

2021 - 2022

# California Dream Act Application Worksheet

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## Do not mail this worksheet

The California Dream Act Application is the financial aid application for students who meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540. Complete this worksheet before starting the online or paper application to make sure you have all of the information you will need to complete and submit the application. Full application instructions and the application can be found at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). Be sure to complete the correct year's application. For example, complete the 2021-22 if you plan to attend college in the fall 2021 or the spring 2022.

The California Dream Act Application can only be completed by students who meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Attended a California high school for at least three years, **or**
2. Attainment of credits in California from a California high school equivalent of at least three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, California adult school or a combination of those schools, **or**
3. Credits earned at a California Community College, **or**
4. A combination of the school listed above
5. Graduated or will graduate from a California high school or attainment of General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), CA High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), **or**
6. Attainment of an associate degree from a California Community College, **or**
7. Fulfillment of minimum transfer requirement from a California Community College to a University of California or California State University, **and**
8. Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, **and**
9. If applicable, complete an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **and**
10. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)\*

\* If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U visa select "Yes"

If you meet these requirements, use this worksheet as a guide on how to answer the questions when you fill out the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). The CADAA is available at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). The California Student Aid Commission processes the CADAA. Any financial aid received can only be used at eligible California institutions. (AB) 540 was passed in 2001 and allows non-resident students in California to pay in-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities. In October 2011, AB 131 was signed into law and allows students eligible for AB 540 to also apply for State University Grants, College Promise Grants, and Cal Grants. The full language of the law and all eligibility requirements are stated in California Education Code 68130.5. Students must verify with their college the financial aid filing requirements for that college.

The CADAA is not an application for **federal** financial aid. Students eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must do so on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students **should not** complete both applications.

### Need Help?

For help with this worksheet  
email [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov), or call  
888-224-7268

### Applying by the Deadlines

Submit your CADAA as early as possible. For the 2021-22 school year, the Cal Grant program has a March 2, 2021 filing deadline. A school certified GPA must be submitted from your high school by the March 2 deadline and is required for the Cal Grant program consideration. Many colleges and universities also use March 2 as a priority deadline, but you must check with your college to determine its application deadlines and filing requirements.

You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid. If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

### Using Your Tax Return

You will use your 2019 income tax return to complete the 2021-2022 California Dream Act Application. Do not miss any of your colleges' deadlines. If you or your parents will file a 2019 income tax return, you will need the tax returns and/or W-2 forms to complete the CADAA. If you or your parent's will not file an income tax return, enter the total the wages they have earned from working during 2019.

### Filling out the California Dream Act Application

If you or your family have unusual circumstances that might affect your financial situation, such as loss of employment, complete this form and the CADAA to the extent you can. Submit your CADAA as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

After you complete this worksheet, go online to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) and complete the CADAA. **Do not mail this worksheet.** After your CADAA has been processed, you will be able to see your responses by viewing your California Student Aid Report. If you would like to make changes to your CADAA, login to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) and retrieve your CADAA.

*\*State applications with deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday will be accepted on the next business day.*

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## SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION

Do not mail this worksheet. Use it only to collect information before completing the CADAA online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org). You can add up to ten colleges on the online CADAA. The colleges you list will receive your information within 7 - 10 days. The California Dream Act Application is only for colleges located in California.

**Student's Last Name** **First Name** **Middle Initial**

Your full name (**exactly as it appears on school records**). If your name has a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between your last name and suffix.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)  
Enter your SSN if you have one. If you do not have an SSN, enter your ITIN, if you have one. If you have both, enter your SSN. If you have neither, leave blank.

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**Student Citizenship Status (Check one of the following)**

<input type="radio"/> I am neither a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.	<input type="radio"/> I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. National) U.S. citizens must file the FAFSA	Alien Registration Number (If you have one) A <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>										
<input type="radio"/> I am an eligible noncitizen. (Read Below)												

You are an eligible noncitizen if you are:

- (1) A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551)
- (2) A conditional permanent resident with a conditional Green Card (I-551C)
- (3) The holder of an Arrival/Departure Form (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), "T-Visa holder" (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- (4) The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking." You are also considered an eligible noncitizen if you are a person who is considered a Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien.

**Eligible noncitizens as described above should file the federal FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).**  
Holders of "T" Visas must file the FAFSA application. Holders of "U" Visas must file the California Dream Act Application.

