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# How to Fund your Teaching Credential: FAFSA, grants, scholarships, residencies

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# Why is this Important?



You can get up to \$60,000 to pay for your credential



Studies show that student teacher models are most effective

# FAFSA and CADAA



March 22, 2025 deadline to submit COE scholarship applications



April 2, 2025 deadline to submit FAFSA and CADAA

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- ❖ Application opens December 1, 2024
- ❖ Priority deadline to submit is 4/2
- ❖ Apply as a **5<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate** student
- ❖ Drop-in clinic available January



<https://www.usa.gov/fafsa>

# California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

- ❖ DACA, Undocu-students CADAA rather than FAFSA
- ❖ Not eligible for federal aid but ARE eligible for CA state aid, COE Scholarships, AB 540 CA Grant
- ❖ Apply as a **5<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate** student
- ❖ Visit the Dreamer Resource Center (DRC)



<https://www.usa.gov/fafsa>

# Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

If you complete credential program requirements, you CAN be recommended for state licensure (teaching/counselor credential) at Sacramento State.

ITIN, 9-digit  
number for ID  
purpose only

ITIN is not a  
work permit

Use to obtain  
Certificate of  
Clearance

# The Carlsen Center

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation

For assistance to apply for an ITIN

### The Carlsen Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Sac State Library, Room 1520

Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: (916) 278-5001

[carlsen.center@csus.edu](mailto:carlsen.center@csus.edu)





# Students with an ITIN

## On campus:

- Dreamer Resource Center (follow on Instagram/social media for workshop updates)
- CARES office (emergency grant-Undocu can apply)
- ASI student scholarships

## Off campus:

- Immigrants Rising
- CHIRLA
- CA Rural Legal Assistance

## Online:

- The Dream.US
- International Empowerment
- Dreamersroadmap.org



# Drop In FAFSA/CADAA Clinics-need 24-25

## Virtual Sessions

Date	Zoom Link	Meeting ID
Tuesday February 20 <sup>th</sup> 4PM - 7PM	<a href="https://csus.zoom.us/j/81751981493">https://csus.zoom.us/j/81751981493</a>	817 5198 1493
Thursday March 21 <sup>st</sup> 11AM - 2PM	<a href="https://csus.zoom.us/j/84896627389">https://csus.zoom.us/j/84896627389</a>	848 9662 7389
Tuesday March 26 <sup>th</sup> 4PM - 7PM	<a href="https://csus.zoom.us/j/83242675184">https://csus.zoom.us/j/83242675184</a>	832 4267 5184

## In Person Sessions\*

Date	Location	Time
Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Information Resource Center (AIRC) 1016	9AM – 11AM & 2PM – 4PM
Wednesday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	University Union Forrest Suite	9AM – 3PM

\* Please bring your own laptop

# Cal Grant & Pell Grant Funding

- ❖ If received Pell funds, you may be eligible for one additional year while in the credential program.
  - ❖ Pell Determined by Fin Aid from your FAFSA
- ❖ If received a Cal Grant as an undergrad, can receive up to one additional while in the credential program.
  - ❖ Apply directly with the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for the Cal Grant

\$ \$

# Grants, Scholarships & Residency Options

\$ \$

# 25-26 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Sac State's Scholarship Application will be open from October 1, 2024 through March 2, 2025!

Apply online at  
[www.csus.edu/scholarships](http://www.csus.edu/scholarships)

Make sure to gather and submit supplemental material or reference letters!

Attend a Scholarship Application workshop in October, November or February!

Questions? Email  
[scholarshipfaqs@csus.edu](mailto:scholarshipfaqs@csus.edu) or call  
916-278-6179



SAC STATE FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

## SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS



LEARN APPLICATION TIPS & TRICKS FROM A Q&A SESSION WITH OUR STAFF!  
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS!



ALL IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN A COMPUTER LAB!

