California Dream Act Overview

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Agenda

- ✓ California Dream Act Eligibility
- ✓ Dream Act Application Updates
- ✓ The Application – taking a look
- ✓ Challenges
- ✓ Resources

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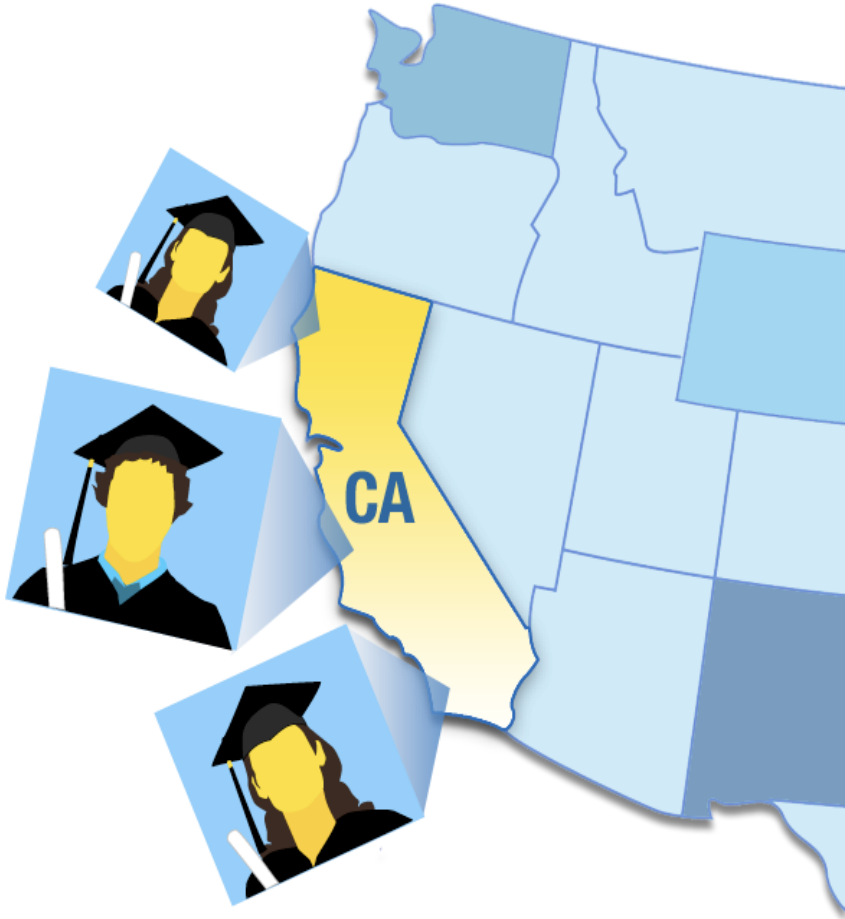
Eligibility

California Dream Act – What is it?

Often referred to as AB 540

Comprised of 5 bills and made into law

Exempts certain students from paying non-resident tuition at California public colleges



- **AB 540** (passed in 2001)
- **AB 130** and **AB 131** (passed in 2011)
- **AB 2000** (passed in 2014)
- **SB 68** (passed in 2018)

SB 68 expands in-state tuition eligibility in California

- SB 68 benefits students who didn't go to three years of high school in California
- SB 68 benefits students who don't have a California High School Diploma or didn't get their GED in California
- SB 68 will allow students to count full-time attendance at a California Community College, Adult School, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction School, High School, or combination of these schools to meet the 3 years required to be eligible for in-state tuition
- Students will be able to use an Associate's Degree or the fulfillment of the minimum transfer requirements for the UCs or CSUs to meet the requirements.

Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

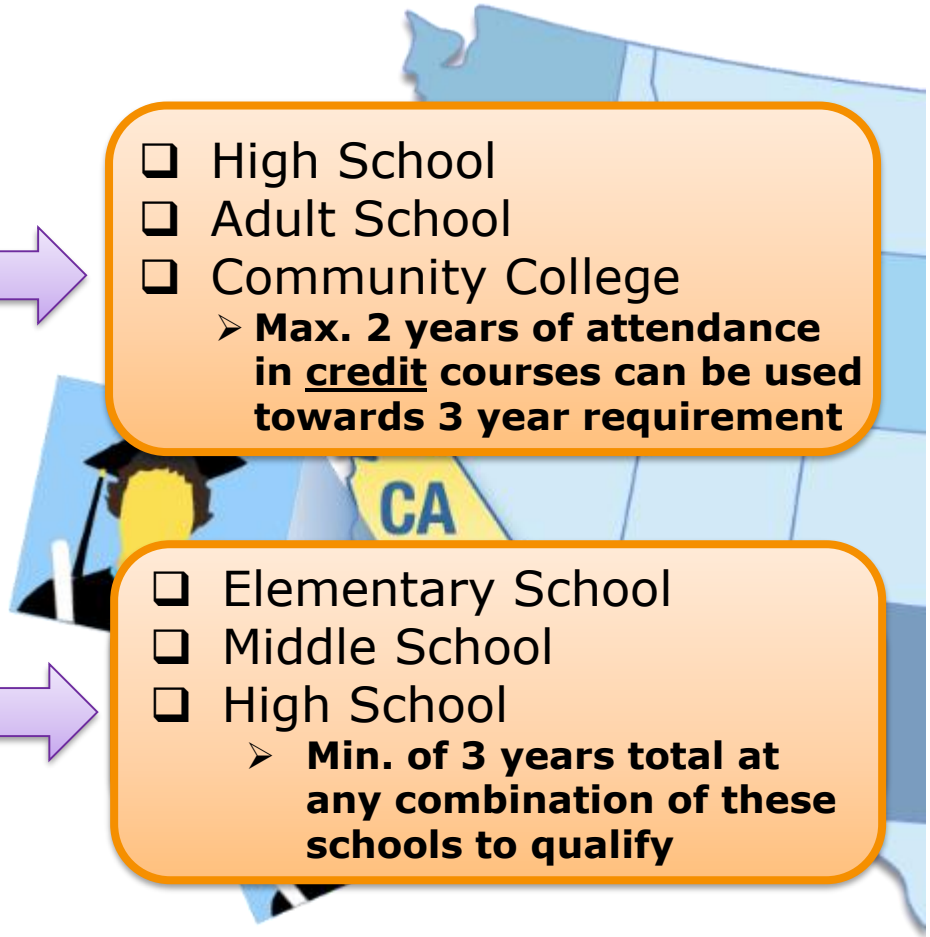
Meet all requirements:

TIME AND COURSEWORK

- ❑ Attendance for 3+ years (or the equivalent) at any of the following schools in California

OR

- ❑ 3+ years of earned High School credits with **a total** of 3+ years of total attendance at any of the following schools in California



- ❑ High School
- ❑ Adult School
- ❑ Community College
  - ➢ **Max. 2 years of attendance in credit courses can be used towards 3 year requirement**

- ❑ Elementary School
- ❑ Middle School
- ❑ High School
  - ➢ **Min. of 3 years total at any combination of these schools to qualify**

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Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

Degree or Transfer Requirements

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

Register or enroll at an accredited institution in CA

Non-resident Tuition Exemption Form

- ✓ File with the college or university (AB 540 affidavit)

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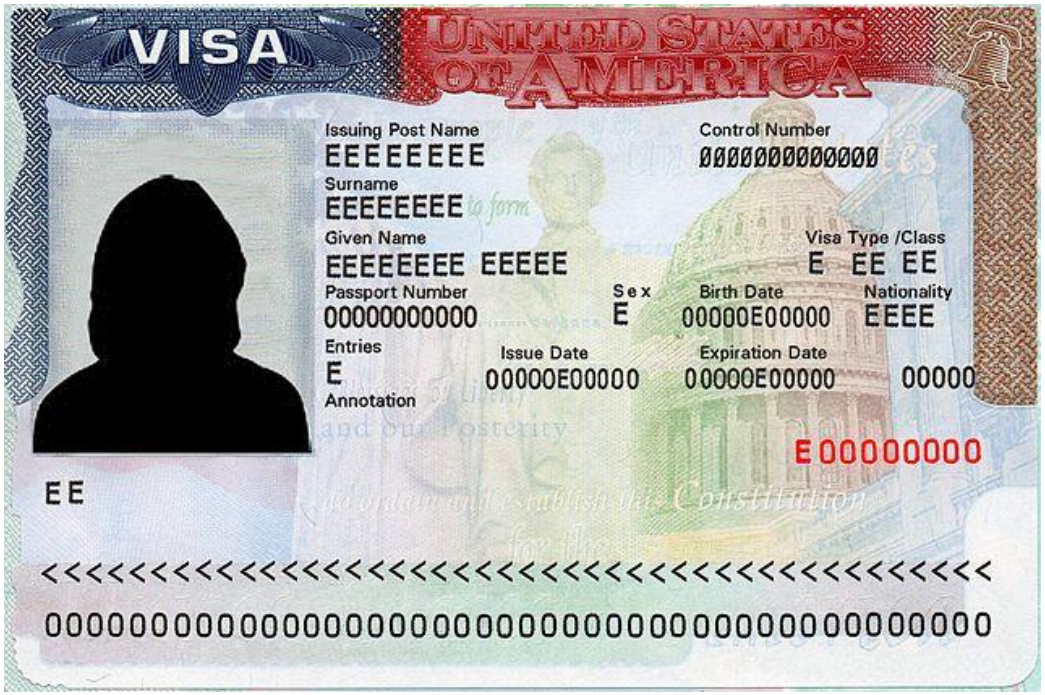
Non-Immigrant Visas

Student is not eligible if they hold a non-immigrant visa, including any of these popular visas:

A, B, E, J, H, O, etc.



