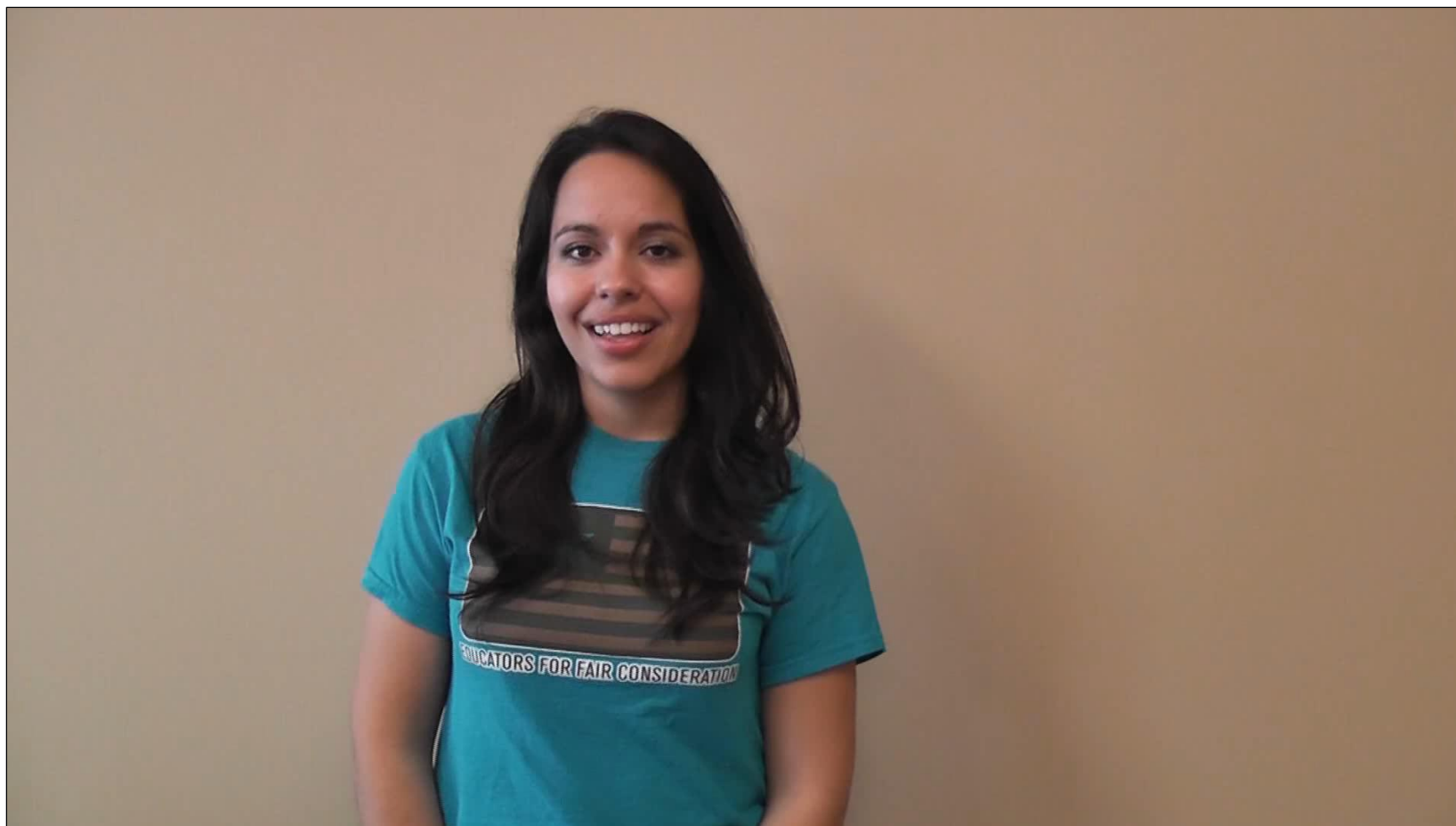# California
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California Dream Act

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Agenda

- CA Dream Act
- Eligibility Criteria
- Challenges
- Verification
- WebGrants
- Resources
- Your Best Practices

The CA Dream Act

The CA Dream Act was authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo

- In 2001 AB 540 passed

- In 2011 AB 131 passed

- In 2014 AB 2000 passed

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Dream App Awards

Dream Act Applicants may qualify for:

- Entitlement Cal Grants A & B
- Cal Grant C
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Chafee Grant

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Just the Facts

Dream Act Applicants	CG Award Offers	Paid Recipients	Paid Rate
2014/2015	7,852	5,168	66%
2015/2016	8,211	2,433	30%*

*As of 10/9/15.