### OCTOBER



**TUESDAY 10/8**

TIME: 10-11 AM  
MENDOCINO HALL 2007



**THURSDAY 10/17**

TIME: 6-7 PM  
ZOOM MEETING ID:  
729 441 9862



**MONDAY 10/21**

TIME: 1:30-2:30 PM  
AIRC 1016

### NOVEMBER



**WEDNESDAY 11/6**

TIME: 10-11 AM  
MENDOCINO HALL 2007



**TUESDAY 11/12**

TIME: 6-7 PM  
ZOOM MEETING ID:  
729 441 9862



**THURSDAY 11/21**

TIME: 1:30-2:30 PM  
MENDOCINO HALL 2004

Funding Source	Amount	Guidance
Golden State Teacher Grant	Up to \$10,000	Agree to teach in a priority school, 4 years upon completing cred program.
Cal Grant	Up to \$13,000	Cal Grant A and B recipients may be eligible, complete your FAFSA. If you have dependents, you may be eligible for another \$6,000 through the Students with Dependent Children Grant.
Pell Grant	Up to \$7,000	May be eligible, complete your FAFSA
Teach Grant	Up to \$4,000	Per year, agree to teach in a high need field, low income school, 4 years.
COE Scholarships	Varies	We award over \$100,000 in scholarship awards every year. Apply through COE scholarship portal

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Math and Science Teacher Initiative	Varies	Scholarships available for undergraduate and current teacher candidates that are pursuing a math or science teaching credential.
NOYCE Scholarship	2025-2026	Check back. Not currently being offered. Math and science teachers
Ed Equity Program fee waivers, resource library materials	Varies	Inquire <a href="mailto:figueroaramirez@csus.edu">figueroaramirez@csus.edu</a> for eligibility for a test fee waiver, fingerprinting/livescan, edTPA



# Golden State Teacher Grant

- Apply in May/June – NOT competing against anyone!
- Up to \$10,000
- Must be enrolled in the credential program
- Must commit to work at a “priority school” in CA for 4 years within 8 years of completion
- Must complete the FAFSA or Dream Act Application



# Teach Grant

- Up to \$4,000 per year
- Must have overall GPA 3.25 or above
- Must prepare to teach in a “high needs” area:
  - Special Education
  - Single Subject – math, science, world language
  - Bilingual Authorization
- ALL of our accepted students are considered for this grant; you don’t have to submit an app.

# College of Education Scholarships

- Overall deadline is 3/2/2025
- OUR deadline is 3/22/2025
- [COE webpage](#) with scholarship information
- CSUS [Scholarships Application page](#)

# College of Education

- ❖ Provide resources and support
  - ❖ Pell eligible, bilingual, 1<sup>st</sup> Gen
- ❖ Services Include
  - ❖ Peer mentors & Tutoring
  - ❖ Evaluation for bilingual authorizations, BSR, and SMC
  - ❖ Assistance with DACA and Undocu financial aid applications
  - ❖ Multilingual (Spanish, Hmong) & first generation applicants eligible for test fee waivers & other support
- ❖ Eureka Hall 437, [figueroaramirez@csus.edu](mailto:figueroaramirez@csus.edu) or [edeq@csus.edu](mailto:edeq@csus.edu)

# Future Math and Science Teachers

- Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI)  
\$500 -\$2,500 funds about 12 candidates
- We will email every future STEM teacher with application information
- Not currently offered, check back 2025-2026 Noyce NSF Scholarship: \$15,000  
(usually fund around 5-8 recipients)

# Teacher Residency Grants

- 1 Inspired by the medical school approach to training doctors, where instruction and practice are combined. Once you earn your bachelor's degree, as a teacher resident you will student teach with an experienced mentor teacher.
- 2 You'll engage in this pre-service clinical practice 3-4 days a week while completing coursework to earn a Preliminary credential.
- 3 After receiving the credential, you will likely serve as teacher of record (a full-time teacher) in the same district where you conducted your pre-service clinical practice.

