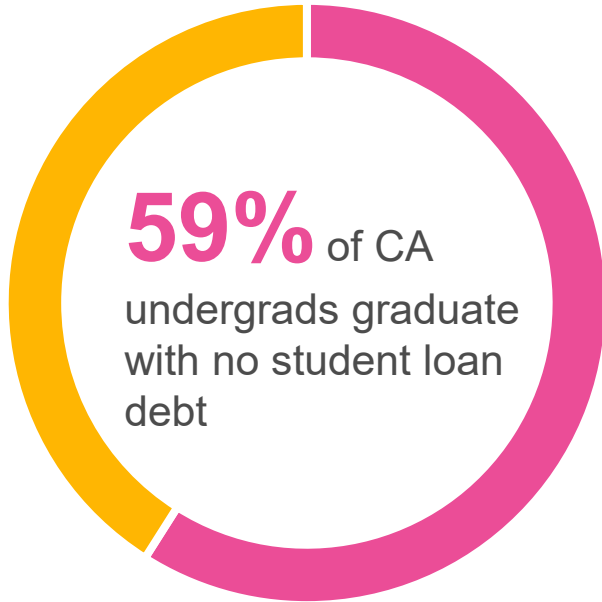
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Results for California students



of California undergrads pay \$0 in tuition because of grant and scholarship aid

Results for California students



\$28,000
National average

\$18,000
UC average

UC students' monthly payments average **6%** of their post-graduation earnings

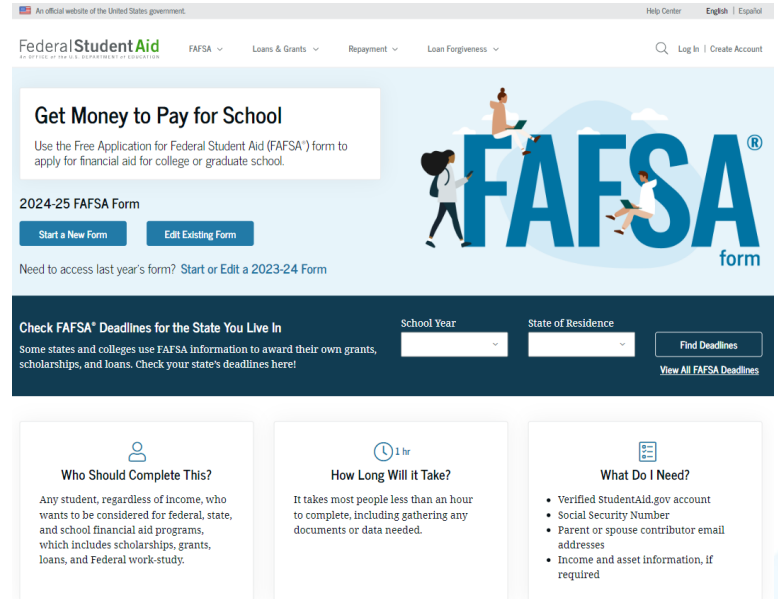


2025-26 FAFSA



What we know

- **FAFSA opening date** for all students by December 1
- **Priority deadline** March 2, 2025
- **Need analysis formula** will remain the same as 2024-25
- **Data delivery** should be on time
- **Mixed status family ID** verification waiver extended



CaIKIDS



CaKIDS

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

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The first step toward

The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CaKIDS) is a children's savings account program, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, an agency of the state of California. CaKIDS will provide children born in California with college savings and other potential incentives to help pay for future qualified higher education expenses. To learn more, visit CaKIDS.org.

