



Cal Grant Regional Training  
AB 540 and the California  
Dream Act Application  
(CADAA)

On the application, you'll need to create your:

- ✓ User ID
- ✓ Password
- ✓ Security Questions

**CA DREAM ACT**

1) To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by March 2.

2) Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**NEW**  
**FIRST TIME USER**

- New to the CA Dream Act?
- Start a New application
- Do not submit multiple applications

**Start**

**RETURNING USER**

- Renew your application
- Submit a saved application
- Make a correction or add a school to your application

**Login**

**PARENT SIGNATURE**

- Request a parent PIN
- Forgot your parent PIN?
- Sign the student application

**Submit**

# 2024-25 CADAA Enhancements

## Recommendations

- Consistency of CSAC branding, CADAA login page
- Add CADAA training video to login/registration page
- Add notification of skip logic as FYI to students
- Update AB 540 criteria, requirements to qualify
- Re-word grade level question
- Make Help & Hints button more visible or display automatically
- Consistency with use of capitalization and pronouns throughout the form
- Embed AB 540 affidavit within online CADAA (AB 1540)
- Supplemental Help & Hints on all tax return questions with visual aids
- Build parental signature into original submission, eliminate separate PIN creation process
- Create a CADAA Demo/Simulator
- Improve account registration process

# 2024-25 CADAA Enhancements

## Removal of CADAA Questions?

- Dislocated worker
- ITIN or SSN (perhaps just SSID)
- Driver License Number and DL State

## Addition of CADAA Questions?

- Depending on AB 1540, collection of answers to AB 540 determination questions
- Race/Ethnicity
- Expansion of college selection, 10 to 20 schools
- Interested in DSIG?



# AB 540 Requirements



## Time and Coursework

### Option A:

3 years high school credits and 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in California:

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

### Option B (SB 68/SB 1141):

3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California:

- High School
- Adult School
- Community College\*

\*SB 1141 amended SB 68 and allows more than two years of full time attendance at a CCC to be counted.



# AB 540 Requirements

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## 2. Degree or Transfer Eligibility

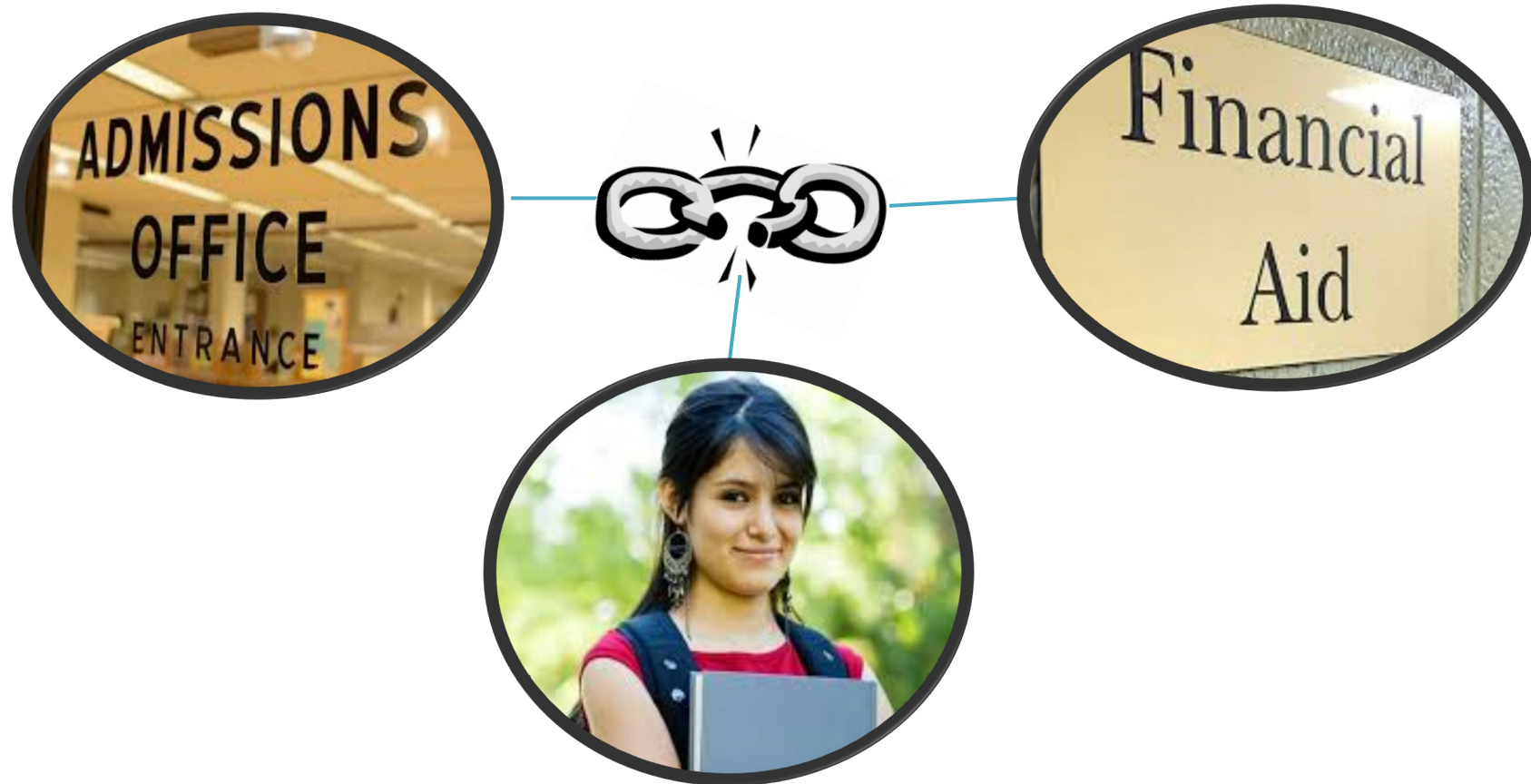
- Graduation from a California High School (or the equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) or
- Earned an associate's degree from a California Community College or
- Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

