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 and underrepresented 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 so that they can complete.

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**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

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**TOP 2018 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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