Current school-aged student eligibility:

- Low-income California public school students
- Enrolled in 1st-12th 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 CalKIDS Account
- \$500 additional deposit for eligible students who are foster youth
- \$500 additional deposit for students who identify as homeless



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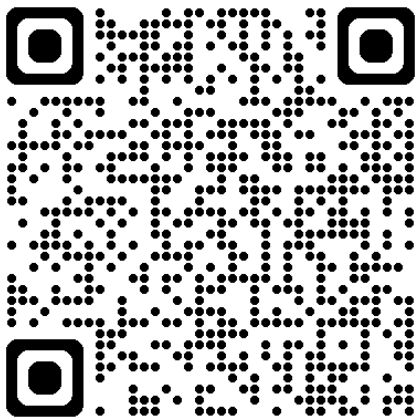


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Confirm eligibility/claim account



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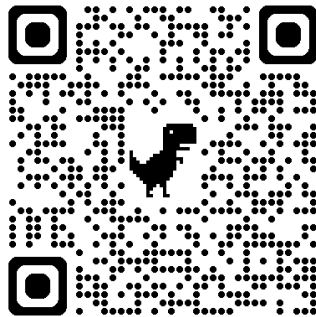
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Resources



UC tuition and financial aid website

Updated for 2025-26
including the latest
information on UC cost
and financial aid programs



A screenshot of the University of California's tuition and financial aid website. The page features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The main headline is "\$14,934" in large yellow font. Below it, text states: "2025-2026 academic year UC tuition for CA students: You can expect your tuition to stay the same for up to six years." Another section shows "\$0-100,000" in yellow, with text: "For most in-state students, if your family's income is in this range and you qualify for financial aid, you won't pay any tuition." A third section shows "\$20,000" in yellow, with text: "Average amount of grants and scholarships awarded to eligible CA students last year: \$20,000". On the right side, there are three circular infographics: a large one for "53%" with text "53% of CA undergrads pay no tuition", and two smaller ones for "68%" and "59%" with text "68% of CA undergrads receive grants & scholarships" and "59% of CA students graduate with no student loan debt" respectively. The top navigation bar includes links for "Admissions", "Requirements", "How to apply", "Tuition & financial aid", "Campuses & majors", and "Apply now".

Financial aid calculator

Launched March 2024
this calculator gives
perspective California
students an estimate of aid
and net costs.



Estimate your aid

Here's a quick and easy way to estimate your financial aid.

2024-25 Financial Aid Calculator

The systemwide Financial Aid Calculator provides a simple way for you to estimate the amount of gift aid (grants and scholarships) you could receive, assuming you apply for all aid programs for which you are eligible. It also provides an estimate of your net costs (estimated total cost of attendance minus estimated gift aid eligibility). Net costs can be covered by other types of aid, like federal work-study, student loans and parent loans.

Remember, the calculator provides an estimate, the results are not exact.

It will be helpful to refer to these documents before you use the calculator:

- Federal income tax returns from two years ago, filed by you or your parents/spouse as applicable. For the 2024-25 estimator use 2022 tax return information.
- 2022 W-2 forms and/or pay stubs with year-to-date information for you and/or your parents/spouse as applicable.
- For married students, references to "student" tax information also include any earnings from your spouse.

Nonresidents can use this calculator to view the estimated average cost of attendance for their chosen campus. Nonresidents who are eligible for federal financial aid can use the [federal student aid estimator](#) for an estimate of federal Pell grant eligibility.

Step 1

All fields required

Please select the option that best describes you

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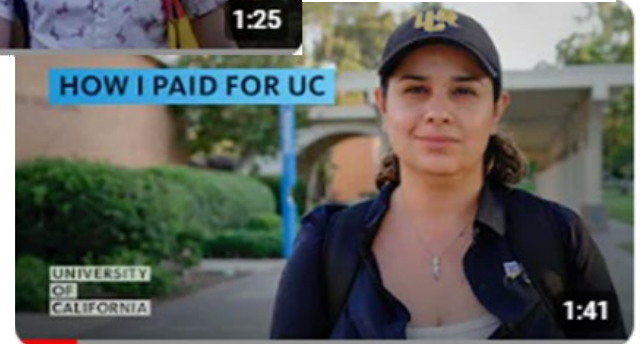
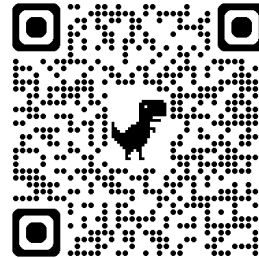
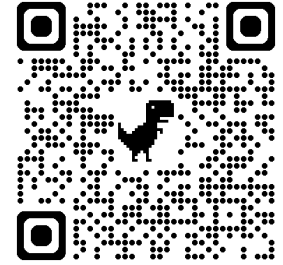
[Glossary & resources](#)

[Estimate your aid](#)

Will my financial aid offer cover ALL costs of attending UC?

