Six Steps to Maximize Financial Aid

1. Complete the FAFSA / CA Dream Application
   - The FAFSA / CA DREAM applications provide access to over $30,000 dollars in grants, scholarships, and other financial aid up to Cost of Attendance -- Applications open October 1.
   - Complete by March 2 to qualify for the maximum benefit!

2. Meet with College of Education Student Success Center
   - The College of Education Student Success Center can help you understand cost of attendance, navigate the financial aid process, and build a clear path to becoming a teacher

3. Apply for Scholarships
   - Sacramento State and the College of Education offer hundreds of scholarships. That could mean $1,000s of dollars in free money for school that you do not need to repay! Applications open Oct 2 and close March 20

4. Prepare Credential Program Application
   - Check the College of Education Teacher Credentialing website (link) and be sure to attend an application workshop for answers to questions and tips.
   - Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and SpecialEd deadline is February 1

5. Meet with the Financial Aid Team
   - Review your personalized financial aid options, ask questions, and provide any additional documentation before the May 1 deadline

6. Apply for a Teacher Residency Program
   - Qualify for up to $40,000 in support while teaching and learning in a supportive, connected, and engaging mentoring environment. Check details on the Special Education Residency program (Link) and the Sacramento City USD Residency Program (Link)