



FINANCIAL AID FOR ALL

Steering Committee



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Mission

Financial Aid for All (FA4All) is a statewide coalition that brings together diverse insights to examine how California can create an **equitable path from financial aid application completion to aid receipt***— especially for low-income students, students of color, and other historically excluded communities. Together, we translate insights into policy, budget, administrative, & implementation solutions across the **K-12-to-higher education continuum**.

Vision

We envision a California where every student can access the financial aid they are eligible for without unnecessary confusion, delay, fear, or administrative burden. The FA4All coalition's work is about transforming the systems and processes that make financial aid unnecessarily difficult to access, so financial aid systems have the necessary infrastructure, capacity, culturally-relevant insights, and are designed around serving students most impacted by affordability gaps.

Structure

FA4All is led by EdTrust-West, with support from a Steering Committee composed of advocates, researchers, practitioners, students, & systems partners across K-12 & higher education. The coalition's membership will consist of partners focused on a range of issues related to college affordability & racial justice.



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*Completion-to-receipt captures whether students learn about financial aid, successfully submit an application, navigate what comes next, and ultimately receive the aid they are eligible for when they need it.



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What Will FA4All Do?

- Convene & strengthen a cross-system coalition of students, practitioners, advocates, researchers, & system partners committed to advancing equitable financial aid access & receipt across California.
- Develop & advance systemic solutions through policy, budget, administrative, and implementation strategies.
- Shape statewide conversation on financial aid by moving the focus beyond application completion to whether students ultimately receive timely aid.

Why Join FA4All?

- Stay informed on financial aid completion-to-receipt policy, budget, & administrative developments, with opportunities to engage based on capacity.
- Connect & learn from partners across K-12, higher education, advocacy, research, & community-based organizations committed to equitable access to financial aid.
- Build alignment and collective impact by identifying shared priorities, opportunities for collaboration, and gaps the field can address together.

Membership Details

- Membership is open on a rolling basis to organizations aligned with FA4All's mission & focus on advancing an equitable financial aid completion-to-receipt pathway.
- Participate actively in quarterly virtual coalition meetings and stay engaged in relevant communications between meetings.
- Support FA4All's collective strategies and priorities in ways that align with each organization's expertise and capacity.



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