# Residency Grants for you:

Diverse Educators (WAUSD), %80 tuition paid, \$600 p/month when living in district boundaries, up to \$10,000 add'l incentives

BRIDGE (SCUSD)  
Multiple and Single Subject are eligible, must teach in SCUSD, up to \$20,000?

SMTR  
Special Education credential candidates; must teach in a partner district

Natomas USD



# The Bridge Residency

*Connecting you to success and opportunity*

Sacramento Unified School District & Sacramento State University Partnership

## Become a Teacher

### BIPOC\* TEACHER CANDIDATES NEEDED

A teacher who is a person of color or bilingual supports students by:

- Boosting overall academic performance
- Improving reading and math test scores
- Improving graduation rates
- Increasing aspirations to attend college
- Reducing the number of student absences

## Our Students Need You!

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
OR TO APPLY:



#### CONTACT INFO:

**Professor Quanee Ross** | 916-359-9505

[quanee.ross@csus.edu](mailto:quanee.ross@csus.edu) |

**Ed Equity Coordinator – Dr. Karina**

**Figueroa-Ramirez** |

[figueroaramirez@csus.edu](mailto:figueroaramirez@csus.edu) |

#### LEARN HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH:

- Scholarships
- Matched Mentor Teacher
- Affinity Group Support
- Job Placement Assistance

\*Black, Indigenous, People of Color (and their allies)

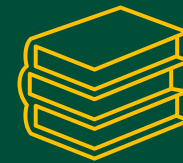
**EARN YOUR CREDENTIAL & MASTER'S DEGREE IN ONE PROGRAM**

# BRIDGE Residency





# Additional Resources



# Consider Substitute Teaching

- ❖ Apply in school districts
- ❖ There are guidelines to subbing during credential program
- ❖ What to do right now:
  - ❖ Create an account on [edjoin.org](https://edjoin.org) and upload all required documents
  - ❖ Obtain 3 letters of recommendation, if you don't already have them
  - ❖ District offices will help you get the substitute permit

# Federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program

- ❖ Teach for 5+ years in low-income school
- ❖ Math, Science or Special Ed = up to \$17,500 forgiven
- ❖ ANY other subject = up to \$5,000 forgiven
- ❖ [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

# State and Federal Financial Resources


You may qualify for public resources such as:


- CalFresh and WIC
- Medi-Cal
- Utility discounts (see the CARE/FERA Program and LIHEAP)
- Childcare and Family Care
- Public transportation discount

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## 2024-2025 Tuition/Fees


 **Credential** (first 1 or 2 years) Full-time (>6.1 units): **\$4,498/semester**

 **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)** (3 semesters) part-time (>6.1 units):  
**\$3,175/semester**


 **Books, Taskstream account**

## With Sac State's Tuition/Fees you get:

 free healthcare on campus for student, including counseling

 free gym membership at The WELL

 free Transit Card

 CalFresh card for food (if eligible)

 access to Sac State's weekly Food Pantry with groceries and toiletries

# Next steps

1. Complete your FAFSA/CADAA
2. Check your email regularly! You must be **interviewed & submit information** about how you are meeting entrance requirements **BEFORE** we can make an admissions decision. Send to [coe-cred@csus.edu](mailto:coe-cred@csus.edu)!
3. We will host another workshop in May with next steps for all the grants and financial assistance we described here.



# College of Education Contacts

## Student Success Center (Advising)

Ashley Ciraulo-Stuart  
Lead Advisor

Expertise: Application Process &  
Undergraduate pathways

(916) 278-6403

[aciraulo@csus.edu](mailto:aciraulo@csus.edu)

## Educational Equity Program

Dr. Karina Figueroa-Ramirez  
Ed Equity Coordinator

Application and scholarship assistance for diverse  
candidates (including DACA), bilingual authorization  
advising

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Dreamer Resource Center



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