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Just the Facts

Dream Act Applicants	CSU	UC	Total MCS Award Offers
2014/2015	416	25	441
2015/2016	285	20	305*

*As of 10/14/15.

Dream Act Criteria

Who is a Dreamer?

- A student who meets the requirements of AB 540

- Not FAFSA eligible

Who is the California Dream Act Application for?

- ## AB 540 requirements:

  - CA HS 3 years or equivalent credit

  - Graduate CA HS or equivalent

  - Attend qualifying CA college

  - Complete affidavit (if applicable)

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Who is Not A Dreamer?

Temporary Nonimmigrant Visa Holders
(F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)

The "U" Visa is the Exception

- The U visa provides eligible victims with nonimmigrant status to temporarily remain in the US while assisting law enforcement

- Student does not file the Affidavit

Does Robert meet AB 540 eligibility requirements?
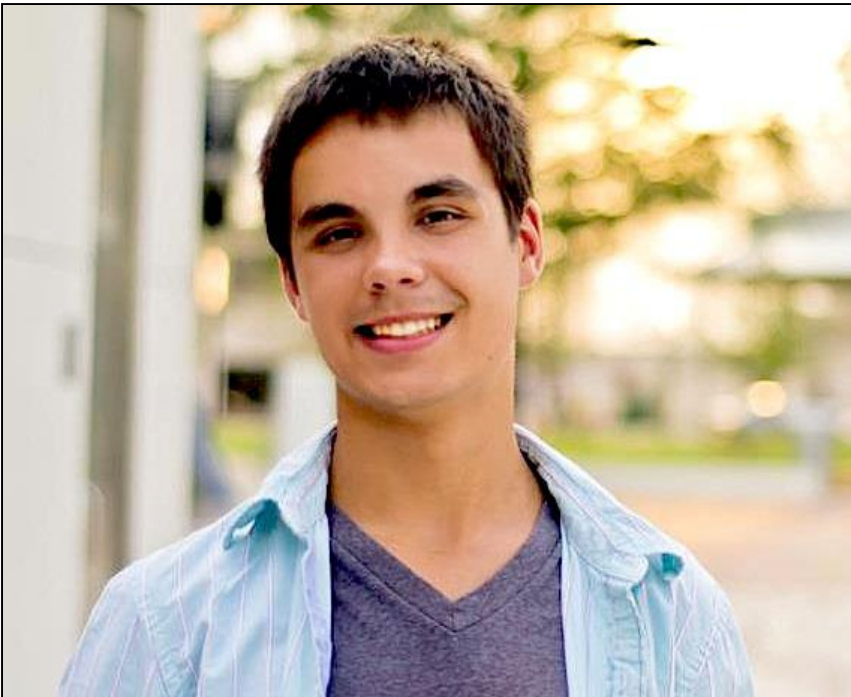
- Enrolled at a Community College

- Arrived in CA at 16 and attended a CA high school for 2 years

- Passed the GED at 18

- Undocumented

Dream Act Applicant Challenges

The Challenges of a Dreamer

- Don't know what application to complete

- Filled out wrong application

- Afraid to Register for Selective Service

- Could be eligible for Dream Act one year, FAFSA the next

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Start with the Dream App

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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Federal program that protects young undocumented applicants from deportation

- Issues SSN cards valid for work only

- Program has specific criteria applicants must meet

http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/frequently-asked-questions

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What do you do if you find out a student filled out a FAFSA with a DACA SSN?

Email Institutional Support schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Dream/FAFSA Renewals

