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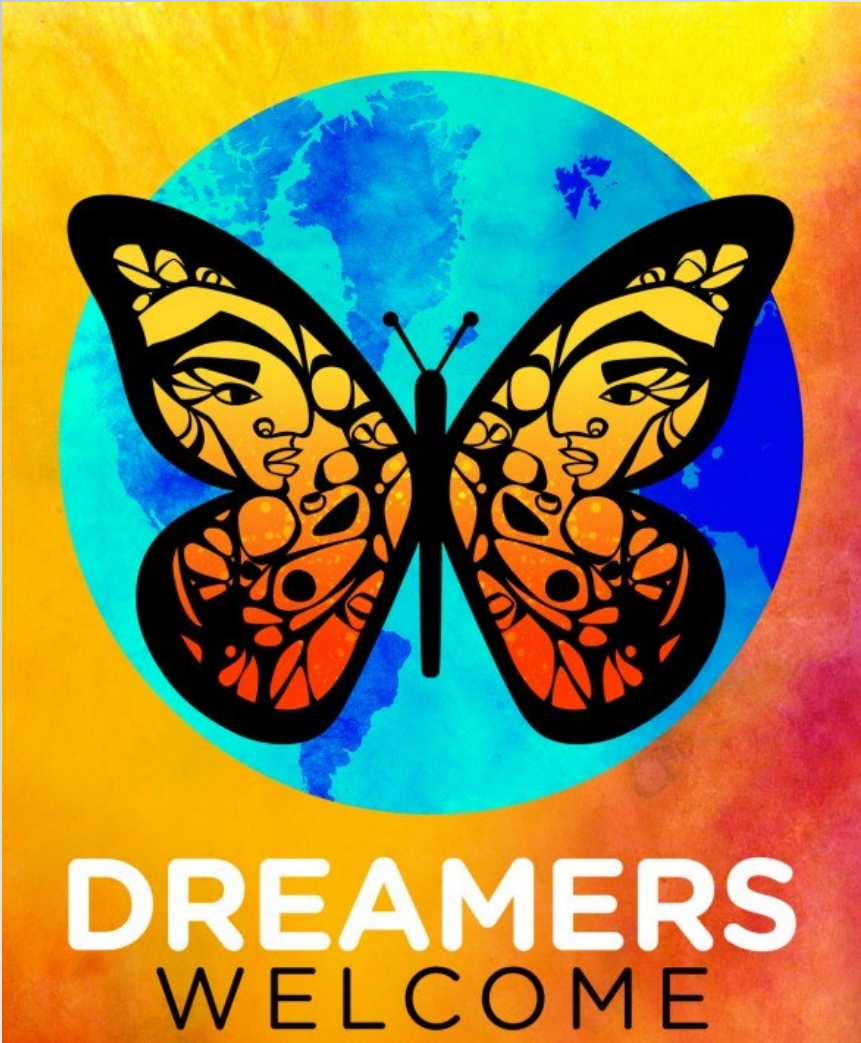


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# The California Dream Act Application



# CADAA

California Dream Act

Application

## What is the California Dream Act Application?

- The **California Dream Act Application**, often referred to as the CADAA, allows qualified undocumented and nonresident students (US citizens and eligible non-citizens) to receive certain types of financial aid in the State of California
- The **CADAA** is administered by the California Student Aid Commission

# California's undocumented immigrants hail from across the globe



# California Dream Act Application

## Who Can Apply?

- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders

## Additional Requirements

- Must be eligible to submit the non-resident tuition exemption
- Males 18-25 yrs. old must register for Selective Service

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



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

## Non-Immigrant Visas & Temporary Protected Status

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



# QUESTIONS? ANSWERS!

What if a student is unsure of their current immigration status?

There are many places which can assist students to better understand their immigration status. Most college campuses have **DREAMER RESOURCE CENTERS** that students can contact for assistance. **IMMIGRANTSRISING.ORG** is an organization that has considerable resources that may help. In the Fresno area, the Education and Leadership Foundation, **EDUCATION-LEARDERSHIP.ORG**, offers many services to students and their families



# DACA and Financial Aid

- DACA **is not** required to qualify for non-resident tuition exemption
- DACA **is not** required to complete CA Dream Act application
- DACA **will not** impact the ability for students to continue receiving financial aid





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
TAKE  
NOTES**

# Before you begin...


Before you start assisting, please suggest to the family that it is important to write down (or take a picture of) things such as;

- ✓ Full name of student as entered
- ✓ Usernames & Passwords
- ✓ E-mail Address Used
- ✓ Pin Numbers
- ✓ Secret Questions and Answers



*California Dream Act Application*

**California Dream Act Application**  
for AB 540 Eligible Students  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021  
[www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)



This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2020-21 school year. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will process this application. Any aid offered can only be used at eligible California institutions. The information on this form will be used to determine eligibility in the Cal Grant program. Ask your college whether they will be using this application for financial aid programs other than the Cal Grant program. The California Dream Act Application can be completed online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org).

