

# QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE ACCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

## AB 540/SB 68: IN-STATE TUITION & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

### In-State Tuition vs CA Dream Act vs DACA

Understand the differences between CA In-State Tuition (AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68), CA Dream Act, and DACA, including their implications for tuition and financial aid.

### CA Nonresident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)

Use this form to apply for AB 540/SB 68 status & be exempt from non-resident fees at CA public colleges & universities.

### SB 68 Fact Sheet & SB 68 Quick Guide

Learn how in-state tuition eligibility has expanded to include community colleges (credit/noncredit) & adult schools in CA. This could allow you to pay resident fees at CCCs, CSUs & UCs, as well as apply for the CA Dream Act.

### CA Residency for Tuition Purposes

Learn how California residency and AB 540/SB 68 affect the amount of tuition that you pay at CA public colleges & universities.

## CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT & STATE-BASED FINANCIAL AID

### Types of CA State Financial Aid available through the CA Dream Act

Find out what kinds of financial aid and institutional scholarships you can apply for through the CA Dream Act. You must be eligible for AB540/SB68 or hold TPS or U-Visa. You must also meet the income guidelines, apply by the priority deadlines, and complete all necessary paperwork on-time.

### FAFSA vs CA Dream Act: Apply to the Correct Financial Aid

Have questions about which financial aid application you should apply? Use this chart to be sure you complete the proper application and receive all CA state financial aid for which you are eligible.

### CA Dream Act Map

Understand the four phases required to successfully complete the California Dream Act application and receive the maximum amount of aid for which you are eligible. Priority deadline is March 2nd of every year!

## IDEAL TIMELINE TO APPLY TO CA DREAM ACT

- Review this timeline and stay on track
- Use the tools prepared for each phase
- Every phase must be completed to ensure that you get the aid

**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 2021-22 CA Dream Application

Applying for the CA Dream Act is only the first step to receiving state-based financial aid. This checklist helps you successfully apply for and be considered for all state financial aid.

### Phase 2. Apply for Cal Grant - October 1 - March 2 Checklist to Apply for the 2021-22 Cal Grant

Use this checklist to successfully apply for the Cal Grant. Too many students forget this step and miss out on financial aid they are eligible for!

### Phase 3. Claim Your Aid - March - May Verifying Your Income for the CA Dream Act Application

Don't let income verification stop you from receiving your financial aid. Understand the necessary documentation you must provide and requirements for dependent versus independent students and tax filers versus non-tax filers.

### Phase 4. Use your Aid - May - September Selective Service and CA Dream Act

Are you a male between the age of 18 and 25 years old? Be sure to register for the selective service and show proof to your college or university. You may not receive your financial aid if you miss this step. We've also included information for individuals who are over 25, but never registered.

## SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

List of undergraduate and graduate scholarships that don't require proof of citizenship or legal permanent residency

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/SB 68 or the CA Dream Act. Find and apply for scholarships!

### Scholarship Search Chart

Identify and create a game plan for all the scholarships you plan to apply for.

### Building Your Scholarship Essay

Use this worksheet to get started in building a strong scholarship essay.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### CCOP's CA Undocumented Student Resource Map

Find available support at a CA college or University near you.

### UndocuHustle Learning Hub

Learn how to earn income, regardless of your immigration status.

For a full list of our resources, visit [immigrantsrising.org](http://immigrantsrising.org)

Scan the QR code to access all the resources listed above.