A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD, TROV, NATO

U Visa

- **The U Visa provides eligible victims with non-immigrant status to temporarily remain in the US while assisting law enforcement**

- **Student does not file the Affidavit**

Temporary Protected Status

- **Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allows a person to live and work in the United States for a specific time period, but it does not lead to U.S. permanent residence (a green card).**

- **If a student has Temporary Protected Status they may be eligible for the California Dream Act.**

DACA and the Dream Act Application

Please let your students know:

- 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

Dreamers should apply for or renew their California Dream Act Application each year

Selective Service

CA Education Code 69400
Selective Service registration as a *requirement* to receive state financial aid.

- Males between 18-25 must register (regardless of immigration status)
- Do **not** need an SSN to register
- No DACA SSN – Mail Paper registration form (make a copy and get "proof of mailing").
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Updates & Changes

2019-20 Application Changes

Clarifying language for users on the log-in page to prevent duplicate applications

Repositioning buttons to more intuitive locations on the log-in page

Pop-up message will appear on the demographic page to confirm name/DOB info

Help and Hints Text Boxes will have clarifying language

Parental signature requirement made increasingly visible

SB 68 language added to the pre-determination questions

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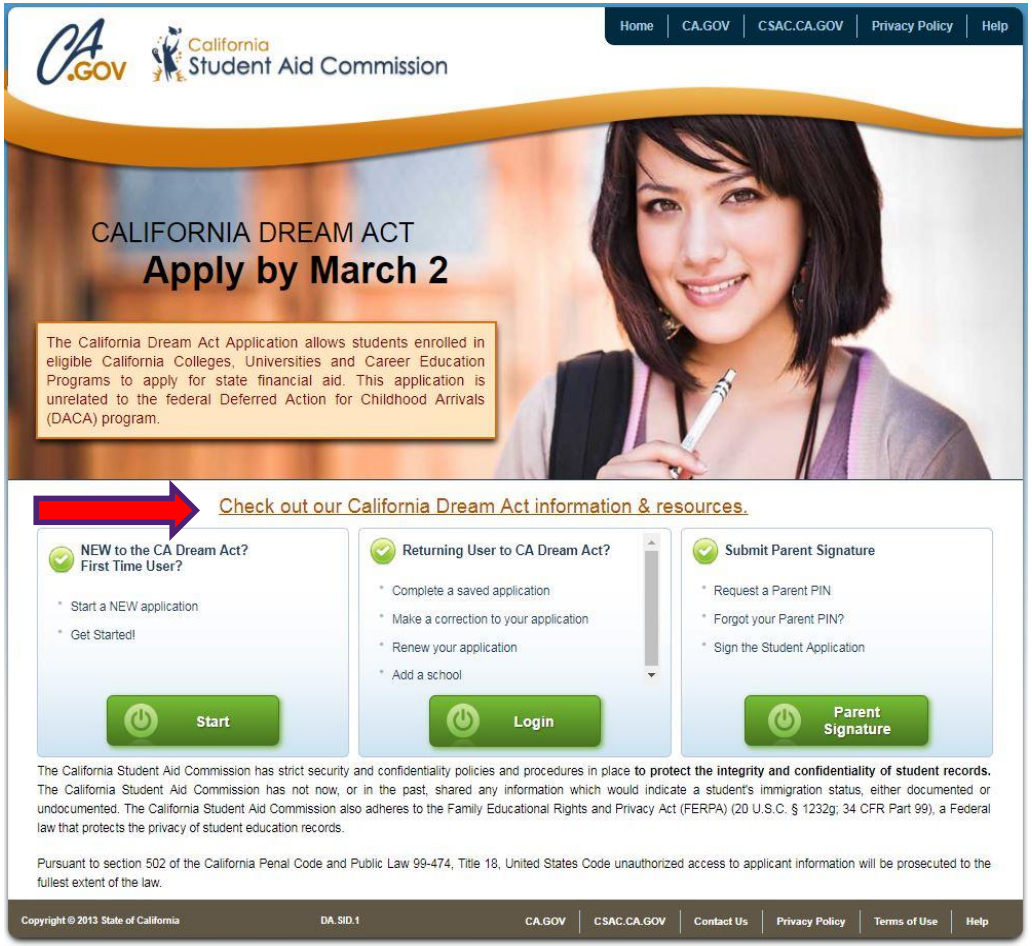
The Application



https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

When To Apply:

- October 1 – March 2

Who Can Apply?

- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders
- Ineligible for Federal Financial Aid

Additional Requirements

- You must apply for and qualify for an AB 540 non-resident tuition exemption in order to be eligible for state aid
- Males 18-25 yrs. old must register for Selective Service

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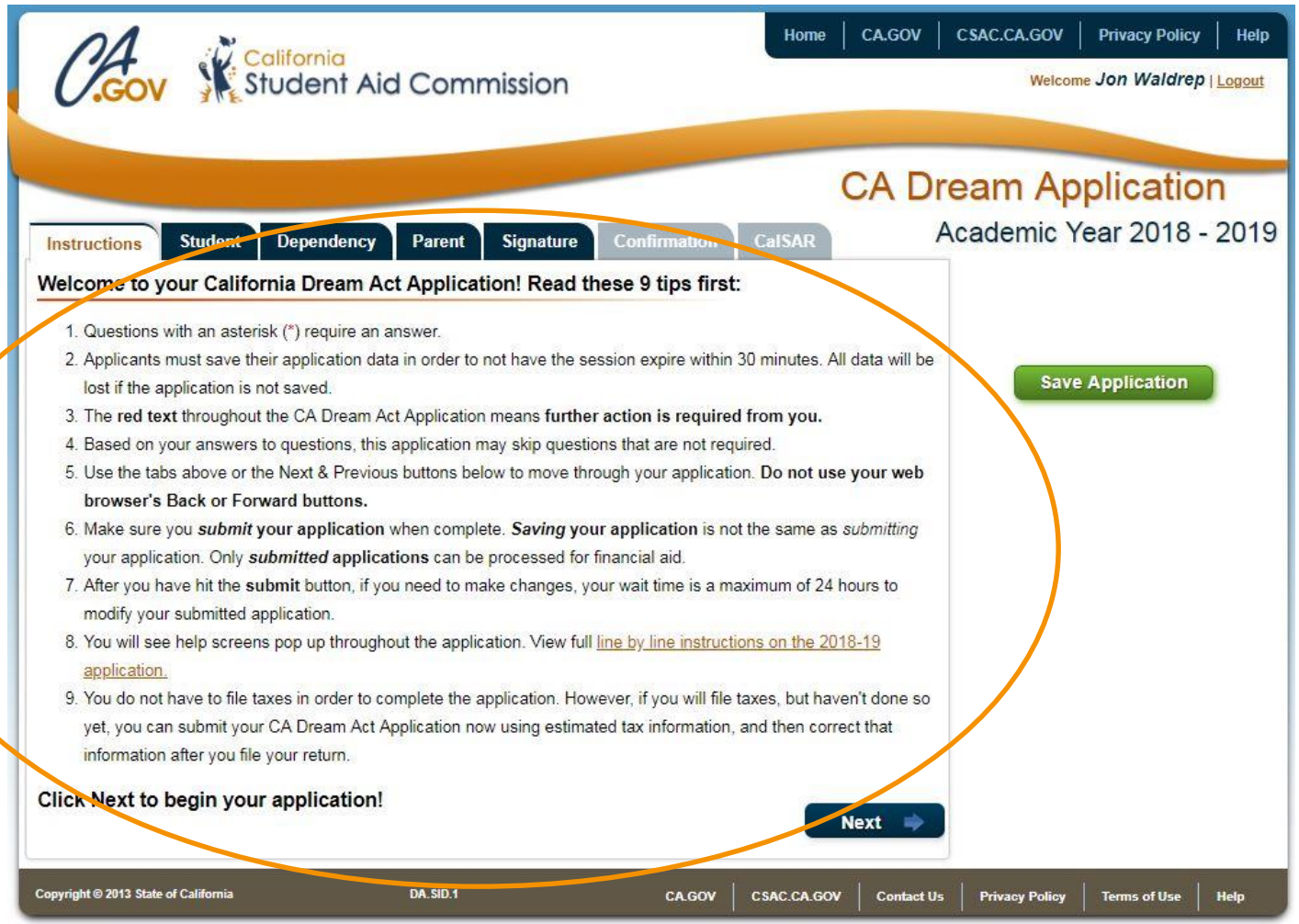

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STUDENT

Welcome!

