

Spring 2021 – Virtual Financial Literacy Timeline

SPRING 2021 THINGS TO DO	APPLY OR TIMEFRAME	WHY	RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND WEBSITES
<p>5</p> <p>Students are REQUIRED to Create a WebGrant account</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Days after submitting an accurate FAFSA 24 hours after submitting an accurate Dream ACT application Try no later than January 2020 to ensure financial aid award is processed on time <p>https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to receive the Cal Grant The California Student Aid Commission requires students to create a WebGrant account Your FAFSA must match your WebGrant account name to be able to create a WebGrant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and Zoom virtual webinars will be provided to students and parents– contact your counselor or visit https://ccr.fresnounified.org/ to link to Teams or zoom webinars Make sure to utilize your Xello account at; https://xello.world/en/middle-and-high-school/ Step-by-step PowerPoint www.caldreamact.org https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/
<p>6</p> <p>Email notifications from your college's financial aid office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure to check your emails on a regular basis from either Federal Student Aid, CSAC, or College of attendance It's important to READ TOUR EMAILS IN DETAIL and make the corrections needed to process an accurate FAFSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you need to make corrections to <u>your Name, SSN, or DOB, you'll need to make the corrections to your FSA ID first before making corrections to the FAFSA</u> To prevent any delays in receiving your state or/and federal student. To ensure your CSAC and FAFSA data match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.fafsa.gov www.csac.ca.gov Financial Aid T.V. answers your question 24/7 https://fresnocitycollege.financialaidtv.com/
<p>7</p> <p>Verification Forms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who have an incomplete FAFSA or Dream Act will be required to complete numerous forms, which can be very challenging for students and delay your financial aid award. It's critical to have an accurate FAFSA to prevent the overwhelming time you spend completing forms when it could have been prevented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Education employs a verification selection process that sometimes makes it necessary for a student's information to be verified even if they completed an accurate FAFSA School will follow up with you to request forms/documentation to be completed (check your school student portal) When verification has been completed and processed, the financial aid office has the capabilities to submit the SAR electronically to FSA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact your counselor for assistance, to prevent delay in your financial aid award. Usually, after submitting completed forms to the financial aid office, it will take about 4-6 weeks to process. For complicated situations make an appointment for a virtual meeting If you need help with verification forms someone can assist you Financial Aid T.V. answers your question 24/7 https://fresnocitycollege.financialaidtv.com/
<p>8</p> <p>Accepting Your Award Letter</p> <p>Read it in detail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May and June, you will receive your award letters from all of the schools you applied to. It is critical that you understand that you can jeopardize your spot at the school you've been accepted waiting for a wait list from another school. If you wait too long you can potentially lose both. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have to either (Accept or Decline) the award and send it back to your prospective school. It is imperative that you carefully read your award letter and follow the instructions on the letter never assume you've been awarded financial aid without signing your award letter. You have to either (Accept or Decline) the award and send it back to your prospective school electronically or U.S mail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.fafsa.gov www.csac.ca.gov Financial Aid T.V. answers your question 24/7 https://fresnocitycollege.financialaidtv.com/

NOTE: Fresno Unified School District in partnership with Xello will help students navigate their college and career planning portfolio, financial aid, find scholarships, request transcripts and much more! Link to the website and log-in with your Fresno Unified email account. It is strongly recommended that you utilize this platform to help you with your college choice and career Link to your sign onto to Xello for students at <http://go.fresnou.org/xellostudent>

For helpful resources on FAFSA visit: <https://studentaid.gov/resources>

For CA Dream Act Helpful Resources visit: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/resources-california-dream-act-application>