

West County College Access Network

Mission: To secure college access and success for all district students.

January 7, 2014

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Why Financial Aid Focus?

- Students make their college related decisions based on their perception of their ability to pay for college.
- Financial Aid process is daunting – especially for first generation college students.
- Academically and financially eligible students leave potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in state aid untapped
- All Adults should be aware of importance and process of financial aid

Financial Barrier

More than 80 percent of qualified students who did not go on to college cited its cost and the need for financial aid as key barriers, according to a 2008 national survey. Few of those students actually applied for aid.² In fact, there is a strong

WCCUSD FAFSA CA Dream Act Application Completion Campaign

2012: 36% by March 2nd → 287 Cal Grant Recipients

2013: 59% by March 2nd → 585 Cal Grant Recipients

298 more Cal Grant Recipients

Average Cal Grant \$4,900 for state senate district 9

Potentially \$1.5 million increase in first year of State Aid

2012 FAFSA / Cal Grant

FAFSA and Cal Grant Application Rates (12th graders applying for financial aid)

Show Data For

- District
 School

Applications for
High School Class of:

2012

County

Contra Costa

District

(All)

Total California Completion Rates

(Note: 2013 FAFSA data is as of 4/12/2013 and Cal Grant data is not yet available)

Application Year	12th Graders	FAFSA Completion	Cal Grant Completion
2012	395,542	54%	50%
2013	391,841	49%	

Rates by District

Application Year	County	School or District	12th Graders	FAFSA Submission	FAFSA Completion	Cal Grant Submission	Cal Grant Completion	Cal Grant Award
2012	Contra Costa	Acalanes Union High	1,313	50%	47%	31%	31%	5%
		Antioch Unified	995	48%	44%	34%	33%	12%
		John Swett Unified	121	55%	45%	41%	39%	19%
		Liberty Union High	1,532	51%	46%	38%	36%	14%
		Martinez Unified	320	51%	47%	23%	22%	9%
		Mt. Diablo Unified	1,819	51%	47%	30%	29%	15%
		Pittsburg Unified	460	67%	58%	34%	33%	18%
		San Ramon Valley Unified	2,095	54%	51%	35%	34%	7%
West Contra Costa Unified	1,924	50%	45%	41%	38%	19%		

2012 Contra Costa County FAFSA Completion

Pittsburg	58%
San Ramon Valley	51%
Acalanes Union	47%
Martinez	47%
Mt. Diablo	47%
Liberty Union	46%
John Swett	45%
West Contra Costa	45%
Antioch	44%

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		John Swett Unified	112	36%	30%			
		Liberty Union High	1,608	45%	41%			
		Martinez Unified	297	52%	48%			
		Mt. Diablo Unified	1,765	51%	46%			
		Pittsburg Unified	473	52%	47%			
		San Ramon Valley Unified	2,123	52%	51%			
		West Contra Costa Unified	1,794	57%	50%			

2013 Contra Costa County FAFSA Completion

- San Ramon Valley 51%
- **West Contra Costa 50%**
- Martinez 48%
- Acalanes 47%
- Pittsburg 47%
- Mt. Diablo 46%
- Liberty 41%
- Antioch 37%
- John Swett 30%

Financial Aid Calendar

- December/January: Pre-FAFSA Workshops for Students
- January/February: Cash for College Nights
- January/February: In-school completion time for students
- February: Webgrant access for follow up – be strategic!
- February/March: Review Student Aid Report to make sure no errors
- April: Review Financial Aid Award Letters

Cash for College Nights in WCCUSD area

- El Cerrito- Jan 14: 6:30 – 8:00pm
- Pinole- Jan 16: 6:00 – 8:00pm
- Richmond- Jan 23: 6:00 – 8:00pm
- Hercules - Jan 28: 6:00 – 8:00pm
- Kennedy- Jan 29: 6:00 – 8:00pm
- De Anza- February 4: 6:00 – 8:00pm
- Leadership- Feb 6: 5:00 – 7:00pm

94% of students that attend Cash for College Night submit a FAFSA or CA Dream Application

In School Financial Aid Completion

- DeAnza – February 6th 8:00am – 3:00pm
- Hercules – February 10th 8:00am – 3:00pm
- Pinole – January 30th 8:00am – 3:00pm

- Others – To Be Determined

New with financial aid this year

- Middle Class Scholarship for UCs and CSUs
- FAFSA: Parent 1 and Parent 2
- Dream Act Application more user friendly

Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)

- New scholarship program through CSAC
- For undergraduate students
 - New, returning or transfer
- Family income up to \$150,000 (AGI)
- Must attend a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus
- Must file a *FAFSA* or *CA Dream Act App* by **MARCH 2nd**

MCS Awards

- Phased in over 4 years
 - By 2017-18, will reach up to 40% of tuition/fees
 - AGI between \$100,001-\$150,000 no less than 10% of tuition/fees
- Awarded on a sliding scale
- Amounts will vary per student and institution
- 2014-2015 up to 14% maximum award
- Cannot exceed total funds allotted per year

