

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO
KNOW ABOUT FINANCIAL AID...**

.....**AND MORE!!!**



FINANCIAL AID includes:

- Tuition
- Room and Board
- Books and Supplies
- Living expenses
- Transportation (up to 2 trips/year)
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Even if you feel you do not qualify
- Qualifies you to receive low interest Stafford loans
- Required by many scholarship committees e.g. UCLA regents and alumni scholarships
- Any need-based scholarships

FORMS

- FAFSA – Federal form (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>)
- GPA Verification Form – State (Cal Grants)
- CSS Profile – specific Private Schools (www.collegeboard.org)

FAFSA FORM

- Required by ALL schools
- Determines the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Requires a PIN number (electronic signature)
- March 2 deadline

PIN number

- Electronic signature for FAFSA
- One parent + one student number
- Keep PIN number for all 4 years
- Automatically assigned when registering for FAFSA

Helpful Websites

- FAFSA on the web: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Federal School codes: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Helpline: 1-800-433-3243 or
319-337-5665
- Tech Questions: 1-800-801-0576
- Cal Grant status:
www.webgrants4students.org

GPA VERIFICATION FORM (CAL GRANT)

- Awards California State funds to students attending a CALIFORNIA school
- Must complete FAFSA
- Awards based on financial need and GPA

Types of Cal Grants

- Cal Grant A (3.0 and above-tuition and fees)
- Cal Grant B (2.0-3.0 - \$1473 + Cal Grant A in 2nd year)
- Cal Grant C (no GPA – tech schools)

CAL GRANT B AWARD BY EDUCATION LEVEL (EL)

| | CC | CSU | UC | Private |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| EL1 | \$1656 | \$1656 | \$1656 | \$1656 |
| EL 2-4 | \$ 1656 + | \$1656 + | \$1656 + | \$1656 + |
| | | \$5472 | \$12,240 | \$9084 |

Middle Class Scholarship

- For students attending UC or CSU only
- Maximum award: UC-\$2448, CSU - \$1092
- Eligibility determined **AFTER** students awarded federal state and institutional
- Tuition & fees **ONLY**.
- If 40% of need is met – no longer eligible for Middle Class scholarship
- Awarded by school of attendance
- For more information: <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>

Submitting GPA Verification Form

- Will be submitted electronically by St. Bernard's
- March 2 deadline
- May check status after Student Aid Report (SAR) is received at www.webgrants4students.org

CSS Profile

- For specific private schools
- Apply on-line at www.collegeboard.org - NOW!
- College awards Institutional money from the school's endowment
- Not eligible to receive these funds unless CSS Profile form is submitted.
- Deadlines vary from school to school

Scholarships & Scams!

- Best source on the web: www.fastweb.com
- SBHS school website has direct links to various scholarships organized by due date
- NEVER pay \$\$ for a scholarship
- NEVER pay \$\$ to have your FAFSA forms completed

Any questions???

Thank you!