The following question(s) will determine if it is best for you to complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for financial aid consideration.

The California Dream Act Application uses skip logic to help determine AB 540 eligibility

STUDENT

Do you have a social security number?

○ Yes ● No

Continue

STUDENT

Do you meet the eligibility criteria below?

● Yes No

Continue

1. Satisfaction of either of the following:

   A. High school attendance in California for three or more years, **OR**
   B. Attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to 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, or a combination of those schools. **OR**
   C. Attainment of credits earned at a California adult school, **OR**
   D. Credits earned at a California Community College, **OR**
   E. A combination of the schools listed above

2. 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), **OR**
   Attainment of an associate degree from a California Community College, **OR**
   Fulfillment of minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a University of California or California state University, **AND**
3. Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, **AND**
4. If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **AND**
5. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.) *

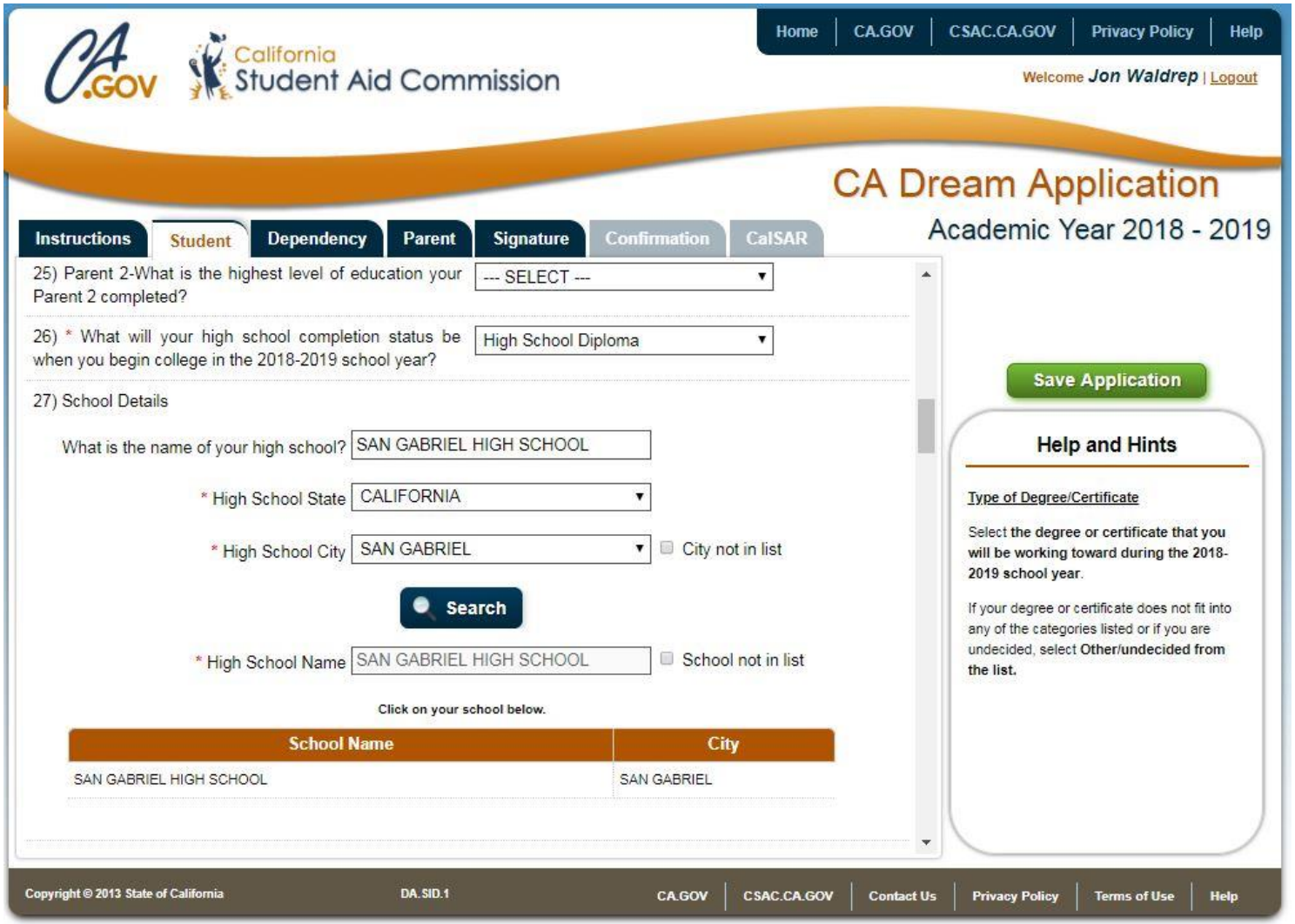
*If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa select "Yes"

STUDENT

Based on the responses you provided, you **are** eligible to file a California Dream Act Application.

