

CALIFORNIANS FOR COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY



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The Coalition of **Californians for College Affordability** works to strengthen need-based financial aid in California so that all students can afford to attend and complete college, allowing the state's workforce to remain competitive.

KEY FACTS

- **Paying for college is difficult.** Total college costs include tuition, textbooks, food, housing, and transportation, all of which are necessary to be a successful student.
- **College costs are the most burdensome for the lowest income students.** College costs comprise the largest share of family income for the lowest income families, and low-income students are much more likely to graduate with debt.
- **Need-based financial aid brings college within reach,** allowing students to enroll in college and minimizing the need to work while there.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ensure that state student financial aid:

- Enables students to attend full time and complete a meaningful credential
- Protects those with the least resources from shouldering the biggest burden of college costs and debt

TOP 2017 PRIORITIES

- Target aid to students who can afford the least
- Expand need-based financial aid to better cover total college costs

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