

California Dream Act and Cal Grants

Presented by the California Student Aid
Commission



Who is the California Dream Act Application for?

For students who meet the requirements of AB540:

- Attend a California high school for at least three years,
- Graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Examination(CHSPE), or obtain a Certificate of General Education Development (GED),
- Enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, and
- If applicable, complete an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as student is eligible.

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request

For Eligible California High School Graduates

Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the College or University (for example, proof of high school attendance in California). Contact the California Community College, University of California or California State University campus where you intend to enroll (or are enrolled) for instructions on documentation, additional procedures and applicable deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY:

I, the undersigned, am applying for a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible California high school graduates at (specify the college or university) _____ and I declare the following:

Check YES or NO boxes:

Yes No I have graduated from a California high school or have attained the equivalent thereof, such as a High School Equivalency Certificate, issued by the California State GED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

Yes No I have attended high school in California for three or more years.

Provide information on all school(s) you attended in grades 9 - 12:

School	City	State	Dates:	
			From – Month/Year	To – Month/Year

Documentation of high school attendance and graduation (or its equivalent) is required by the University of California, The California State University and some California Community Colleges. Follow campus instructions.

Check the box that applies to you -- check only one box:

I am a nonimmigrant alien as defined by federal law, [including, but not limited to, a foreign student (F visa) or exchange visitor (J visa)].

OR

I am NOT a nonimmigrant alien (including, but not limited to, a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or an alien without lawful immigration status).

AFFIDAVIT:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California 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 nonresident tuition exemption for eligible California high school graduates. I hereby declare that, if I am an alien without lawful immigration status, I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file

AB 540 students may include:

- Undocumented students
- Students who are U.S. citizens, but who are not residents of California
- Usually dependent students whose parents are not residents of California

California Higher Education Institutions are responsible to certify students as AB540



California Dream Act

AB-130 and AB-131

Allows students eligible for state financial aid to apply for and receive;

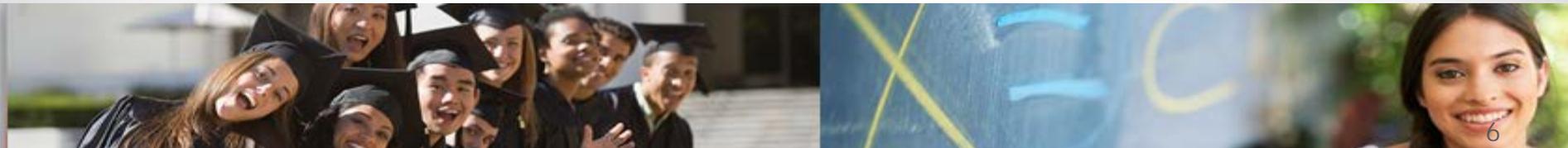
- ❑ Institutional scholarships such as the UC Grant, State University Grant & Educational Opportunity Program funds;
- ❑ California Community College Board of Governor (BOG) Fee Waivers;
- ❑ State financial aid, including Cal Grants and Chafee Foster Youth for use at qualifying public and private institutions



Who can apply for Cal Grant Grant

For students who:

- Are graduating high school seniors
- Attend community college and are planning to transfer to a 4-year institution in Fall 2014. (Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement)
- Are enrolled in a technical or vocational school may apply for Cal Grant C Entitlement



Tax and Revenue

- What happens if I have not filed taxes before completing my application...

If you have not filed taxes, you can give an approximate amount using the previous year's income.

- What if I do not file taxes....

In order to complete the CA Dream Act Application, you must provide an estimate of your income.

Important Details for AB 540 students

- Your application may be selected for verification by the college / university
- Many California Dream Act applicants submitted taxes using the ITIN
Personal Identification Number Taxpayer (Identification Tax ID Number)



For High School Seniors:

January-March 2, 2014:

- Apply for Cal Grants Grant beginning January 1, 2014, for use in the Fall of 2014.
- Apply for Fee Waiver (BOG) if attending a CA Community College
- Apply for help institutional and college scholarships as UC Grants, State University Grants by priority deadlines.



