

# What is SAI?

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**SAI** stands for Student Aid Index. This is a number that represents the data that you entered into the FAFSA. This number summarizes and standardizes the complex information you entered into the FAFSA.

A student with a low SAI demonstrates “**financial need**” and may be eligible for **subsidized loans** and **Pell Grant** depending on their course load. The report that is sent to CSU Global by Federal Student Aid after a student completes the FAFSA will indicate to CSU Global if you are eligible for the Pell Grant. Students with a high SAI are not eligible for Pell grant.

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