



QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE ACCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

AB 540, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND IN-STATE TUITION

California Residency for Tuition Purposes

Learn how California residency and AB 540 are determined for tuition purposes at CA public colleges & universities.

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)

Includes instructions to apply for AB-540 status & be exempt from non-resident fees at CA public colleges & universities.

2017-18 Estimated Per Year College Costs for California

An estimated per year cost of attendance chart by institution type in California, including available types of financial aid.

In-State Tuition vs CA Dream Act vs DACA

This chart clearly explains eligibility for California In-State Tuition (AB 540/AB 2000), CA Dream Act, and DACA.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT & STATE-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Types of State-Based Financial Aid available through the California Dream Act

The California Dream Act allows certain undocumented students (AB 540 & AB 2000 eligible or TPS & U-Visa holders) to apply for and receive institutional scholarships and state-based financial aid at CA colleges and universities if they meet income guidelines, apply by the priority deadlines, and complete all necessary paperwork on-time.

How to Guarantee You Use the Correct Financial Aid Application in California

If you have questions about which financial aid application students should complete or their eligibility, use this chart to be sure they apply for and receive all CA state financial aid for which they are eligible.

California Dream Act Map

Provides an overview of what students need to do from start to finish. Applying for the California Dream Act is easy if you have the right information and resources! Priority deadline is March 2nd every year!

IDEAL TIMELINE TO APPLY TO CA DREAM ACT

- Review this timeline with your students
- Use the tools prepared for each phase
- Every phase must be completed to receive the funds

1	APPLY FOR THE CA DREAM ACT October 1 - March 2
2	APPLY FOR THE CAL GRANT October 1 - March 2
3	CLAIM YOUR FINANCIAL AID March - May
4	USE YOUR FINANCIAL AID May - September

STEPS AND TOOLS TO APPLY FOR CA DREAM ACT

Phase 1. Apply for CA Dream Act - October 1 - March 2 Checklist for the 2018-19 California Dream Application

Applying for the California Dream Act it is only the first step to receive state financial aid. This checklist can be used to help undocumented students successfully apply for and be considered for all state financial aid, including the Cal Grant.

Phase 2. Apply for Cal Grant - October 1 - March 2 Checklist to Apply for the 2018-19 Cal Grant

Undocumented students can only apply for the Cal Grant as a high school senior or community college transfer student. This checklist highlights the necessary steps to successfully apply for the High School or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant.

Phase 3. Claim Your Aid - March - May Successfully Completing Income Verification Worksheet

Help families accurately complete the paperwork required to verify income, assets, & household size. Be able to explain the differences between dependent vs. independent students as well as the information required for tax filers vs. non-tax filers.

Phase 4. Use your Aid - May - September Selective Service and the California Dream Act

Men who are between the age of 18 and 25 years old, even undocumented individuals, must show proof of registration for the selective service in order to receive state financial aid. Help students be aware of and follow these steps so their state-based financial aid is not put on hold.

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

List of undergraduate and graduate scholarships that don't require proof of citizenship

All undocumented students in California can go to college and receive private or institutional scholarship - even if they don't meet eligibility for AB 540 or the California Dream Act! Help identify and promote scholarship opportunities!

Scholarship Search Worksheet

This chart allows students to list all potential scholarships they plan to apply for in the next academic year and prioritize them!

Building a Strong Scholarship Essay Worksheet

This worksheet helps potential scholarship applicants identify key areas they should write about in their scholarship essays.

OTHER RESOURCES

Top 10 Ways Educators Can Support Undocumented Students

Understanding the Sanctuary School & Safe Zone Movement

Post Election Guide: How to Support Undocumented Students