Where can I apply?

www.caldreamact.org

- For fall 2014 financial aid, apply after Jan. 1, 2014.
- For financial aid right now, use the current 2013-14 year application.



How do I apply?



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California Dream Act Application...



★ Let's get started! What is the purpose of your visit?

Before starting the application, dependent students should have their parents' financial information ready. To determine what questions you and your parents may have to enter, please look at the [Dream Application Worksheet](#). We will only use parent information if we determine you to be a dependent.

➔ New California Dream Act Application

Select this option if you:

- Have never filed a California Dream Application
- Want to start a new California Dream Application
- Are ready to get started

➔ Start a Dream Application

➔ Provide a Parent Signature

Select this option if you:

- Need to retrieve Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN
- Need to sign your child's application

➔ Sign a Student Application

➔ California Dream Act Application Login

Select this option if you want to:

- Continue or renew your CA Dream Application
- Update or correct current CA Dream Application
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...

➔ Retrieve My Application

Welcome

Completion of this application is required to determine eligibility for California student financial aid for AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The Dream Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students who are eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), must use that application to maximize their opportunity to receive student financial aid. The FAFSA application is online at www.fafsa.gov. Students should not complete both applications.

Assembly Bill (AB) 540 was passed in 2001 to allow non-resident students in California to pay the lower resident tuition and fees to California's public colleges and universities. In October 2011, AB131 was signed into law and allows students eligible for AB540 to also apply for state financial aid like the University of California Grants, State University Grants and Board of Governor's fee waivers for the 2012-13 school year and later Cal Grants for the 2013-14 school year.

To qualify for California financial aid through AB131, non-resident students, including undocumented students, must:

- Have attended a California high school for 3 or more full academic years between grades 9 through 12. They do not need to be consecutive years
- Have or will graduate from a California high school, attained a GED, or received a passing mark on the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE)
- Register or be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education in California
- Not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F,J,H,L,A,B,E, etc.)
- Demonstrate financial need and meet all other program requirements

I meet the requirements

You will now start the application submission process. Please carefully read and fill in all required fields in order to complete your California Dream Application.

 Start a Dream Application

I do not meet the requirements

You will now be redirected to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website. You will receive further instructions on the FAFSA website.

 Visit FAFSA Website

I'm not sure, tell me more

Please carefully read the required eligibility information to determine if you should complete the California Dream Application.

 Get More Information



Which academic year application would you like apply for?

You may choose to file a California Dream Act Application by the academic school year.

Processing Closed (Not accepting new application)

 2013 - 2014 School Year

(July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

 2012 - 2013 School Year

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

CA Dream Act financial aid is not Deferred Action (DACA)

- DACA does not prevent students from applying for CA Dream Act financial aid.
- DACA does not confer a new legal status for students.
- California students who have applied for or received approval for DACA **should complete the CA Dream Act Application and NOT the FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- For more information on DACA, visit - Www.ucsis.gov or www.e4fc.org/dacaguide



What happens to the information and how will I know if I qualify?

- Once the application is *signed and* subjected *the student will receive a page* confirmation where you will have if you have financial need or need to make changes to the application.
- The information will be electronically transferred to institutions in approximately 8 days.
- Students should talk to the financial aid office to see if they qualify for institutional financial aid, college scholarship or fee waiver (BOG).





Parent Signature

Print this page for your records

Return to Application

2013 - 2014 Dream Application Confirmation Page

January 29, 2013

Transaction #: 18

Dream ID # 000011613

Dream Act Applicant

You have submitted your California Dream Application. Our preliminary processing has been performed and the results are listed below. It is important that you review this information to understand what additional steps you may need to take to finalize your application. Read the comments below and if you need to make corrections go to www.caldreamact.org open your application and make the necessary changes.

Section I-Action Needed

Comment Codes

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW Review any comments listed below to make sure that any issues are resolved.)

There are issues with your Dream 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 Dream Application.