Click the link below to begin your California Dream Act Application

Start Application



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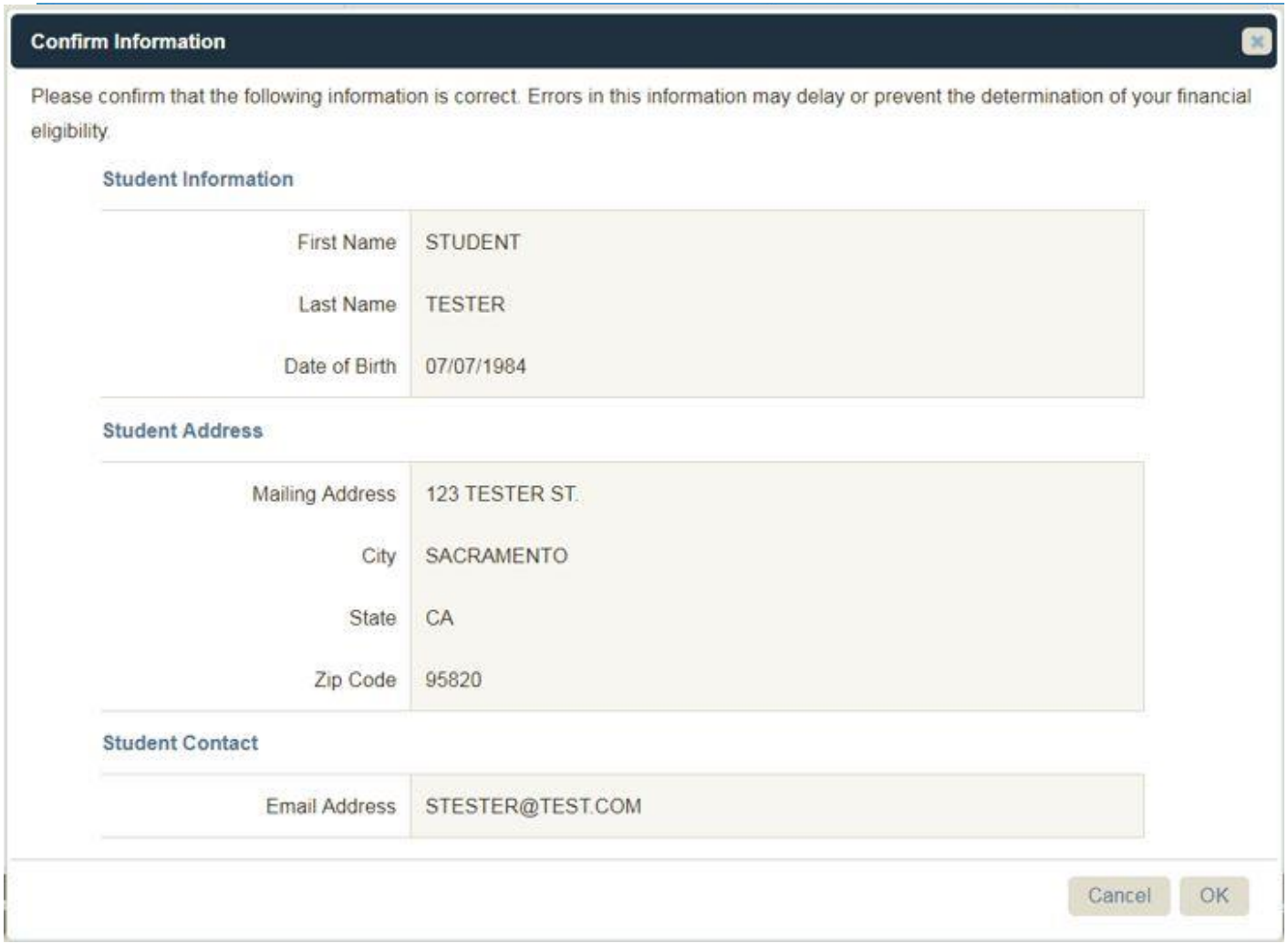
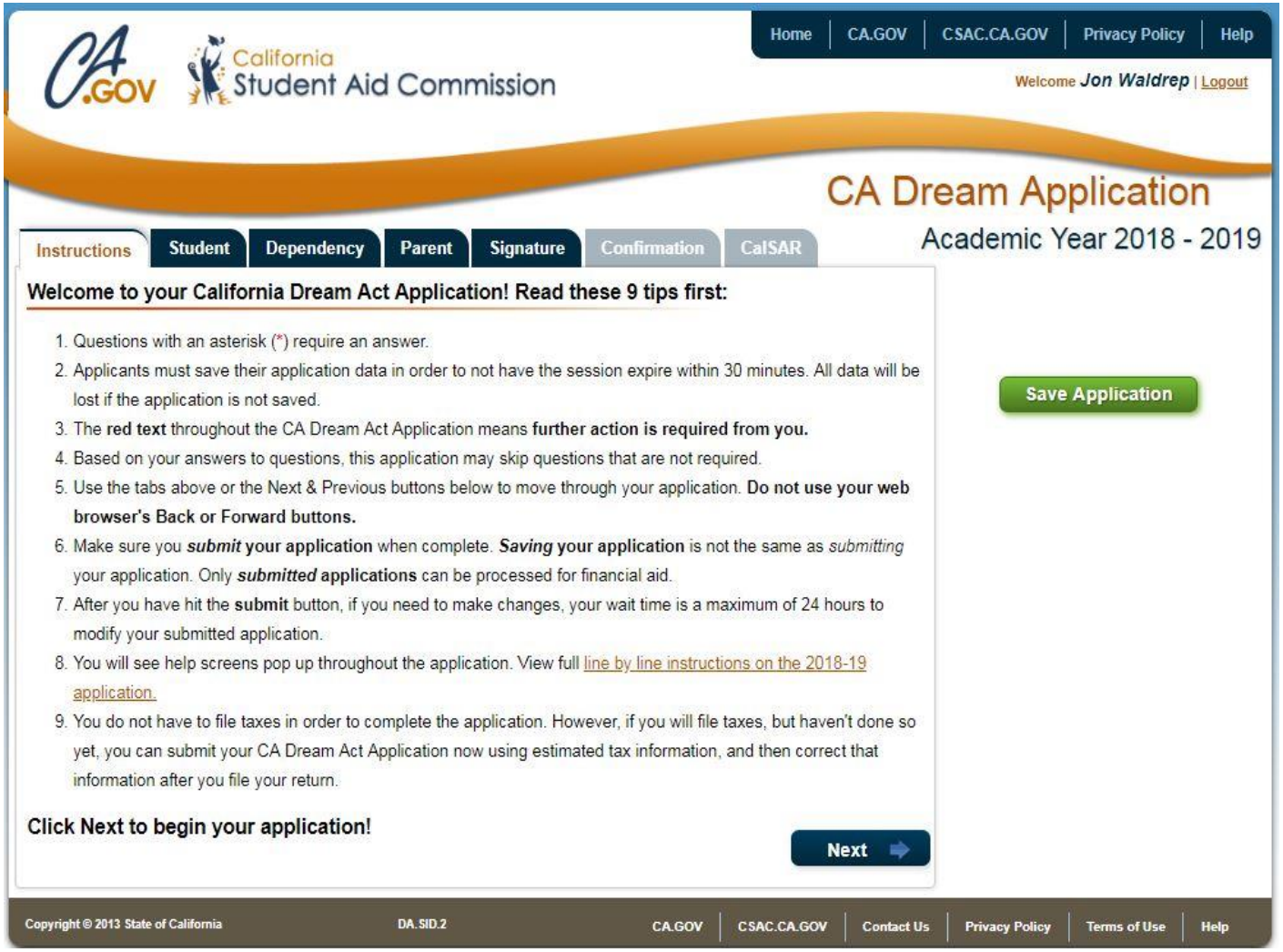

Confirm Information
Please confirm that the following information is correct. Errors in this information may delay or prevent the determination of your financial eligibility.
Student Information
First Name
STUDENT
Last Name
TESTER
Date of Birth
07/07/1984
Student Address
Mailing Address
123 TESTER ST.
City
SACRAMENTO
State
CA
Zip Code
95820
Student Contact
Email Address
STESTER@TEST.COM
Cancel
OK



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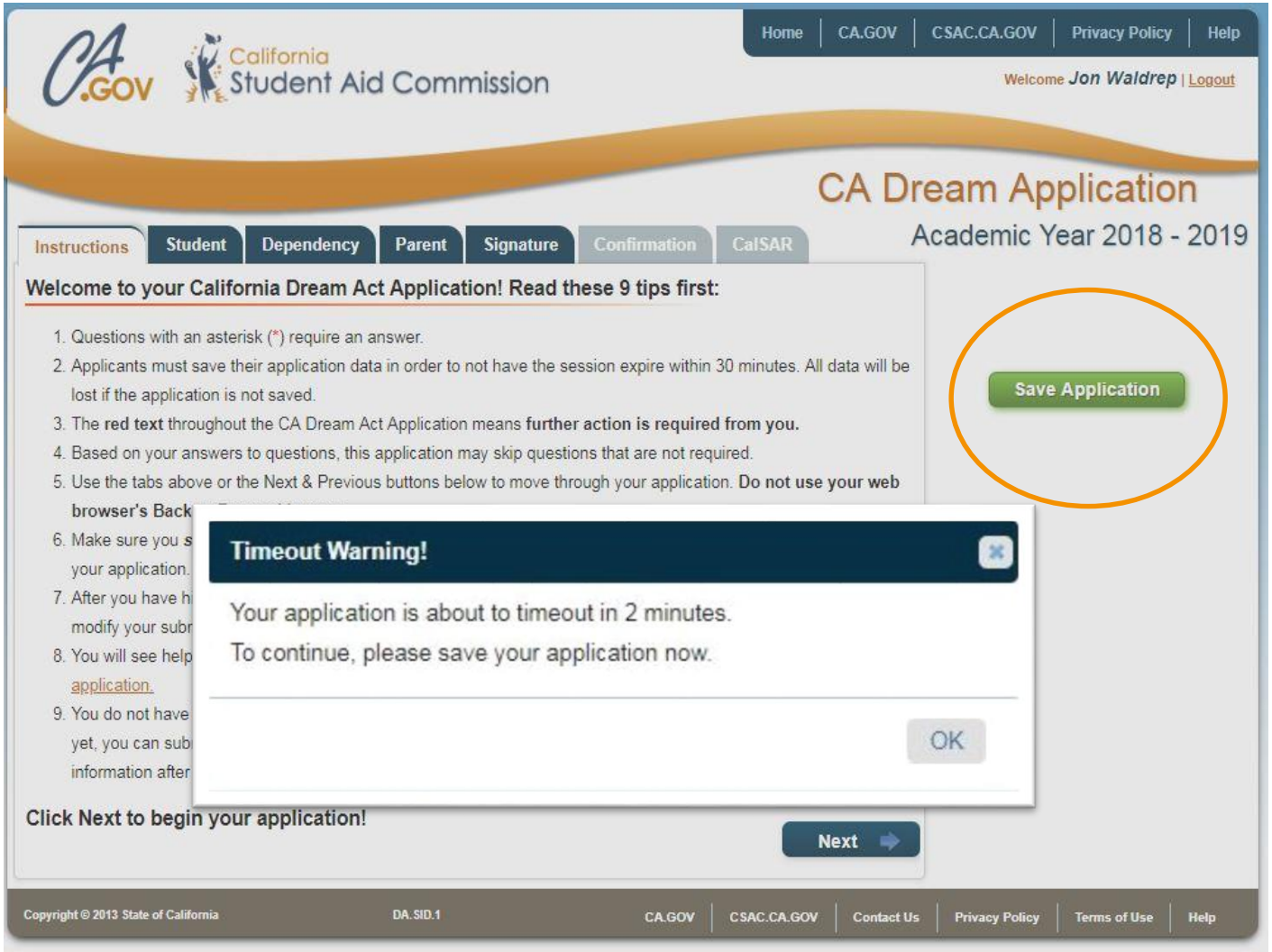