The California Dream Act Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), must use that application which is available online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Students should not complete both applications.

**California Dream Act Application or FAFSA? Carefully read the statements below before starting this application.**

**You must submit the FAFSA if:** You are a United States citizen, a U.S. national or a lawful permanent resident with an I-152, A-52, or I-251C (Permanent Resident Card).

**You must submit the California Dream Act Application if:**

- You are not eligible to file the FAFSA and
- You attended California (CA) high school for three or more years or
  - You attended credits from a CA high school equivalent for three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years attendance in CA elementary schools, CA secondary schools, CA adult schools, or a combination of these schools or
  - You attended credits at a CA community college, or a combination of the schools listed above.
- You graduated or will graduate from a California high school or the equivalent by passing the General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or California High School Proficiency (CHSPE); or
  - You have or will have an associate degree from a CA community college; or
  - You have or will have fulfilled the minimum requirements to transfer from a CA community college to a University of CA or CA State University and
- If you are without lawful immigration status, you will file an affidavit with your college stating that you will take action to legalize your immigration status as soon as you are eligible.

**Note:** If you have completed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process, you should file the Dream Act Application even if you have a Social Security number.

**Do you hold a United States VISA?**  
The following students cannot receive federal financial aid through the FAFSA or state financial aid through the California Dream Act Application and should contact their campus financial aid department for assistance: Non-immigrants granted one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD, V, TRIV, and NATO.

**Please note:** Holders of T-Visas should file the FAFSA and holders of U-Visas must file the California Dream Act Application.

**Applying by the Deadlines**  
Submit this application as early as possible, but no earlier than October 1, 2018. The Cal Grant final filing deadline is March 2, 2020 but we will process your application for other college programs as late as June 30, 2021. We will send this information to the colleges you list on this application. Your college may require additional forms and need your correct, complete information by any deadline that they may have. Check with your college to determine their application deadlines and filing requirements. The Cal Grant program requires a school certified GPA. Check with your high school counselor or a college financial aid administrator to see if they will be submitting your GPA. If they are not submitting your GPA for you, go to <http://www.csac.ca.gov/gpa> to download the GPA form. If you are filing close to a deadline, we recommend you file online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). This is the fastest, easiest way to apply for California Dream Act student financial aid.

**Mailing your California Dream Act Application**  
After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 4 through 8 for your records. Mail the original, signed application (pages 4 through 8) to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 428822, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9822. After your application is processed, CSAC will send the results to the colleges listed on the application. If you provide an e-mail address, CSAC will be able to contact you if we need more information. To make changes to your CA Dream Act Application, go to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) or call 888-224-7248.

**Using Your Tax Return**  
If you (or your parents) are required to file a 2018 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it as soon as possible. If a return has not yet been filed, you can submit your California Dream Act Application using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return. Do not miss any of your college deadlines or the March 2, 2020 Cal Grant deadline.

**Filing out the California Dream Act Application**  
If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment), or other unusual circumstances (such as high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

**For help with filing this application, go to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). Orange is for student information and purple is parent information.**

**Turn to page 2 to begin the California Dream Act Application. Instructions are on pages 9 and 10. You can file online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org).**

# Before you begin...

We highly recommend that you print a hard copy of the California Dream Act Application and keep it handy.

It's great to use as a reference when you are helping students and their families complete the application, and later if they have issues with a particular section.

<https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/resources-california-dream-act-application>

The current California Dream Act Application mirrors the FAFSA in several ways, including the tabbed sections at the top of the application

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## CA Dream Act Application

Academic Year 2020 - 2021

Instructions | Student | Dependency | Parent | Signature | Confirmation | CalSAR

Welcome to your California Dream Act Application! Read these tips first:

1. Questions with an asterisk (\*) require an answer.
2. If it is determined that you are a DEPENDENT student, your parent will be required to sign the application. Anytime you make a change to your application, your parent will be required to sign. Failure to provide a parent signature, will leave your application incomplete. Your college/university cannot award you financial aid if your application is incomplete.
3. Save your application periodically. Sessions expire every 30 minutes. To prevent loss of application and information SAVE your application often.
4. The red text throughout the CA Dream Act Application means further action is required from you.
5. Based on your answers to questions, this application may skip questions that are not required.
6. Do not use your web browser's BACK or FORWARD buttons. Using the web browser back or forward button will cause data to be lost. To prevent loss of data you should use the NEXT and PREVIOUS buttons at the bottom of each page. Remember to save often.
7. Make sure you **submit** your application when complete. *Saving* your application is not the same as *submitting* your application. Only **submitted** applications can be processed for financial aid.
8. If you need to make changes or corrections after submitting your application, you must wait at least 24 hours.
9. You will see help screens pop up throughout the application. View full [line by line instructions on the 2020-21 application](#).
10. You do not have to file taxes to complete the application. However, you can use your 2018 taxes to complete the 2020-21 CA Dream Act Application.

[Save Application](#)

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1) \* Your Last Name

WALDREP

2) \* Your First Name

JON

3) Your Middle Initial

4) \* Your Mailing Address

(Enter your street number and street name, or P.O. Box)

Enter Address

5) \* City

SACRAMENTO

Save Application

### Help and Hints

#### Student's Permanent Mailing Address

Enter your street number and street name, or PO Box (be sure to include your apartment number, if applicable).

If you do not provide an email address, communications regarding your financial aid application will be sent to this address. Use street address abbreviations, such as APT (apartment) or AVE (avenue), if the address is longer than the allowable space.

Only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), commas (,), apostrophes (').

In the student section, it is critical that students spell their name correctly and provides the correct address and date of birth.

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--- SELECT ---

15) \* Your Email Address

Enter a valid Email Address

\* Re-enter Email Address

Re-enter your Email Address

16) \* Your Citizenship Status

--- SELECT ---

Select your citizenship status

18) \* Your Marital Status as of today

--- SELECT ---

20) \* In what state do you live?

--- SELECT ---

24) \* Did you reside in this state before January 1, 2015?

Save Application

## Help and Hints

Student's Citizenship Status

Select eligible noncitizen if you:

- Are a U.S. permanent resident or hold a Green Card (I-551);
- Have an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) showing any one of the following: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee", T-Visa holder, or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant";
- Are a "Victim of human trafficking".

Students should use a non-school or district e-mail address such as a GMAIL e-mail. Students should avoid using a 'family' e-mail if possible.



- Students are required to **indicate their high school completion status** or its equivalent before beginning the COLLEGE academic year
- They can choose from the following: **High school diploma**  
General Educational Development (GED) certificate  
Home schooled or None of the above
- Almost all High School seniors should choose **High School Diploma**

26) \* What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2020-2021 school year?

28) \* Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

29) \* What will your grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

--- SELECT ---

--- SELECT ---

High School Diploma

GED certificate

HomeSchool

None of the above

Never attended college/1st yr.



These are questions that many students answer incorrectly. For high school seniors the answers should almost always be:

28: **No**

29: **Never attended college/1<sup>st</sup> yr.**

30: **1<sup>st</sup> Bachelor degree**

28) \* Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

29) \* What will your grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

30) \* What College degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

Yes  No

Never attended college/1st yr. ▾

1st Bachelor degree ▾

Students should list college and housing plans for each college or school they wish to receive the CADAA.

Students can list up to 10 colleges on the application initially. It does not matter in what order schools are listed, but we suggest listing at least one school from each segment.



**List one school from each segment, i.e. CCC, CSU, UC and private university**

College Search

Add College School Code

College Name	City	USDE Code
CSU SACRAMENTO	SACRAMENTO	00115000
SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE	SACRAMENTO	00123300
UNITEK COLLEGE - SACRAMENTO	SACRAMENTO	04169702

College Name	USDE Code	Housing Plans	
LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE	00122300	Off campus	
LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE	00122600	Off campus	
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE	00123200	With parent	



# Dependency Section

These dependency questions are used to determine whether students are dependent or independent for the purposes of calculating an EFC.

Most high school seniors will answer “No” to all of these questions and be considered dependent students for the purposes of financial aid consideration.

Instructions	Student	Dependency	Parent	Signature
Provide an answer for all questions 46 to 59. If you answer "Yes" to any of questions 46 to 59,				
46) *	Were you born before January 1, 1997?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
47) *	As of today are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
48) *	At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
49) *	Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
50) *	Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
51) *	Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	
52) *	Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who will live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	

# Parent Section

This is the section where students/families will enter the number of people in your parents' household

Use the helpful hints on this page of the application to help determine who should be counted as members of the household

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75) Did your parents start living in this state before January 1, 2015?  Yes  No

77) \* How many people in your parents' household? Be sure to include:

- yourself, even if you don't live with your parents,
- your parents,
- your parents' other children - even if they do not live with your parents - if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, or (b) the children could answer "No" to questions 46 through 58, and
- other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support, and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.