## 3. Non -resident Tuition Exemption

- Student files waiver (AB 540 affidavit) with the college or university



# AB 540 Affidavit



Undocumented students who are eligible for a non-resident tuition exception must complete and submit the AB 540 Affidavit to the admissions office at their college of attendance.

**CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION (AB 540 as amended by Education Code section 68020)**

Please provide information on the schools you attended and referenced above, including the dates you attended and the number of credits obtained or hours completed:

Name of CA School	Type of School (high school, adult school or community college)	City	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Number of Credits or Hours

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
Complete and sign this form to request exemption from nonresident tuition. Once determined to be eligible, you will continue to receive the exemption until the College or University no longer offers this exemption. This exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay, by the campus deadline, any nonresident tuition that may be due before your eligibility is determined.

**APPLICATION**  
I, the undersigned, am applying for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption at \_\_\_\_\_ (College or University) and declare the following:

**1.) Check one box only:**

- I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T and U visa). *Nonimmigrants have been admitted to the U.S. on a temporary visa and include, but are not limited to, F visas and exchange visitors (holding J visas).*
- I have a current nonimmigrant visa and have been granted T or U status.
- I do NOT have a current, nonimmigrant visa as defined by federal law. *This includes, among others, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, and undocumented immigrants.*

**2.) Select all items that apply to you from each column:**

<p><b>Column A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I attended a combination of California high school, adult school, and community college for the equivalent of three (3) years or more.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have three (3) or more years of California high school coursework and attended a combination of California elementary, secondary, and high school of three (3) years or more.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Column B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have graduated from a California high school or equivalent (i.e., a high school, adult school, or community college).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have completed an associate's degree from a California community college.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the minimum requirements for admission to a California State University or California State University.</li> </ul>
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Applicants must submit, as part of this form, official transcripts/attendance records that validate any of the information above as requested by the College, District, or University residence official.

**AFFIDAVIT:**  
By signing this document below, I hereby state that if I am a non-citizen without a current or valid immigration status, I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file an application as soon as I am eligible to do so.

**DECLARATION OF TRUE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION:**  
I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption. I further understand that if any of the above information is found to be false, I will be liable for payment of all nonresident tuition charges from which I was exempted and may be subject to disciplinary action by the College or University.