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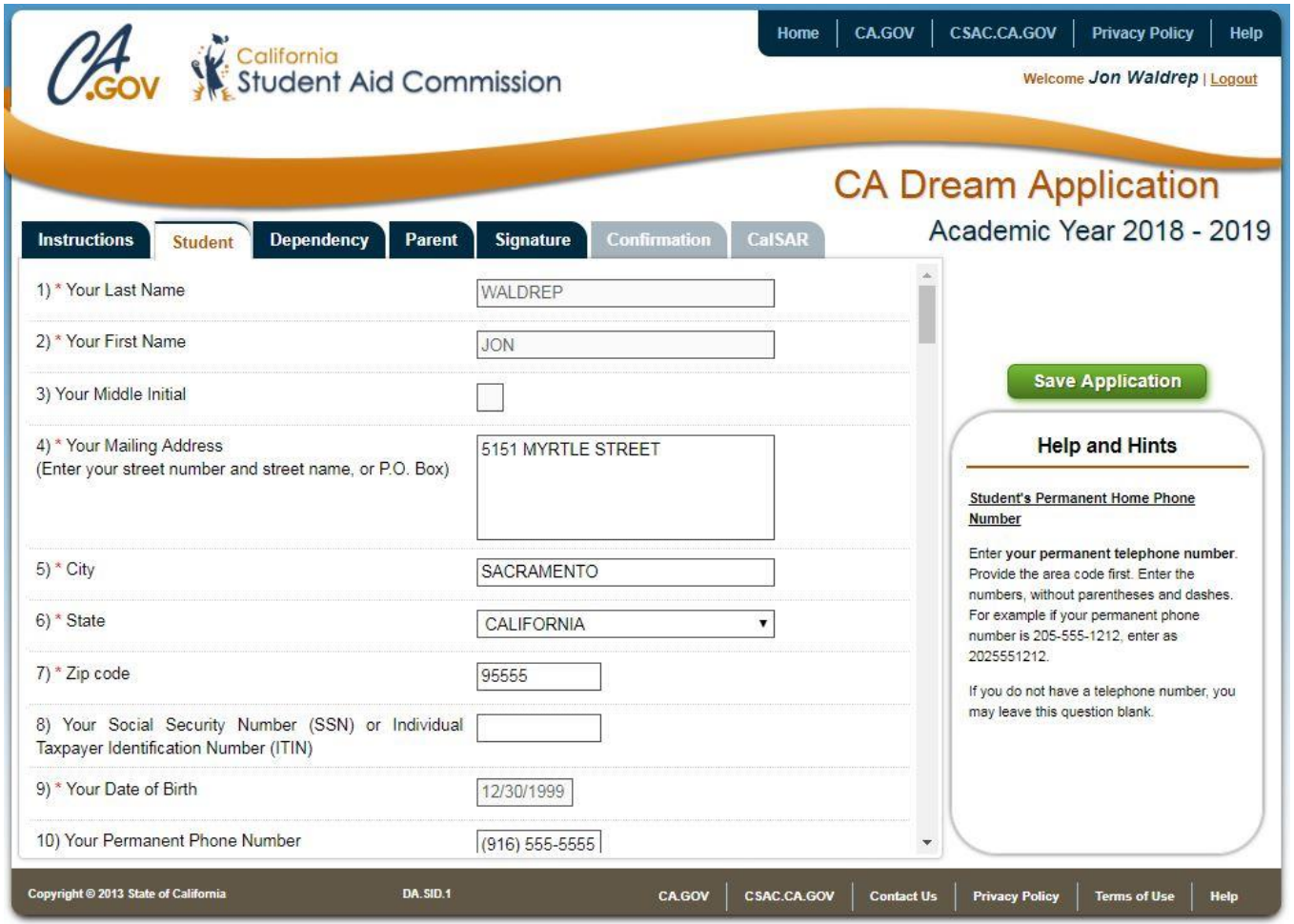