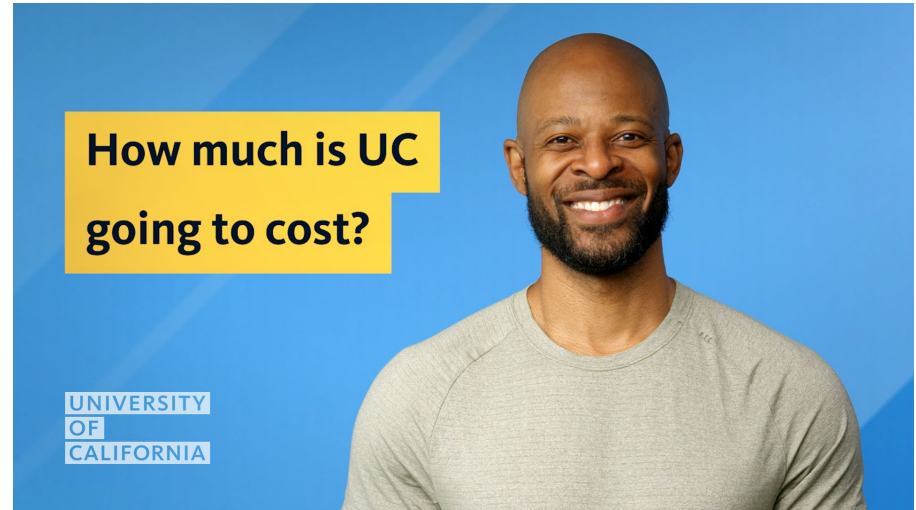
While many students receive financial aid that covers the cost of tuition and fees, all financial aid applicants are expected to pay for a share of their cost of attendance through [working](#) and [borrowing](#).

New videos highlighting the student experience



Updated “How much is UC going to cost?” video

- Direct/indirect costs
- Estimate aid
- Applying for aid



New Financial aid postcard

Highlights UC aid programs and support for our diverse student population

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Your UC opportunity is knocking.

Discover UC's expanded **Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan**, our commitment to affordability and predictability for California students. It has something for every Californian:

- \$0 in tuition:** For most families that earn up to \$100,000 a year, students pay no tuition.
- Path to a debt-free UC:** Nearly 60 percent of California students graduate with no debt.
- 6Y Predictable tuition costs:** Your tuition cost will stay the same for up to six years. The average student graduates in just over 4 years.

By investing in our students, we invest in the future of California.

Learn more about our financial aid program.

Estimate your aid with our systemwide Financial Aid Calculator.

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Join our vibrant community. UC is for people like you. And people not like you. There's no such thing as a typical UC student. That's a big part of what makes UC special.

- Transfers:** Nearly 30 percent of UC students transfer from California community colleges. Each UC campus offers dedicated support through transfer student centers.
- Veterans:** UC values our over 4,000 military-connected students and supports their academic journey. Campus veteran resource centers offer dedicated assistance.
- Foster Youths:** UC supports current and former foster youth through programs like Guardian and Hope Scholars and provides resources for academic success.
- Student Parents:** UC campuses offer student parent centers and financial aid to support you in balancing academic and family life.
- Native Americans:** UC's Native American Opportunity Plan reflects the university's commitment to supporting the land's original stewards by providing tuition-free education for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian and Alaskan native tribes.

Learn more about who can get financial aid.

Questions

A young girl with dark hair styled in braids is seen from behind, wearing a brown long-sleeved shirt. She has her right arm raised high, with her hand open, as if asking a question or wanting to participate in a class. In the background, a woman, likely a teacher, is standing and looking towards the class. The setting appears to be a classroom with whiteboards and other students visible in the distance.

Thank you

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