LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	Financial Aid Update  January 2024				
	Happy New Year!				
FAFSA/CADAA Update	2024-25 Financial Aid Applications are Open Now, however the FAFSA has been "soft launched".				
	"During the soft launch period, the Department will be monitoring site performance, conducting planned pauses for maintenance, and making updates to improve the user experience for students and families."-DOE				
	Below are links to helpful information.				
	2024–25 FAFSA Soft Launch Details and Timelines				
	CSAC offers free <u>Cash for College webinars</u> designed to answer common questions about applying for financial aid. During these webinars, financial aid experts are available live to answer questions for students and families.				
	Financial Aid Workshops offered by community partners				
	FAFSA Changes Overview				
	Financial Aid Toolkit for College Personnel				
	FSA YouTube Channel				
	For those staff who work closely with students through the financial aid process, the Department of Education has released a prototype. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access the prototype.				
	How to Get an FSAID for Individuals Without a Social Security Number				
Increase in Students Receiving the Pell Grant	As of Friday, January 5, 2024, we have a 15% increase in students receiving the Pell Grant and a 17% increase in Promise Grant recipients as compared to this time last year. Kudos to the Financial Aid team!				
	ARC Financial Aid: Currently recruiting for two Financial Aid Officers				
Financial Aid Personnel Changes	<b>DO Financial Aid:</b> Currently recruiting for Director of Financial Aid and Financial Aid Specialist.				
SCC Financial Aid Office Move	The Financial Aid Office at SCC has moved from Rodda North to the Student Services Building. This move is great for our students—Financial Aid and Admissions will be in the same building and will share a service counter. Financial Aid Officers will have private offices to meet with students.				

For more information: <a href="https://employees.losrios.edu/our-organization/departments-and-offices/student-services">https://employees.losrios.edu/our-organization/departments-and-offices/student-services</a>