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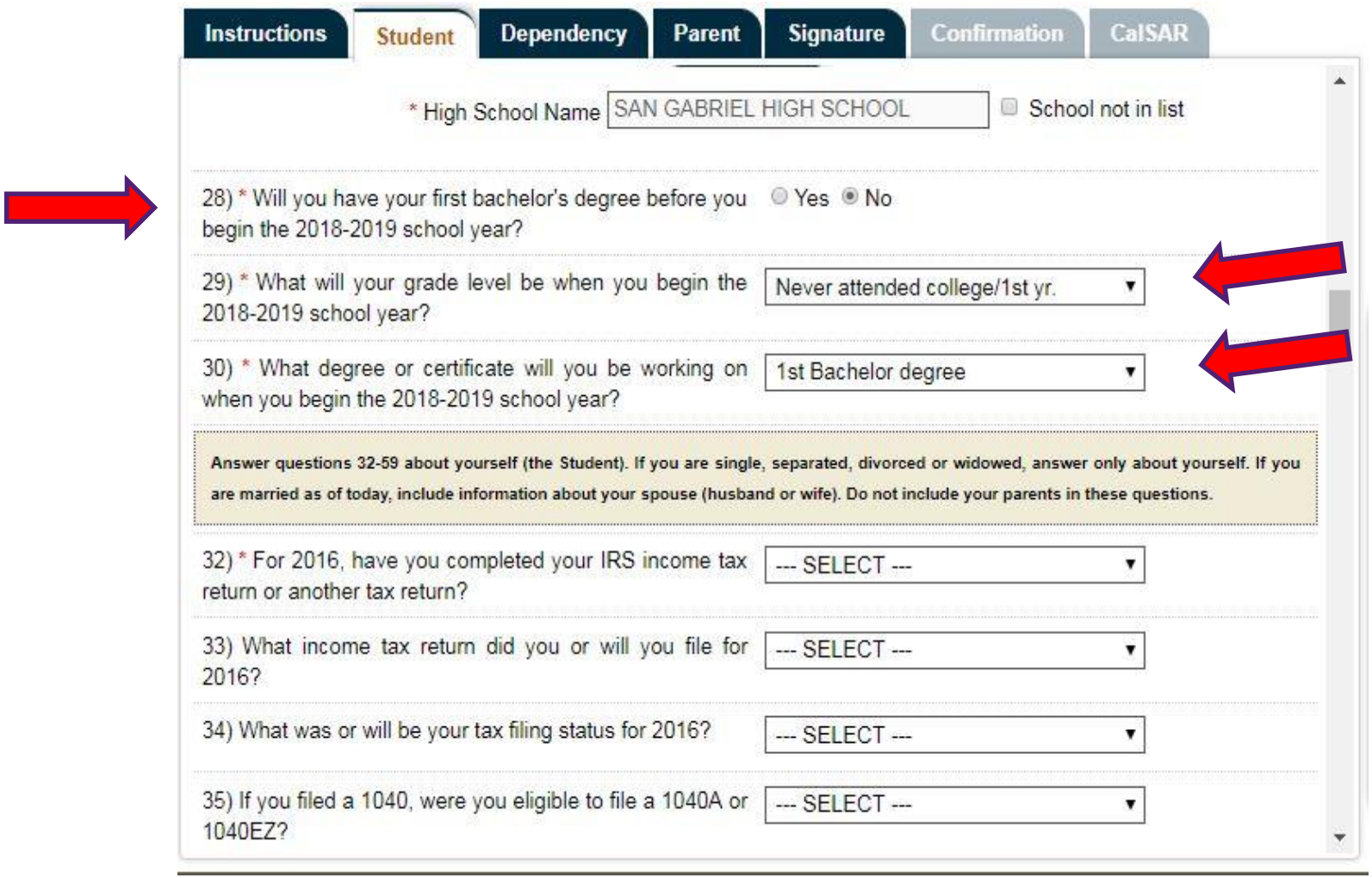
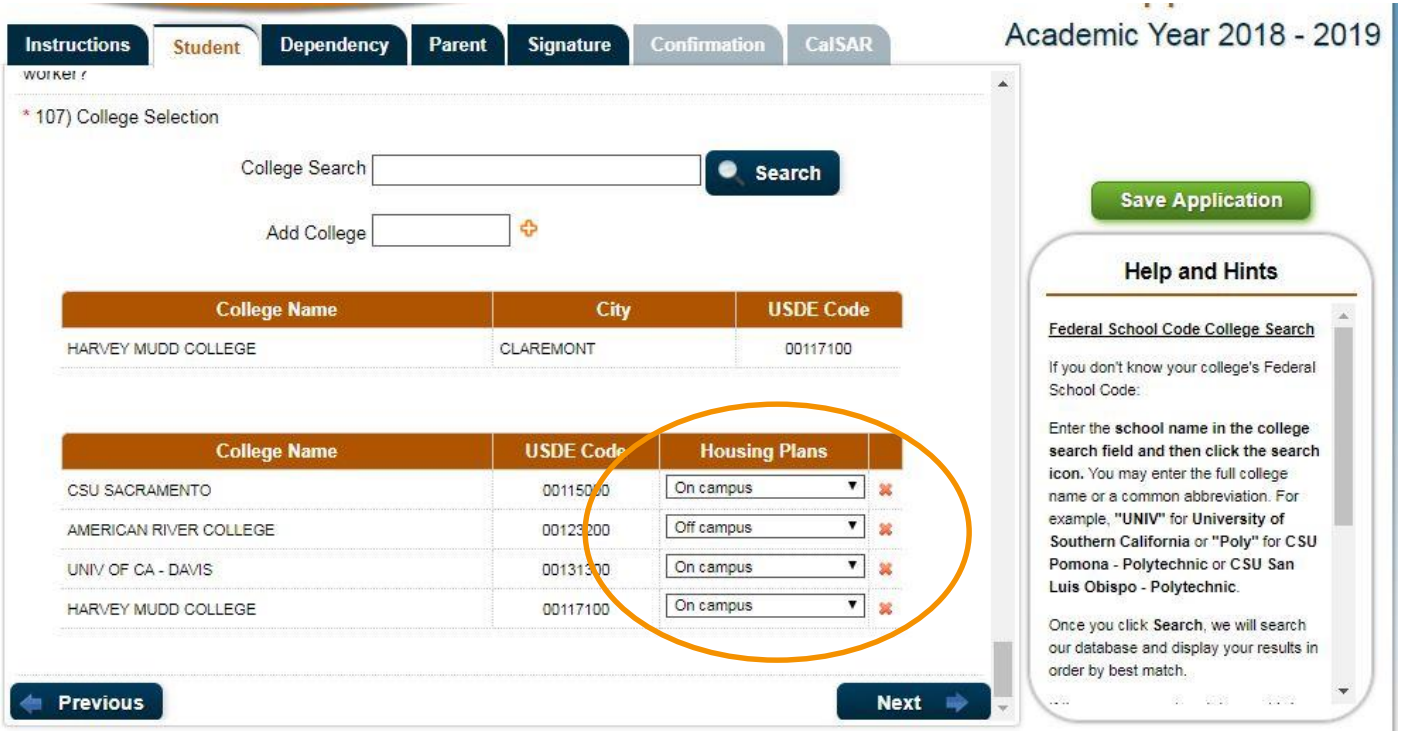
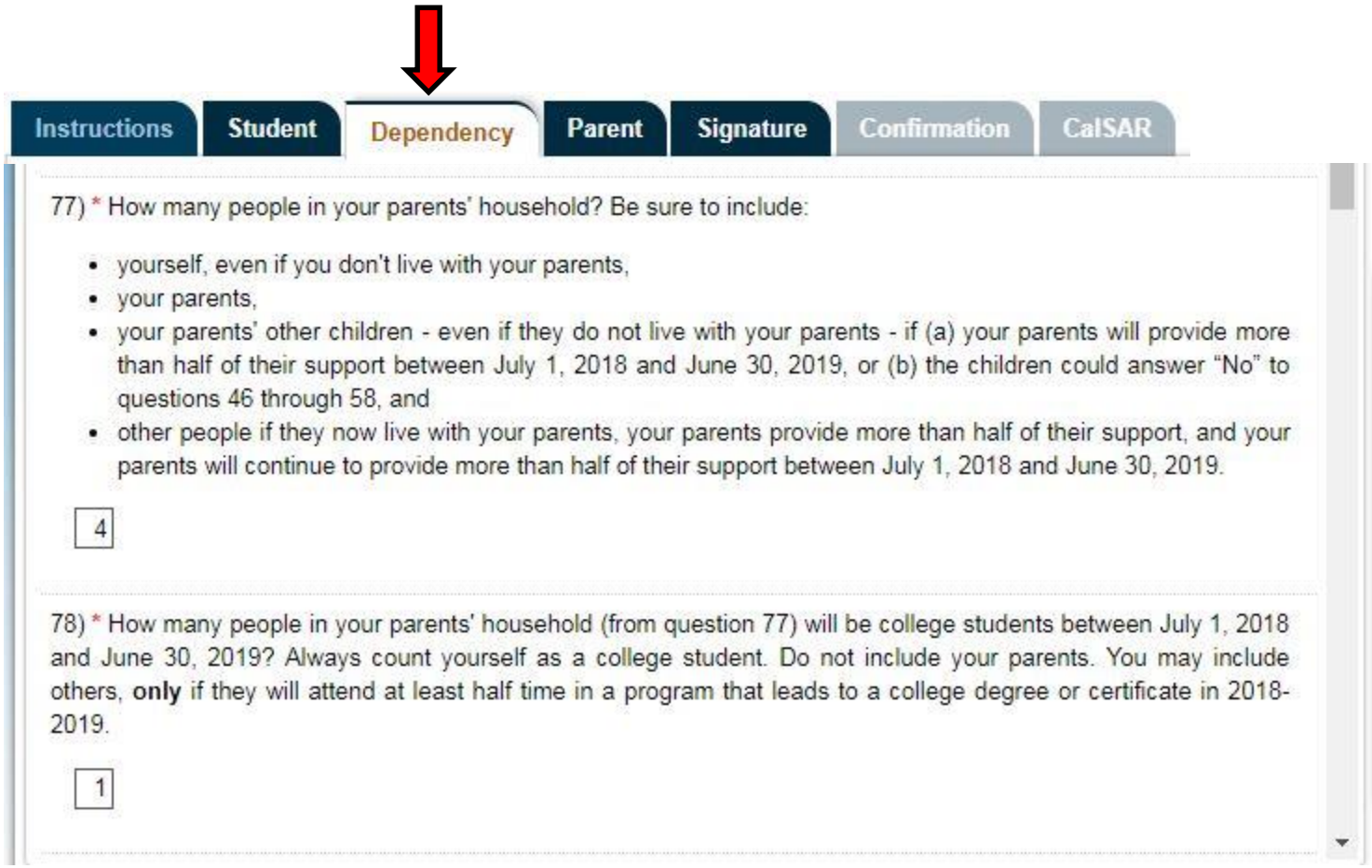

Instructions
Student
Dependency
Parent
Signature
Confirmation
CalSAR
* High School Name
SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL
School not in list
28) * Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
Yes
No
29) * What will your grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
Never attended college/1st yr.
30) * What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
1st Bachelor degree
Answer questions 32-59 about yourself (the Student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife). Do not include your parents in these questions.
32) * For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
--- SELECT ---
33) What income tax return did you or will you file for 2016?
--- SELECT ---
34) What was or will be your tax filing status for 2016?
--- SELECT ---
35) If you filed a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?
--- SELECT ---