- Last year awarded via Dream Application

- This year FAFSA eligible

- Call Institution Support
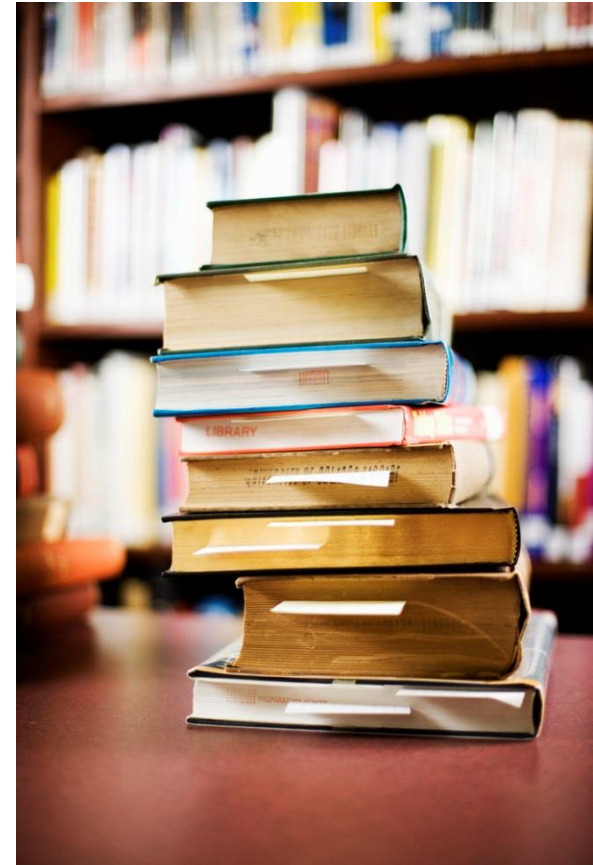
Register with Selective Service

ATTENTION, UNDOCUMENTED MALES & IMMIGRANT SERVICING GROUPS!

The Selective Service System has not now, or in the past, collected or shared any information which would indicate a man's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. The Selective Service System has no authority to collect such information, has no use for it, and it is irrelevant to the registration requirement. Consequently, there is no immigration data to share with anyone.

You want to protect yourself for future U.S. citizenship and other government benefits and programs by registering with Selective Service. Do it today.

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Treating the Same

Key Points

- Students must meet AB 540 requirements and not be a citizen or eligible non-citizen

- Encourage students to start with a Dream Application

- Dreamers experience challenges

Dream Act Application

Financial Aid Consideration

- Dream Application gathers same data as the FAFSA

- Campuses can use the application to determine eligibility for other aid

CA Dream Act Enhancements

- Adjusted landing page layout
- Improved resources page
- Clarified determination logic questions
- Revised help text in application
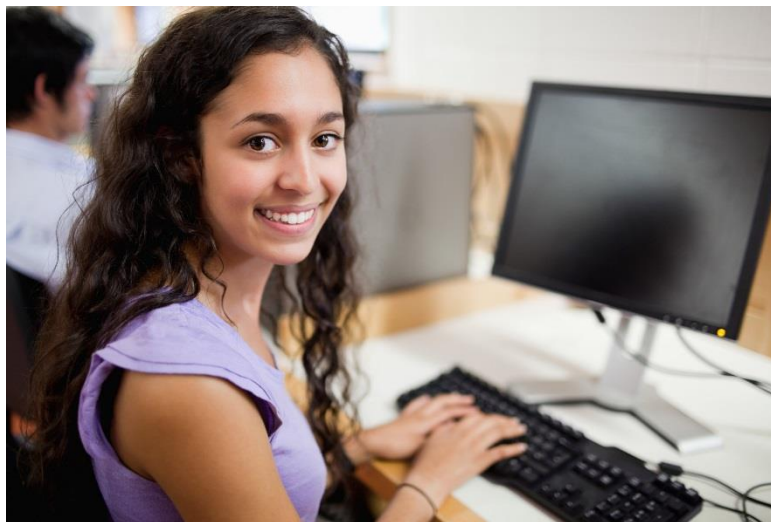
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2015-16 Eligible and Ineligible Cal Grant Schools

Acad Year: 2015 - 2016 School Name: City:

Segment: ALL Segments

Cal Grant Eligible and Ineligible Institution Search
On October 1, 2014, the California Student Aid Commission certified the U.S. Department of Education's 2011 3-year cohort default rates and 2012 graduation rates applicable to Cal Grant participating schools for the 2015-16 academic year. To view Cal Grant eligible or ineligible schools for the 2015-16 academic year ...CLICK HERE!

Important News

College Access Tax Credit Fund

California Educational Facilities Authority
College Access Tax Credit Fund
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2015
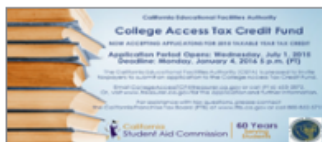
Accepting Applications for 2015 Taxable Year Tax Credit.
Application Period Opens: Wednesday, July 1, 2015
Deadline: Monday, January 4, 2016 5 p.m. (PT)
The California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA) is pleased to invite taxpayers to submit an application to the College Access Tax Credit Fund. Email: collegeAccessTCF@treasurer.ca.gov or call (916) 653-2872. Or visit www.treasurer.ca.gov for the application and further information. For assistance with tax questions, please contact the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) at www.ftb.ca.gov or call 800-852-5711. 2015 California Financial Literacy Summit

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Counselor Honored for Helping Students get College Financial Aid

The California Student Aid Commission is seeking nominations for the 2015 Arthur S. Marmaduke Award. This $1,500 annual award goes to one outstanding California high school counselor who demonstrates exemplary skills in helping students fulfill their dreams of going to college. The candidate must be nominated by his or her school principal (or designee) by October 7, 2015.   2015 Marmaduke Award Nomination Form ...Click Here!