Your parent DID NOT sign your Dream Application or the corrections you submitted. At least one parent must sign to complete the Dream Application. Your parent can sign electronically at www.caldreamact.org by clicking the "Provide Signature" icon. For your parent to access your application and provide their signature, they will also need the parent wage information submitted by you. If you can't remember what wage information you entered, review your application to ensure that the data is correct. If your parent is unable to sign electronically, select the "By Printed Signature Page" option on the confirmation tab in your Dream Application. If your parents are unable to sign, contact the Customer Relations Branch at the California Student Aid Commission on Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 11:45 am and from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm at 1-888-224-7268 or by e-mail at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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Section III

What you need to know

If you need to make corrections to your information, you can make them online at www.caldreamact.org. You must use your user name and password to retrieve your Dream Application. If you need additional help with your application, contact the Customer Relations Branch at the California Student Aid Commission on Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 11:45 am and from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm at 1-888-224-7268 or by e-mail at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online at www.caldreamact.org. 006

You have corrected information on your Dream Application more than 10 times. Before sending in another correction, contact your financial aid office for assistance. 106

Based on the information we have on record for you, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is 0. You may be eligible to receive state financial aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for state campus based financial aid. 149

If your parents have now completed a 2012 tax return, you should correct your information to reflect the income and tax information reported on their tax return. You may make corrections to your information online at www.caldreamact.org . If your parents have not yet completed their tax return, but will be doing so, you must correct this report to reflect the income and tax information reported on their tax return once it is filed. 156



How to Apply for a Cal Grant

To Apply for a Cal Grant:

- Submit a California Dream Act Application, AND
- A school-verified Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA)

**Apply after January 1 and Before
March 2, 2014**

Your high school may electronically send verified GPAs to the Commission. Check with your counselor or front office.



NON-SSN Cal Grant GPA Verification Form For 2013-14 Academic Year

Please print clearly using *blue* or *black* ink only.

DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2013 (POSTMARKED)

** March 2 is a Saturday, so GPA forms will be accepted if postmarked by March 4, 2013*

DO NOT SEND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

(SEE BACK OF FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS)

Student Information Section

1. Your Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

2. Your Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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3. Enter Your Gender

 M = Male
 F = Female

4. Enter Month/Year of High School Graduation

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(If currently a HS Senior, enter anticipated date)

5. Your E-mail address

6. Your permanent mailing address

Number and Street

City

State

Zip Code

CSAC USE ONLY

7. Enter your 10-digit Statewide Student ID (SSID)

8. Fill in bubble if you are submitting a SAT, ACT or GED test score instead of a GPA.

Attach your applicable test score to this form, transcripts will not be accepted. You do not have to have your school fill out the FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY section

Parent Information Section

9. Father's Last Name

10. Mother's Last Name

11. Parents Phone number

12. Parents E-mail Address

13. **STUDENT CERTIFICATION:** I have read the instructions and information accompanying this form. I understand that this Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is used to determine Cal Grant eligibility and the GPA must be calculated as described on the attached GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The information I have completed is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I understand that without a complete form and signature, this form will not be considered.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Student Signature

Student Phone Number

Date

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

High schools **MUST** be fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges [WASC] or an equivalent regional accreditation agency to certify a Cal Grant high school GPA.

GPA IS BASED ON HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK?

GPA VERIFIER'S SCHOOL CODE:

. **GPA CANNOT BE ABOVE 4.00**

The signature of the high school or college official certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the GPA is calculated as described on the attached GPA Calculation Instruction sheet. The signature of a high school official also certifies that his or her high school is fully accredited by the WASC or other regional accrediting agency, or has a UC-approved course list as required by California regulations. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of School Official

Title of School Official

Date

E-mail Address

Name of School

Street Address of School

City

State

Zip Code

General Requirements for Cal Grants

- These are the requirements for all Cal Grant participants, whether or not students apply under the CA Dream Act:
 - Be a resident of California or AB540
 - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident or eligible non-citizen, or AB 540
 - Attend an eligible California school
 - Meet Selective Service requirements
- Not be in default on a student loan
- Not have earned a bachelor's degree
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Be enrolled at least half-time



Which Cal Grants are available for Dreamers?

