

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Step 1 - Apply

- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/>.
- AB540/Dreamer students with a DACA social security number or without a valid social security number should submit the California Dream Act Application at dream.csac.ca.gov/ (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>).
- **The last day to submit an application for the 2025-26 academic year is 6/30/26.**
- **Applications for the 2025-26 FAFSA and CA Dream Act will be available 1/01/2025.**
- The Federal School Code for Southwestern College is **001294**

Step 2 - Submit Forms

- Read Document Request email or check My Financial Aid account for list of required documents to complete student file
- Submit all required forms and supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office at Cesar Chavez Student Services Building or at the Higher Education Centers at National City, San Ysidro or Otay Mesa

Step 3 - Application Processing

- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards, submit appeal if disqualified
- Have file reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and compliance
- Respond to requests for any additional documentation or information

Step 4 - Financial Aid Awarding & Disbursement

- Review award letter email and view awards on My Financial Aid account
- Register desired method of disbursement with BankMobile (<http://www.swccd.edu/?page=3133>). Monitor disbursement amounts and dates at www.swccd.edu/fadisburse