MCS Requirements

- US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or AB540 Eligible status
- CA Resident
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Meet income requirements (up to \$150k)

FAFSA and Parent Information

What is your father's/stepfather's Social Security Number? <input type="text" value="--"/> <input type="text"/>	What is your father's/stepfather's last name? <input type="text"/>
What is your father's/stepfather's first initial? <input type="text"/>	What is your father's/stepfather's date of birth? (mmddyyyy) <input type="text" value="/ /"/> <input type="text"/>
What is your mother's/stepmother's Social Security Number? <input type="text" value="--"/> <input type="text"/>	What is your mother's/stepmother's last name? <input type="text"/>
What is your mother's/stepmother's first initial? <input type="text"/>	What is your mother's/stepmother's date of birth? (mmddyyyy) <input type="text" value="/ /"/> <input type="text"/>

- NEW FOR 14-15: PARENT 1 AND PARENT 2
- If the student is providing Parent #1 or Parent #2 information, the student will need those parents':
 - Social Security Numbers
 - Last names and first initials
 - Dates of birth

Section 6

Signature Page

- Sign and Submit
 - Recommend that parents and students sign the FAFSA electronically using their PINs
 - Parents without Social Security Numbers
 - Click on “Other options to sign and submit” for Paper Signature Page

Sign & Submit

• Application was successfully saved.

[VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION](#)

Are you a [preparer](#)?

Yes No

Student Signature

Student's Social Security Number

Student's last name

Student's date of birth

Don't have a PIN? [Apply For A PIN](#)
 It takes only a few minutes to get your PIN.

What is your (the student's) PIN?

[Other options to sign and submit](#)

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked:

1. to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
2. to provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal

Terms of Agreement - Student

Agree Disagree

FAFSA DEMO

fafsademotest.ed.gov

user name: eddemo

Password: fafsatest

Allows you fill out a FAFSA without having to create a dummy account. Gives you fake SSNs and scenarios. The site displays both the English and Spanish versions of *FAFSA on the Web*.

MIRROR APPLICATIONS

FAFSA

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmation

Student Demographic Information

Your last name Your first name Your middle initial

Your Social Security Number

Your date of birth (mmddyyyy)
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Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)

Your city (and country if not U.S.) Your state

Your ZIP code

Have you lived in California for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Your permanent telephone number
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Your e-mail address

What is your marital status as of today?

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
 Yes No

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Help and Hints

Student's First Name Question 2

This is your proper first name, not a nickname, and it must match **exactly** the name on your Social Security card. Remember to only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed.

[More>>>](#)

Dream

Student Demographic Information

*** Required field. All required fields must be entered before you can submit your application.**

* Your last name * Your first name Your middle Initial

* Your date of birth?

Month Day Year

* Are you male or female?

Male Female

* Your street or post office box mailing address

* City * State * Zip code

What state do you live in?

Did you reside in this state before January 1, 2007?

Yes No

When did you first begin to reside in this state? Enter the month and year. (MMYYYY)

Your permanent telephone number

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* Your e-mail address

* Re-enter your email address again

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Dream Application

Academic Year 2014 - 2015

Instructions

Student

Dependency

Parent

Signature


Confirmation

CalSAR

Welcome to your California Dream Act Application! Read these 8 tips first:

1. Questions with a **star (*)** require an answer.
2. Clicking the **Save button** will add time to the running clock and give you as much time as you need to complete your application. You can also save your application and return to it another time.
3. The **red text** throughout the Dream Act Application means "**further action is required from you.**"
4. Based on your answers to questions, this application may skip questions that are not required.
5. Use the tabs above or the Next & Previous buttons below to move through your application. **Do not use your web browser's Back or Forward buttons.**
6. Make sure you **submit your application** when complete. **Saving your application** is not the same as *submitting* your application. Only **submitted applications** can be processed for financial aid.
7. After you have hit the **submit** button, if you need to make changes, your wait time is a maximum of 24 hours to modify your submitted application.
8. You will see help screens pop up throughout the application. View full [line by line instructions on the 2014-15 application](#).

Click on the Student Tab to begin your application!

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Save Application

Dream Act Aid is not Deferred Action (DACA)

CA Dream Act aid is not the same as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) relief

DACA does not confer a new status for students. Even though a student may have a social security number through DACA, they **SHOULD NOT** complete FAFSA.

Does not affect AB 540 status, *the* criteria used for Dream Act Aid.