FULL NAME	CAMPUS ID NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
SIGNATURE		DATE



# Best Practices

Home > Cal Grant > Roster/Reconciliation > Customize Roster

- The following is a list of your roster formats.
- The CSAC Standard Roster format can not be changed or deleted.
- Existing roster formats can be copied, edited and renamed to create new customized rosters.

School ID  Acad Year  Month

Report  Media Type

Home > Cal Grant > Data Transfer > Report Download

Customizing your roster  
is one way to find your CADAA  
applicants.

- Ensure collection and distribution of non-resident tuition exemption form between Financial Aid Office and Admissions & Records, prior to disbursement.
- Train all staff on AB 540 eligibility, including proper state residency determination.
- Confirm your Financial Aid Management System (FAMS) codes AB 540 students appropriately.
- Update AB 540 verification policies & procedures as needed when state and federal regulations change.
- Remember that most CADAA filers do not realize they are required to have an AB 540 Affidavit on file (or even know what it is).





# California Dream Act ISIRs

School ID  Acad Year  Month   
Report  Media Type

Home > Cal Grant > Data Transfer > Report Download Close Page Instructions

- To download a report or data file click on the Download File button.
- All data columns can be sorted either ascending or descending order by clicking on the column headings.
- To compare two roster files, select Grant Roster for Report and Data File for Media Type.
- To delete uploaded Audit Files, select Audit File for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.
- To delete uploaded Secure File Transfer, select Secure File Transfer for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.

Cal Grant Section

Data Transfer

Report Download

The raw data may be imported to your school's financial management system to use with your software

School ID  Acad Year  Month   
Report  Media Type

Home > Cal Grant > Data Transfer > Report Download Open Page Instructions

Report Download

**SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE**

Filter

Report Date	Description	File Type	Month	Download File
22-MAY-2021	California Dream Act ISIRs	Data File	MAY	
18-MAY-2021	California Dream Act ISIRs	Data File	MAY	
15-MAY-2021	California Dream Act ISIRs	Data File	MAY	

# Non-Immigrant Visas and TPS



Only Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders or U Visa holders are eligible for AB 540:

- ✓ TPS or U Visa holders should file CADAA
- ✓ T Visa holders should file FAFSA
- ✓ Countries with TPS status can change

A-1 B-1 C-1 D-1 E-1 F-1 H-1B1 H-1C H-2A H-2B I J-1 M-1  
N-8 P-1 Q-1 R-1 S-5 T-1 T-2 TN TD U-1 V-1 TPS

# California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant

## California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant



- Cal Grant B recipients who completed the California Dream Act Application or *Cal Grant A recipients that met Cal Grant B eligibility*
- 1,667 Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grants of up to \$4,500 per year
- Must complete 300 community or volunteer service hours during the academic year (7/1-6/30).
- Attend a California public or independent institution
- Removed the “proration” of awards, and now provides stipend awards without regards to a student’s part-time or full-time status.

Started in **2021–2022**



# Qualifying Organizations

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What is a qualifying community or volunteer service organization?

- Any business on the [List of Service Organizations](#)
- Any school on the [Cal Grant Eligible Schools List](#)
- Nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Any federal, state, or local government entity
- Organization shall have been established for a minimum of 2 years before student begins volunteering
- Work performed is not advocacy of a political, social, or religious nature
- Volunteer service is related to the participating student's field of study or is in furtherance of community service or a community need

How do businesses register as a Qualifying Service Organization?

Organizations submit the [Service Organization Registration form](#). CSAC will verify that the organization meets the criteria above.



# Approved Service Organizations

## California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program

### List of Service Organizations

*Nonprofits & Federal, State, or Local Government Entities*

Students can volunteer with any of the organization(s) on the List of Service Organizations or any organization not on the list if it meets the criteria for a qualifying community or volunteer organization. Organizations not on the List of Service Organizations, can complete and submit the Service Organization Registration form found in DSIG Forms.

