

**Independent Living Program Activity Card**

**Category: Education Plan and Study Life**

**Activity: Complete a FAFSA, or CA Dream Act, Application**

**Description:** **The objective of this assignment is to:** Complete your FAFSA, or the CA Dream Act Application. By completing and submitting one of these, you become eligible for financial aid for college. Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> or the Orangewood Youth Website for some help.

**How do I get credit for this assignment?**

- To get credit for this assignment you must show proof that you have completed either an application for FAFSA or the CA Dream Act.
- Email the completed work along with this cover sheet to: Michelle Estrada at [mestrada@orangewoodfoundation.org](mailto:mestrada@orangewoodfoundation.org)

**THIS ASSIGNMENT CAN BE COMPLETED TWICE**

Please check one below

This is my: First Time \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal\_\_\_\_\_

- You may earn up to \$20.00 ILP dollars for completing this assignment for the first time.
- You may earn up to \$10 ILP dollars for re-applying for another year.

Total Dollars Earned:

<p>\$</p>  <p>(ILP Use Only)</p>
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Notes:	<p><b>Goal:</b></p>  <p><b>10:2</b></p>
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Youth Signature	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Print Name (Youth)	_____ Group Home (If Applicable)

<p><b>Receipt</b></p>   <p>(ILP Use Only)</p>
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### Getting Credit for this assignment:

Read through the information below and complete whichever Financial Aid Application (either FAFSA or Dream Act) is best for you. Once you have completed your applications, screen shot or forward your confirmation information to Michelle Estrada at:

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## Complete a FAFSA Application

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### Gather the Documents you need.

Use the checklist below to organize your information.

#### Documents Needed

- Your Social Security Number (can be found on your Social Security card).
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your W-2 Forms and other records of money earned from the previous year.
- Your (and your spouse's, if you are married) Federal Income Tax Return
- Your untaxed income records
- Your current bank statements
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records.
- Your alien registration or permanent residence card (if you are not a US citizen)

**Keep these records! You may need them again.**

### Apply for a PIN

Speed up the process by signing your FAFSA electronically with your PIN.

The PIN Application is for students who would like to receive a PIN and who are not currently on file with a US Department of Education PIN. To get a PIN, or if you have forgotten your PIN, go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

The PIN Application Process:

- Step One: Enter personal information
- Step Two: Submit your PIN application information
- Step Three: Receive confirmation that your application has been received

**Visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and click on "Apply Now"**. To continue with the PIN application process, select "Next" at the bottom of the screen.

### **Time to Fill out the FAFSA!**

Go to the Orangewood Youth Website to watch a step-by-step video of how to do the FAFSA. We have videos for the first time you complete your FAFSA and for renewing it. To watch the videos:

- go to [www.orangewood4you.org](http://www.orangewood4you.org)
- Click on the red box that says Independent Living Program
- Click on the icon that says “ILP How to Videos”
- Choose “New Application” or “Renew your FAFSA”

### **Note important Deadlines**

To meet the Federal Student Financial Aid Deadline:

- Apply as early as possible beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year before you plan on attending.
- Schools and states have their own deadlines. Contact them for exact deadline dates. (California deadline is March 2 of each year)

**OR**

## **Complete the CA Dream Act Application**

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### **Student Aid for youth without a US Social Security Number**

The CA Dream Act Application is used to apply for state financial aid like the University of California Grants, State University Grants and Community College Board of Governor’s fee waivers. Also, the CA Dream Act Application is used to apply for Cal Grants at California public and private colleges and universities. This is not an application for federal financial aid.

**The CA Dream Act is meant to provide financial aid for those who will not qualify for the FAFSA because they do not have a Social Security Number, or have one that was given through the DACA program.**

Watch the following video to:

- See an overview of the CA Dream Act
- See if you qualify
- Get a quick overview of how to complete the process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RIaFanT9Oc>

Once you know you qualify, you are ready to go. Visit the CA Dream Act Application website at: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> and complete the Application.