**Student Marital Status (Check one of the following)**

I am single     
  I am separated     
  I am married/remarried     
  I am divorced or widowed

Males age 18 to 25 must register with the Selective Service System to receive state financial aid. Selective Service mail-back registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office.

Some financial aid is offered based on the level of schooling your parents completed.

Highest school completed by Parent 1:	Middle school/Jr. high <input type="radio"/>	High school <input type="radio"/>	College or beyond <input type="radio"/>	Other/unknown <input type="radio"/>
Highest school completed by Parent 2:	Middle school/Jr. high <input type="radio"/>	High school <input type="radio"/>	College or beyond <input type="radio"/>	Other/unknown <input type="radio"/>

## Section 2 STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS (Check any that apply to you)

<input type="checkbox"/> I was born before January 1, 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> I am married	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2021-22, I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD), graduate certificate)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
<input type="checkbox"/> Both of my parents have been deceased since I was age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I was in foster care at any time since turning age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
<input type="checkbox"/> I was a dependent or ward of the court at any time since turning age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was in a legal guardianship
		<input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless

**Section 3 - PARENT INFORMATION**

**Who is considered a parent?** “Parent” refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.

**Parent 1 (father, mother, or stepparent)**  
 Parent 1’s Social Security Number or Individual Tax-payer Identification Number (ITIN), if they have one  
 Parent 1’s name  
 Parent 1’s date of birth

Check here if Parent 1 is a dislocated worker

**Parent 2 (father, mother, or stepparent)**  
 Parent 2 Social Security Number or Parent 2’s Individual Tax-payer Identification Number (ITIN), if they have one  
 Parent 2’s name  
 Parent 2’s date of birth

Check here if Parent 2 is a dislocated worker

**For 2019 have your parents completed an IRS income tax return or another tax return?**

My parents have already completed a 2019 tax return  
 They will need their 2019 tax returns and/or W-2 forms to complete the Dream Act Application.

My parents will file, but have not yet completed a 2019 tax return

My parents are not going to file an income tax return  
 If your parents will not be filing an income tax return, they will enter the total the wages they have earned from working during 2019

**What was your parents’ adjusted gross income for 2019**  
 Skip this question if your parents did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—Line 8b.

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The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the tax return selected in question 33: IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)—Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

**How much did Parent 1 earn from working in 2019?** \$

**How much did Parent 2 earn from working in 2019?** \$

**Parent's Asset Questions:**

- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is your parents’ total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$
- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is the net worth of your parents’ investments, including real estate? Don’t include the home in which your parents live. Net worth means current value minus debt owed. \$
- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is the net worth of your parents’ current businesses and/or investment farms? Don’t include farms or family businesses with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. \$

**In 2019 or 2020, did anyone in your parents’ household receive: (Check all that apply.)**

Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)       CalWORKS (TANF)  
 Food Stamps (Cal Fresh/SNAP)       Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)  
 Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

**Note: Outside of California, Cal Fresh is known as Food Stamps and CalWorks is known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**

<p><b>Additional Financial Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child support paid</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Combat pay or special combat pay</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative education program earnings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Untaxed Income</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child support received</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tax exempt interest income</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pension distributions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Veterans noneducation benefits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers’ compensation or disability</li> </ul>
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**Section 4 - STUDENT INFORMATION**

**For 2019 Did you or will you file a 2019 IRS income tax return?**

- I have already completed my tax return  
You will need your 2019 tax returns and/or W-2 forms to complete the CADAA.
- I will file, but I have not yet completed my 2019 tax
- return I am not going to file a 2019 income tax return

**What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2019**

Skip this question if you or your spouse did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 8b.

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The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the tax return selected in question 33: IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)—Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

**How much did you earn from working in 2019?**

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- Check here if you are a dislocated worker

**How much did your spouse earn from working in 2019?**

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- Check here if your spouse is a dislocated worker

**Student Asset Questions:**

- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is the total current balance of your cash, savings and checking accounts?
- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is the net worth of your investments, including real estate? Don't include the home in which you live. Net worth means current value minus debt owed.
- As of the date you complete the CADAA, what is the net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms? Don't include farms or family businesses with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

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**In 2019 or 2020, did anyone in your household receive: (Check all that apply)**

- Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- CalWORKS (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Food Stamps (Cal Fresh/SNAP)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

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**Did you (and/or your spouse) have any of the following items in 2019** Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts you (and/or your spouse) have paid or received.

**Additional Financial Information**

- American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

**Untaxed Income**

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- Child support received
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pension distributions

- Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability

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**NOTES:**

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