**What is a qualifying community or volunteer service organization?**

- A nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Any federal, state, or local government entity.
- Any school on the Cal Grant Eligible Schools list on the [CSAC website](#).
- Organization shall have been established for a minimum of two years before the first date on which a participating student begins performing service hours to qualify for this program.
- Community or volunteer service performed by the participating student is not advocacy of a political, social, or religious nature.
- Community or volunteer service is related to the participating student's field of study or is in furtherance of community service or a community need.

501 (c)(3) Nonprofit				
Organization Name	Location(s)	Service Org Description	Point of Contact(s)	Website(s)
Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League				
Animal Protection League				
California Families in Focus				
Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW)	Montebello, CA	The Center For Restorative Justice Works (CRJW) re-weaves the web of relationships that have been torn apart by crime and the policies of the criminal justice system. CRJW serves as a conduit to assist and accompany children, families and communities in crossing over the barriers that separate them from people in prison.	<b>Name:</b> Claudia Aguilar <b>Title:</b> Administrative Coordinator <b>Phone:</b> (818) 980-7714 <b>Email:</b> Caguilar@crjw.org	<a href="https://criw.org/">https://criw.org/</a>
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative				
City Heights Community Development Corp				
Days Long Beach				
Dreams for Change				
East of Eden K9 Rescue				
El Camino Homeless Organization - ECHO	6370 Atascadero Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422	ECHO's mission since 2001 is to empower people in SLO County to make positive change by providing food, shelter, and supportive services.	<b>Name:</b> Miranda Lomeli-O'Reilly <b>Email:</b> mlomelioreilly@echoshelter.org <b>Phone:</b> (805) 539-7858	<a href="https://www.echoshelter.org/">https://www.echoshelter.org/</a>
Father Joe's Villages	1501 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92101	As San Diego's largest homeless services provider, FJV offers a variety of services from housing, rental assistance, healthcare, food, clothing, education, job training, mental health services, addiction treatment, and therapeutic childcare. Our mission is to end homelessness one life at a time.	<b>Names:</b> Liza Heredia <b>Title:</b> Volunteer Services Coordinator <b>Name:</b> Emily Montgomery <b>Title:</b> Volunteer Services Coordinator <b>Phone:</b> (619) 645-6411 <b>Email:</b> Volunteer@neighbor.org	<a href="https://my.neighbor.org/">https://my.neighbor.org/</a>

# California DREAM Loan Program for Graduate Degree Programs

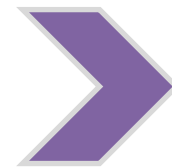
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## Eligibility Requirements



- Must be AB 540 Eligible
- Must attend a CSU or a UC
- Complete a DREAM Act Application
- Determined to have financial need
- Academic Program must qualify as an eligible program under Cal Grant guidelines
- Must be enrolled in programs leading to a professional or graduate degree

## DREAM Loan Terms



- Annual loan maximum \$4,000 (even if enrollment at multiple institutions)
- Aggregate maximum \$20,000 at any one institution
- Annual promissory note
- Interest rate matches Subsidized Direct Loan rate for that same year

# Application Corrections

Application corrections are necessary when students:

- Complete the FAFSA instead of the CADAA
- Complete the CADAA instead of the FAFSA
- Complete an application for the wrong year
- Submit duplicate applications
- Gain permanent residency or citizenship

Student must first complete and successfully submit the correct financial aid application.

School then submits the Application Conversion Form G-55 with the corresponding documentation.

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**  
**Application Conversion Form (G-55)**



This form is used to reprocess a student for a Cal Grant, Chafee Grant, or Middle Class Scholarship using the correct financial aid application, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Student must complete all fields. Please provide a detailed, written explanation and attach a copy of two forms of identification (i.e. California Identification Card, California Driver License, Employment Authorization Card, Social Security Card, Student ID or etc.). If the student completed a FAFSA using a DACA Social Security Number (SSN), please provide a copy of the DACA SSN. Mail your completed Application Conversion Form to the California Student Aid Commission, Program Administration and Services Division, P.O. Box 419027, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027, or email as PDF documents to studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. Please see the back of this page for more information.