College Search **Sacramento**

Add the city here to see all schools in that city

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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, 2018 and June 30, 2019, 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
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78) * How many people in your parents' household (from question 77) will be college students between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others, only if they will attend at least half time in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate in 2018-2019.
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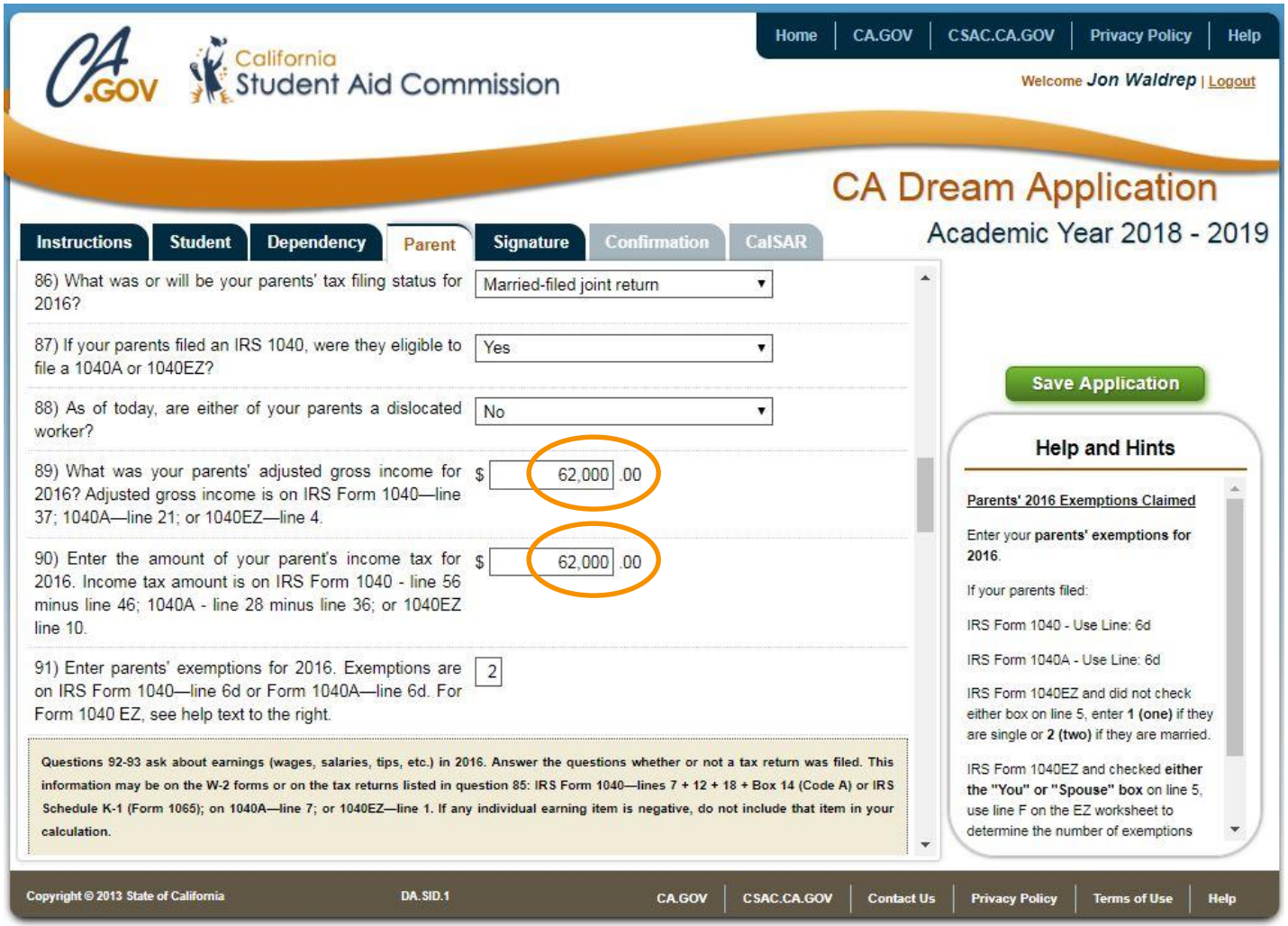

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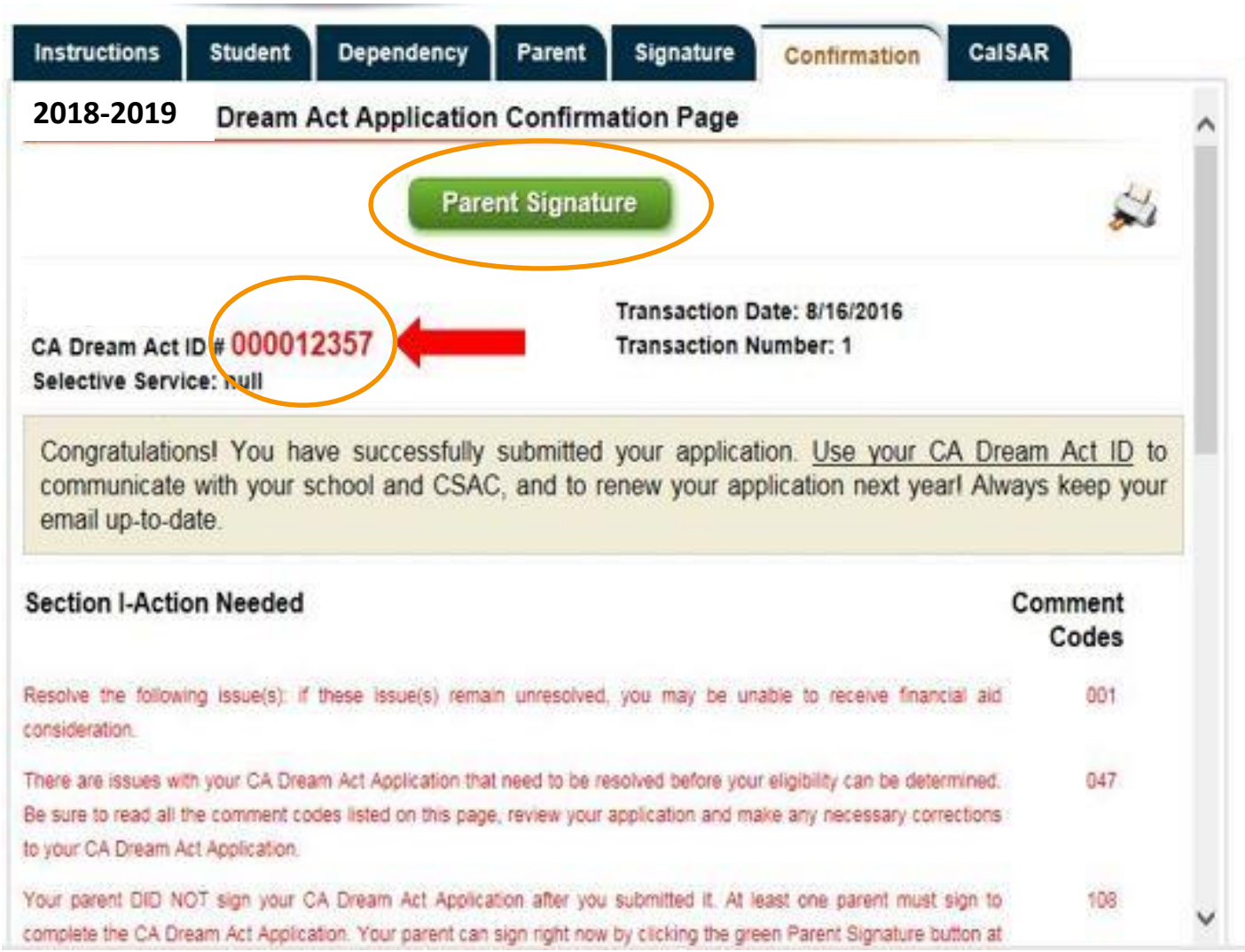
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2018-2019
Dream Act Application Confirmation Page
Parent Signature
CA Dream Act ID # 000012357
Selective Service: null
Transaction Date: 8/16/2016
Transaction Number: 1
Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your application. Use your CA Dream Act ID to communicate with your school and CSAC, and to renew your application next year! Always keep your email up-to-date.
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
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
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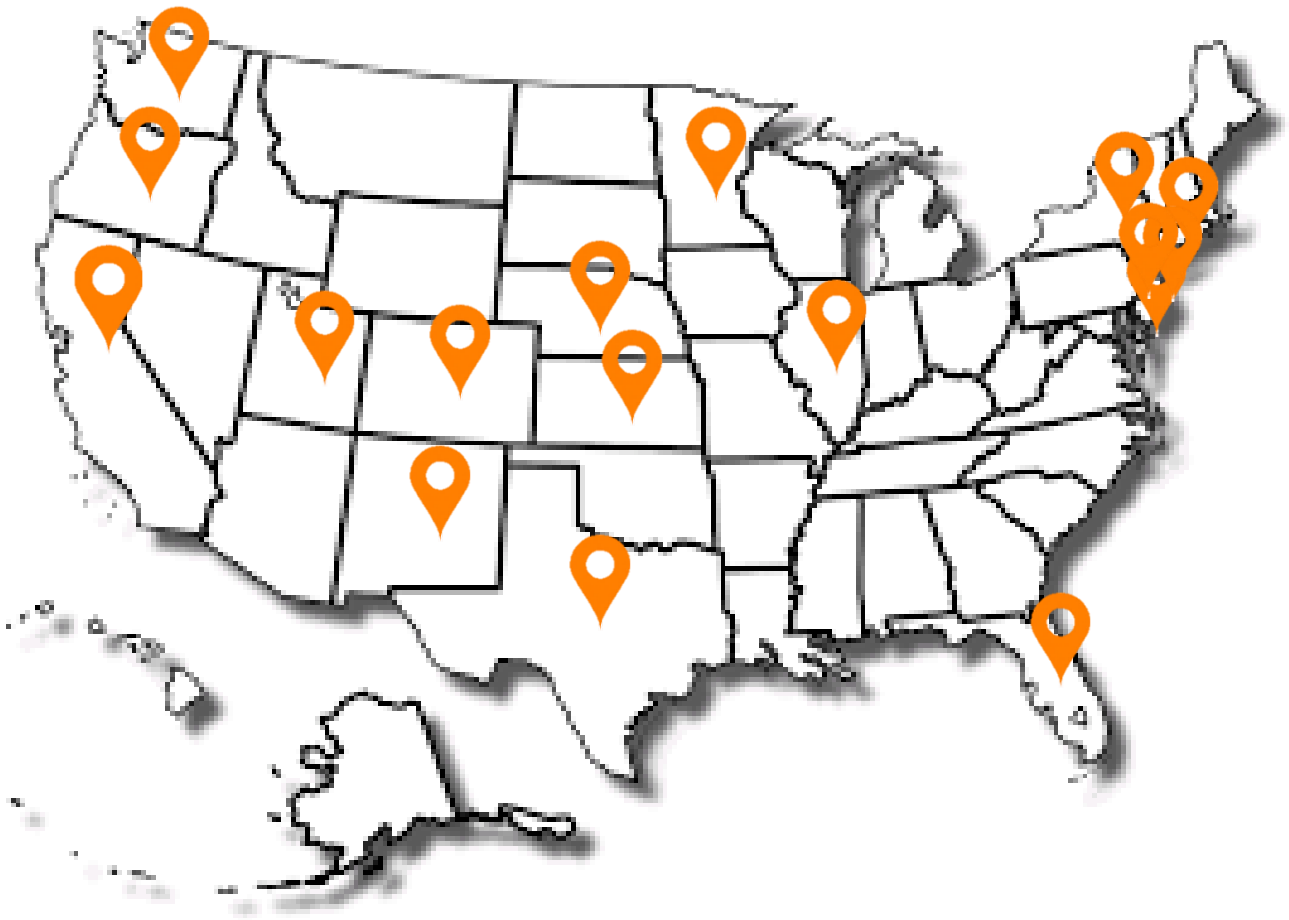
CADAA Demo

