

## How CaliforniaColleges.edu Made Financial Aid Easier

Narrator: CaliforniaColleges.edu. Discover. Plan. Launch. How CaliforniaColleges.edu made financial aid easier. Ana Castillo and Amber Flores, Heritage High School class of 2022.

Ana: I'm Ana Castillo. I'm in 12th grade, and I go to Heritage High School. In college, I plan to major in microbiology.

Amber: I'm Amber Flores. I'm in 12th grade, and I go to Heritage High School. In college, I hope to study nursing or marine bio.

Ana: Financial aid would help me and my entire journey. Due to the fact that my parents and I are immigrants, we don't really have many resources so financial aid is the reason why I'm going to college.

Amber: I used California Colleges to access all financial aid information that I needed.

Ana: The biggest value from the California College's financial aid lessons was just how simple it was.

Amber: I was able to view what I had to do and figure out what documents I needed.

Ana: It was very easy to follow through, especially with parents. I had never navigated the financial aid process or the college process.

Amber: I was filling it out by myself at the time, and I would just have my mom go in and fill in the portion she needed.

Ana: My non-English speaking parents could understand it if I would, could translate it to them, hand it over to them, and explain it to them step by step just how it was shown in California Colleges.

Amber: The checklist, like it's more helpful than you think. You go in, you fill out the portions you've already completed, and you're able to check them off and have all the documents ready.

Narrator: A FAFSA checklist is shown on CaliforniaColleges.edu with sections that include student information and documents as well as parent information and documents needed.

Ana: It was organized in such a simple way and were thorough enough for me to understand everything clearly, and I was able to do everything on my own.

Amber When you have to click the button to go actually fill out the password form, you already have your parents' taxes ready, your household information ready, and just everything that you need to fill out a form that might not be so simple to fill out.

Narrator: Learn more by visiting [CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://CaliforniaColleges.edu).

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