1) Please convert \_\_\_\_\_ application from a \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Students Name) **Application 1** **Application 2**  
(FAFSA or Dream Act) (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)

2) **REASON FOR APPLICATION CONVERSION**  
Please check one that applies:  
 Student completed CA Dream Act, but student gained citizenship or permanent residency  
 Student completed more than one CA Dream Act  
 Student completed both CA Dream Act and FAFSA  
 Other (Please Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

3) **Application 1**  FAFSA  CA Dream Act  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
SSN/DACASN/Dream Act ID \_\_\_\_\_

**Application 2**  FAFSA  CA Dream Act  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
SSN/DACASN/Dream Act ID \_\_\_\_\_

4)  

5) Please provide a detailed explanation:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(03/19) (Continue on additional piece of paper if necessary)

## G-55 Form

Selective Service registration verification is **no longer required** for males between the age of 18 and 25

SB 169 removed the requirement for colleges to verify Selective Service registration



SSS FORM 1M (04-30-2021) OMB APPROVAL 3240-0002

### SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY) 1   -   -

SEX: (Mark with "X") 2  Male  Female

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 3    -

LAST NAME: 4

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: (STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER) 5

CITY:           STATE:   ZIP CODE:

ELECTRONIC MAILING ADDRESS: (EMAIL ADDRESS) 6

PHONE NUMBER: 7    -    -

TODAY'S DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY) 8   -   -

AGENCY USE

I AFFIRM THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE 9

SIGNATURE

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**UPDATE!**



# CADAA Verification

~20% of CADAA applicants are randomly chosen for verification.

- ❖ Federal VI- Standard Verification Group
- ❖ AB 540 eligibility
- ❖ Students/parents residing in the United States file US tax returns, if they meet earning threshold

Complete verification prior to disbursing funds.

Update: Dept of Education waiver was not extended into the 23/24 AY and because of this, CSAC will not apply any VI waiver for CADAA applicants in 23/24.

Reference:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/08/2022-14511/free-application-for-federal-student-aid-fafsa-information-to-be-verified-for-the-2023-2024-award>

# Dream Act ISIR Search

Identify and reach out to students with incomplete applications:

- No Dream ID
- No EFC
- Submit Flag blank

Search Results							
Records: 23							
Name Address	DOB Phone	Email EFC	Transaction Number Transaction Received Date	App Received Date Submit Flag	Actions		
GARCIA, JOSE C CA. 90003	/2001	0	@GMAIL.COM 2 12/17/2020	12/17/2020 Y	View Details Correct Confirmation View Cal SAR Report		
GARCIA, JOSE A CA. 93436	2001	71	@GMAIL.COM 2 12/27/2020	12/27/2020 Y	View Details Correct Confirmation View Cal SAR Report		
GARCIA, JOSE 93210	2001	X	@GMAIL.COM 1 02/28/2021	X	View Details Correct Confirmation View Cal SAR Report		

# CADAA Correction Screen

*WebGrants Home > CADAA > Dream Act ISIR Search*

## Dependency override:

- Functionality available to System Administrators at each campus

## Professional Judgement:

- Check “Professional Judgement”
- Submit Grant Record Change (G-21)
- Function available to all users with access to the CADAA menu

## Verification Required:

- Check box after verifying application information

**UPDATE!**

Home > CA Dream Act > ISIR Search > Dream Act Correction Screen (2022 - 2023) Close Page Instructions

**This screen is designed for schools to submit corrections to the most recent Cal ISIR data. Request will be updated real time.**

- Data corrections, Verification, and Dependency Overrides can be submitted at the same time.
- Verification Required - Financial Aid Administrator ( FAA) marks the box when application is verified. Field only appears when student is selected for verification.
- Dependency Override - FAA marks the box when performing a dependency override. Overrides can be made in one direction only from dependent to independent.
- EFC Simulator - FAA can preview EFC changes prior to submitting a correction.
- Schools will be notified of processed corrections on the subsequent Cal ISIR Report.
- Students may review corrections by retrieving their CA Dream Act application.