Enter number of family members

# What if the Student's Parents live in Another Country?



- Even if parents live in another country, they are required to provide their income and assets
- When that is not possible because, for example, there is no contact, students should complete the application as much as they can and then contact your college's financial aid office (FAO) as soon as possible
- The FAO will evaluate the situation and inform the student if they can override the need for parent information

# Parent Section

In this section parents indicate if they filed taxes, will file taxes or will not file taxes for the prior-prior tax year.

Instructions	Student	Dependency	Parent	Signature	Confirmation	CalS/
80)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)(CalFresh in California)				
81)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free or Reduced Price School Lunch				
82)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (CalWORKS in California)				
83)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the Above				
84) * For 2018, have your parents completed an IRS income tax return or another return?				Not going to file		
88) As of today, are either of your parents a dislocated worker?				No		



Students can sign the application easily by simply checking the box and submitting

Parents will have the opportunity to sign after the student or log on to sign at a later time

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- You will use state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education;
- You are not in default on any student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it;
- You do not owe money back on any student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it;
- You will notify your college if you default on any student loan; and
- You will not receive a Cal Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

If you are the parent or the student, by signing this application you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Also, you certify that you understand that the California Attorney General has the authority to verify information reported on this application with the Franchise Tax Board and other state or federal agencies. If you sign any document related to the state student aid programs electronically, you certify that you are the person identified. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Student signature

(check this box to sign)

Save

Submit

# After signing

If the student signs the application and there are issues or invalid data, they will receive this notification

Remember that for dependent students the parent must re-sign after any update or correction

The screenshot shows a web application interface for the California Dream Act Application. At the top, there are several tabs: "Instructions", "Student", "Dependency", "Parent", "Signature", "Confirmation", "CalSAR", and "Acad". Three blue arrows point down to the "Student", "Dependency", and "Parent" tabs. Below the tabs, there is a list of conditions:

- You will use state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education;
- You are not in default on any student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it;
- You do not owe money back on any student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it;
- You will notify your college if you default on any student loan; and
- You will not receive a Cal Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

Below the list, there is a paragraph of text: "If you are the parent or the student, by signing that will verify the accuracy of your completed tax forms that you filed or are required to file. The Attorney General has the authority to verify Tax Board and other state or federal agency programs electronically, you certify that you are not providing misleading information, you may be fined up to..."

Overlaid on the bottom right of the application is a notification box titled "California Dream Act Application". The notification text reads: "We noticed some invalid data. Please check for any errors in highlighted tabs and correct them before saving or submitting the application". There is an "OK" button at the bottom right of the notification box.

# CADAA Confirmation Page

## 2020 - 2021 Dream Application Confirmation Page



GARCIA, JOSE M  
Dream ID #: 000175696

Transaction Date: 12/05/2019  
Transaction Number: 2

Estimated Expected Family Contribution:

### Section I-Action Needed

### 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

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.

047

Your parent DID NOT sign your CA Dream Act Application after you submitted it. At least one parent must sign to complete the CA Dream Act Application. Your parent can sign right now by clicking the green Parent Signature button at the top of this page. If your parent will sign at a later time, he/she can do so electronically at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) by clicking the "Provide Signature" icon. For your parent to access your application and provide his/her signature, your parent will also need to provide your CA Dream Act ID# or DACA SSN, his/her name and date of birth reported on the application. Each time you submit corrections, your parent will have to re-sign the application.

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### Section II-No Resolution Needed

### Section III - Next Steps

Corrections can be made 24 hours after submitting your application by logging back into your application at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). 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 [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov).

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If your mailing address or email address changes, you must make the correction on your CA Dream Act Application.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding Cal Grant application process.

Your college is responsible for verifying your AB 540 eligibility. Check with your college's Admissions office before the term starts.

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Issues which need to be resolved:

Next steps student should consider:

**QUESTIONS?**

**ANSWERS!**

What if a student applies with the CADAA but they don't receive any notifications or updates? What should they do?

- ✓ Log back into the application and check for errors
- ✓ Create a WebGrants 4 Students account and check their status
- ✓ Ask their High School counselor to check their WebGrants report
- ✓ Contact the Student Aid Commission by e-mail or phone