For more info on DACA – visit ucsis.gov and e4fc.org/dacaguide

2014 WCCUSD Goal

- All students have the opportunity to complete FAFSA or California Dream Act Application
- 70% of students complete Cal Grant Application by March 2nd priority deadline

Financial Aid Cup



2013 Financial Aid Cup Winner:
Pinole Valley High School – 70% by
March 2nd, 2013

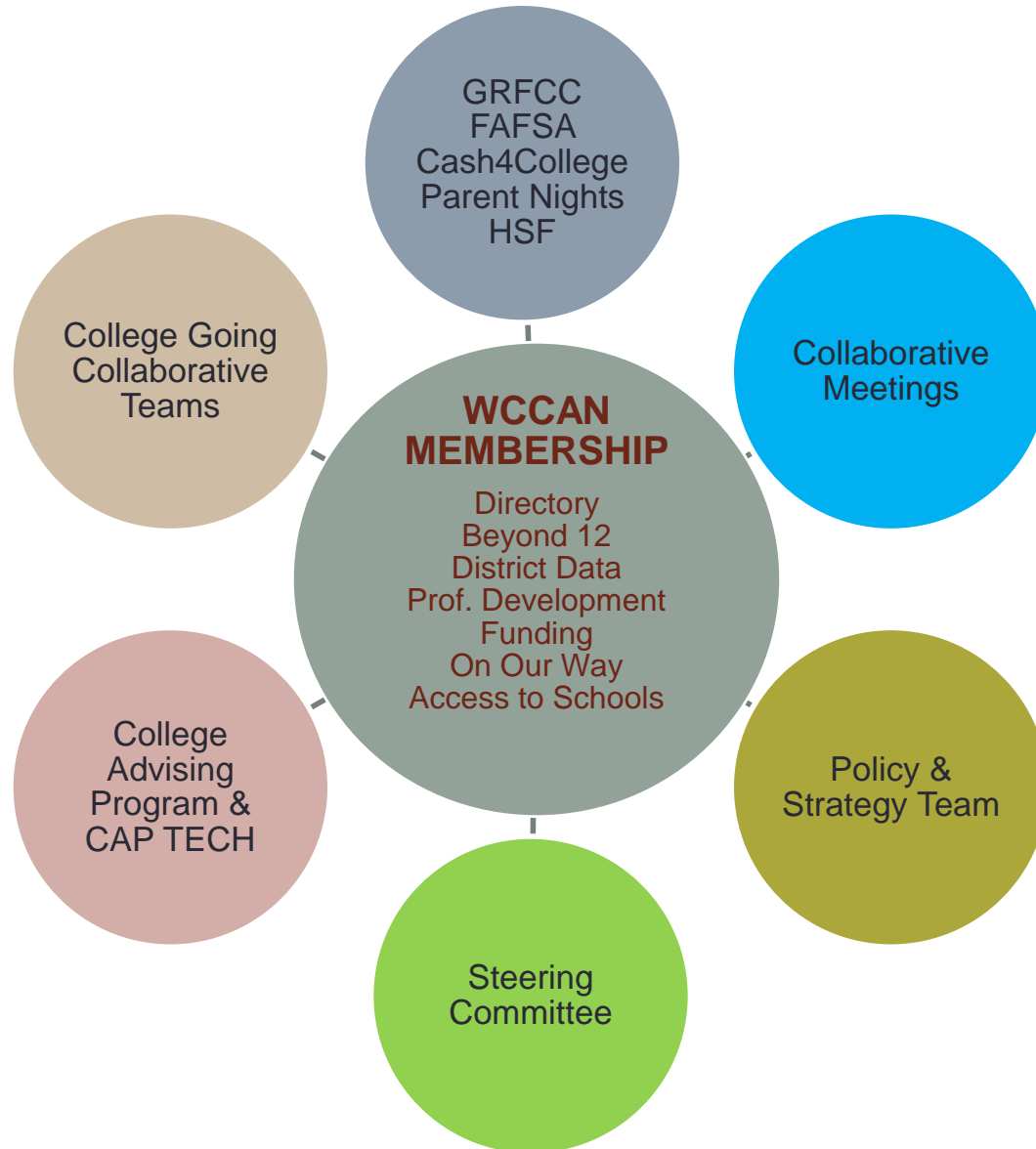
2014 FAFSA Cup Winner:



WCCAN

- Structural Changes in 2014
- Goals:
 - Expand Membership
 - Increase Impact for Students
 - Improve College-going Culture
 - Build a greater college-going community
 - More impactful meetings, decrease duplications

Collaborative Opportunities



Announcements

-- Ed Fund Scholarship Application available later this week.

Students MUST complete FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application in order to be eligible for Ed Fund Scholarship

Edfundwest.org

-- LCFF Community Meetings – all meetings 6:30 – 8:00pm

- [El Cerrito High School](#): Wednesday, Jan. 15
- Ford Elementary School: Thursday, Jan. 16
- Pinole Middle School: Tuesday, Jan. 21
- [DeJean Middle School](#): Tuesday, Jan. 28
- [De Anza High School](#): Thursday, Jan. 30
- [Hercules Middle School](#): Thursday, Feb. 6