- CSAC offers a demo site for administrators to test the application
- 2019-20 AY available after October 1, 2018

https://training.csac.ca.gov/DreamApp_TRN/Default.aspx

Financial Aid for Dreamers

California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Illinois
Kansas
Maryland
Minnesota
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Oregon
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
District of Columbia



States offering in-state tuition to Dreamers

Hawaii
Maine
Michigan
Oklahoma
Rhode Island

State university systems offering in-state tuition to Dreamers

Available Aid for Dreamers in CA

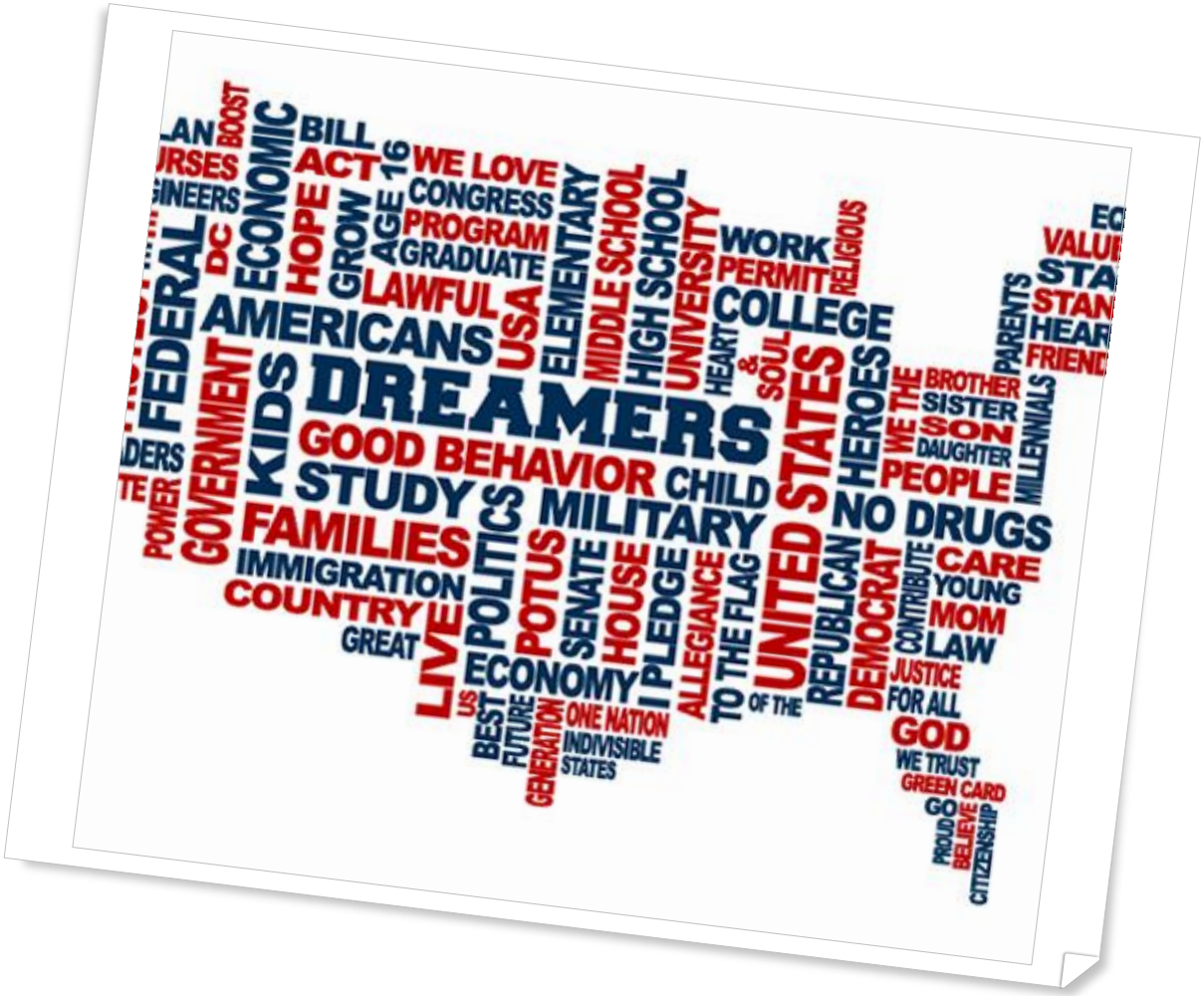
- In State Tuition
- State Aid – Cal Grants & Middle Class Scholarship
- Chafee Grant (Current and former foster youth)
- UC University Grant
- CSU State University Grant
- California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG)
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Services
- Work Study Programs *check with the school
- Private Scholarships
- Other CA institutional aid

DREAM Loans

- Only available at CSU and UC
- Limited funding available
- Each campus determines student eligibility & amounts a student may borrow
- Maximum award amount $4,000 each year
- Maximum lifetime amount $20,000

California Dreamers Today

Challenges



Dreamer to Permanent Resident

Dream Act Application

FAFSA

- Students should fill out the application that correlates to their current status on the "day of" completing the application – even if their Permanent Residency is pending
- Immediately upon receiving their Permanent Residency (and not before) the student should complete and submit a FAFSA
- Once completed, students should contact CSAC for assistance and to "convert" their Cal Grant award if required.

Top Reasons Not Awarded

- Application not submitted on time or not fully completed before March 2nd deadline
- Missing parent signature
- Missing, incomplete or inaccurate income and/or asset information
- Selective Service not completed or school not able to verify (male students 18-25)
- Verification process not completed in time to start school
- Student completes FAFSA erroneously
- Confusion at college level (financial aid vs. admissions) about Dream Act eligibility

Verification

- CSAC randomly selects 20% of all completed Dream Act applications for income verification
- All randomly selected students will be verified by their college to ensure they meet AB 540 eligibility
- Note: Some institutions are very strict in the verification process and may ask for tax information for parents or additional income verification

General Information

- Once the Dream Act application is signed and successfully submitted, the application information will be sent to all colleges listed.
- Because the CADAA is proprietary to CSAC, we can generally help students or schools quickly troubleshoot common issues.
- Students must complete an updated (not brand new) CADAA each academic year.
- If there are significate changes in income, or other major life changes, students should contact the Financial Aid Office of their college.

Resources

E4FC is now **Immigrants Rising**

Empowering undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation

Visit ImmigrantsRising.org

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Ad-Hoc Trainings and Webinars

- Financial Aid Nights
- Dreamer Conferences
- College Fairs

- High School Groups
- Tailored Webinars

Need more information? Contact our Institutional Support Unit.

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CASH FOR COLLEGE

- FREE financial aid workshops
- Over 1,000 events were held throughout California during the 2017-18 application cycle
- Open to students and parents
- Any school or organization can host workshops

To host a workshop:

For workshop registration, order materials, access training and resources, please visit: www.Cash4College.org

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Thank You for Attending!

Institutional Support

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schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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