Institution Selections

Institution Name	USDE Code	Housing Program	Remove
CSU FULLERTON	00113700	With parent	X

Dependency Override **System Admin**

Professional Judgement **Submit G-21**

\* Date the application was initially received   
Enter the month, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)

# CADAA Confirmation Page

Issues which need to be resolved:

Next steps student should consider:

Signature **Confirmation** CalSAR





2023-2024 CA Dream Act Application Confirmation Page

**Parent Signature** PRINT

Section	Comment Codes
Resolve the following issue(s); if these issue(s) remain unresolved, you may be unable to receive financial aid consideration.	001
Males, between ages of 18 and 25, are required to register for Selective Service prior to receiving financial aid for college.	020
<b>There are issues with your CA Dream Act Application that need to be resolved before your eligibility can be determined. Be sure to read all the comment codes listed on this page, review your application and make any necessary corrections to your CA Dream Act Application.</b>	<b>047</b>
III-Next Steps	
<p>Corrections can be made 24 hours after submitting your application by logging back into your application at <a href="http://www.caldreamact.org">www.caldreamact.org</a>. You must use your User ID and password to retrieve your CA Dream Act Application. If you need additional help with your application, contact the Customer Relations Branch at the California Student Aid Commission Mon-Fri from 8:00 am to 4:45 pm at 1-888-224-7268 or by email at <a href="mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov">studentsupport@csac.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>If your mailing address or email address changes, you must make the correction on your CA Dream Act Application.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for more information regarding Cal Grant application process.</p>	006
Your college is responsible for verifying your AB 540 eligibility. Check with your colleges Admissions office before the term starts.	280

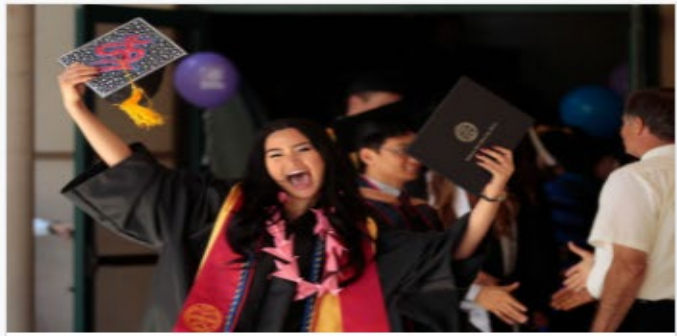


## Cal Student Aid Report

Report for ACOSTA JAVALERA, DANIEL

Transaction No.	Submitted By	Processed	Print
4	Student and Parent	01/13/2021	
3	Student - Correction	01/13/2021	
2	Student and Parent	12/29/2020	
1	Student	12/29/2020	

Close

# Dreamer Resource Centers (DRC)

 <p><b>Programs and Services</b> The Dream Success Center is completely dedicated to serving our students with holistic services for their academic success</p> <p><a href="#">List of Programs and Services</a> &gt;</p>	 <p><b>Financial Aid for Dreamers</b> Learn about your options to pay for college. We are here to provide guidance and support.</p> <p><a href="#">Financial Aid Resources</a> &gt;</p>	 <p><b>Immigration Legal Services</b> In collaboration with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) we provide legal services to our Fresno State community.</p> <p><a href="#">Make a Consultation</a> &gt;</p>
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DRCs are a fantastic resource for undocumented students looking for advice, suggestions, and resources from the university itself. DRCs serve students with AB540 status, undocumented/DACA, and students with mixed immigration status

The Campaign for College Opportunity created an interactive map of campuses with DRCs/DRLs- and even provides contact information of campus allies and liaisons



The Campaign for College Opportunity

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California Undocumented Higher Education Coalition

## CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS


- University of California campuses
- California State University campuses
- California Community College campuses

<https://collegecampaign.org/undoc-student-resources/>

# Additional AB 540 Resources

Date Issued: May 2023

## Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ



California Community Colleges UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS RISING  
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 9th was the release of this groundbreaking intersegmental AB 540 FAQ. This first-of-its-kind tool will allow more effective implementation of this important tuition equity policy. Immigrants Rising, the California Community Colleges, and the University of California hope it will become a central reference point for practitioners at colleges, universities, high schools, adult schools, non-credit programs, and college access organizations.