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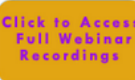
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Welcome!

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

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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Dream Act Verification

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- CSAC randomly selects 20% of completed Dream applications for income verification.

- Only awarded students are selected for verification.

How Do You Know?

Who Verifies AB 540 eligibility?

All Dreamers Confirmed:

- Students meet AB 540 criteria
- Males 18 to 25 Registered for Selective Service

Selected for Verification:

- 20% randomly selected
- Income Verification

Best Practice for AB 540 Verification

- **UC Berkeley**
  - Coincide deadlines
  - Good working relationships with other departments
  - Train student workers

- **San Joaquin Delta CC**
  - Snail mail vs. email…which is more effective?
  - Increase in awards

Key Points

- 20% of all Dream Applicants are randomly selected for income verification

- Financial Aid Office typically verifies

- Explore best practices at your college if the AB 540 verification is slowing down award payments

The WebGrants System

WebGrants for Schools

- WebGrants Home Page https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov

- www.csac.ca.gov Look for "WebGrants" in the "High Schools" tab

- Download WebGrants Access Request forms

- CSAC Technology Help Desk (888) 294-0148 or csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov

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Where would you find a list of your students?

Verifying High School Graduation Date

High School Grad Date Verification Options

Yes - Graduated on 5/2014
Yes - Graduated on a Diff Date
No – Not Graduated
Put Back to On-Hold

How can you find your awarded Dream App students?

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CA Dream Act ISIR Search

Search for students who completed a Dream Act Application

- Dream Act ID
- Student First Name
- Student Last Name
- Student DOB
- Email Address
- Student School Name/City

Dream Act ISIR Search

Student Search

Search by:
- Pseudo SSN
- Partial first name with minimum 3 characters
- Partial last name with minimum 2 characters
- Date of Birth and partial first or last name or both
- Email address before the @ with minimum 3 characters
- Partial school name or city with minimum 3 characters

Academic Year: 2015 - 2016

Pseudo SSN/SSN: **Use Dream ID, if you have it**

Student's first name:

Student's last name:

Student's DOB: ___ / ___ / ___ **Must enter info in 2 fields**

Email Address:

Student's School Name/City:

Search

CA Dream Act ISIR Search

- Make Corrections to student application

- Update Income/Assets after verification process

- Request Dependency Override

- View Confirmation page

- View Cal SAR report

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CA Dream Act ISIR Corrections

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Dependency Override	☐
* Date the application was initially received **Enter the month, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)**	12/27/2013
Verification Required	☐
	This student's application has been selected for verification. Check this checkbox after verifying student's application information.

Exit   Simulate   Submit

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CA Dream Act ISIR Corrections

31.	
32. Student filed 2013 income tax return?	Already completed
33. Student's type of 2013 tax form used:	IRS 1040
34. Student's tax filing status for 2013:	Single
35. Student's eligible to file a 1040a or 1040ez?	Don't know
36. Student's 2013 adjusted gross income:	19415
37. Student's 2013 U.S. income tax paid:	0
38. Student's 2013 exemptions claimed:	0
39. Student's 2013 income earned from work:	19415
40. Spouse's 2013 income earned from work:	
41. Student's total of cash, savings, and checking accounts:	110
42. Student's net worth of current investments:	300

Cal SAR Report

- Once correction is made, a new transaction will be created
- All information listed below can also be seen by student

Cal Student Aid Reports for GARCIA, JOSE E

Transaction Number	Submitted By		Processed	
3	CSAC or School Administrator	→	02/27/2014	🗎
2	Student - Correction	→	03/13/2013	🗎
1	Student	→	03/01/2013	🗎

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OPERATIONS MEMO
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GOM 2014-22

July 11, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & S

SUBJECT: **2014-15 Cal Grant Award An**
Dream Act Renewals Eligibl

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SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GSA 2014-19

June 30, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: **Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds institutions of the annual requirement to submit:

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality Agreement) and
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form) to continue access to WebGrants.

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.

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Thank You for Attending!

Institutional Support is available at:

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or
schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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