Entitlement Cal Grant A

Entitlement Cal Grant B

CA Community College Transfer Entitlement

Cal Grant C

- Vocational or Technical



Types of Cal Grant A

- **High school seniors**
 - With a minimum 3.0 GPA
- **Cal Grant CCC Grant Transfer Entitlement**
 - Students who transfer to a CCC to a four-year university
 - Have graduated from a California high school after 1/7/00 and not yet reached 28 years
 - With a minimum GPA of 2.40



Cal Grant A

For students from low and middle income

(The average family income for a new Cal Grant A is \$ 83,100)

- University for titles such as AA /BA/ BS only
- Can be used for tuition and fees only
- Maximum benefits are:
 - At a CCC - Not paid, but is kept on reserve until it is transferred to a 4-year institution
 - At a CSU - up to \$ 5,472
 - At a UC - up to \$ 12,192
 - Independent private-profit up to \$ 9,084



Types of Cal Grant B

- **High school graduates**
- With a minimum GPA of 2.0
- **Cal Grant B CCC Transfer Entitlement**
 - Students at a CCC use to transfer to a university program
 - Have graduated from high school after 7/1/00 and **not to be over 28 years**
 - GPA is used only CCC (**Minimum GPA 2.40**)
- **Potentially unlimited number of awards**

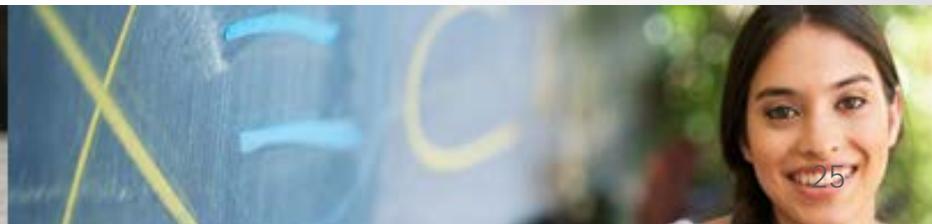


Cal Grant B

For students with low to middle income

(Average household income for Cal beneficiaries Grant B for a family of 4 is 43,700)

- Associates degree, bachelors degree or certificate program with duration of at least one year
- Can be used for school costs including tuition or other fees
- All participating students receive an access grant of **\$1,473** to cover books and living expenses
- After the first year, also helps to pay tuition and fees at a rate equal to that of the Cal Grant A



When will I know if I qualify?

- Once the student submits the CA Dream Act Application and a verified school GPA, students should contact the financial aid office for more information.
- For the Cal Grant, students will receive an email which will say if they qualify. This communication is called a California Aid Report (CAR)





Cal Grant Program Award Offer 2012-2013 California Aid Report (CAR)



Congratulations! The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering you an estimated preliminary Entitlement Cal Grant award. This potential Cal Grant award is based on the information you have reported on your FAFSA, thereby, it is considered an estimated offer. Before the Cal Grant can be activated, there are further actions that must take place. Please carefully read the information below to understand what you need to do to receive your Cal Grant award. **Please be aware that this award offer may be reduced or withdrawn based on the final State Budget.**

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AWARD INFORMATION

<u>School Choice, as listed on your FAFSA:</u>	<u>Cal Grant A</u>	<u>Cal Grant B</u>
UNIV OF SOUTHERN CALIF	\$9,708	SEE CODE #1
UNIV OF CA - DAVIS	\$12,192	SEE CODE #1
NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE	SEE CODE #1A	\$1,551

To receive the Cal Grant award offer you must:

- Log on to www.webgrants4students.org and create your WebGrants for Students (WGS) account to manage your Cal Grant online. It is important to know that your WGS account is separate from your school or FAFSA account. Read the Important Facts About Your New Cal Grant Award fact sheet as it has important information you need to know about the Cal Grant award.
- Change your school of attendance on your WGS account if the first school listed above is not the school you plan to attend. The Cal Grant award will be sent to the school listed in your WGS account.
- Contact the college Financial Aid Office if your Cal Grant does not appear on the financial aid award notification you receive from your college and let them know about your Cal Grant award offer.
- Confirm your high school graduation on your WGS account **AFTER** you have satisfied all of your high school graduation requirements. The Cal Grant award cannot be disbursed until you or your school confirms your high school graduation.
- Keep your email address updated so we can send you up-to-date information about the award offer and notify you of any changes that may impact this Cal Grant award offer.

For more information contact us

www.csac.ca.gov

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