



California Dream Act



Making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.



Assembly Bill (AB) 540

- Allows qualifying students to pay in-state tuition at California public colleges
- AB 540 verification is required prior to disbursement of Cal Grant funds
- Determination for AB 540 eligibility is a campus responsibility



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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

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AB 540 Requirements

1. Time and Coursework

Option A:

- ❑ 3 years HS credits **and** 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in CA



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

Option B (SB 68):

- ❑ 3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in CA



- High School
- Adult School
- Community College
 - Max. 2 years may be applied towards 3-year requirement



AB 540 Requirements

2. Degree or Transfer Eligibility

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

3. Non-resident Tuition Exemption

- Student files waiver (affidavit) with the college or university



Non-Immigrant Visas and TPS

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

- TPS or U Visa holders file CADAA
- T Visa holders file FAFSA
- Countries with TPS status can change
- New penalties for overstaying visa



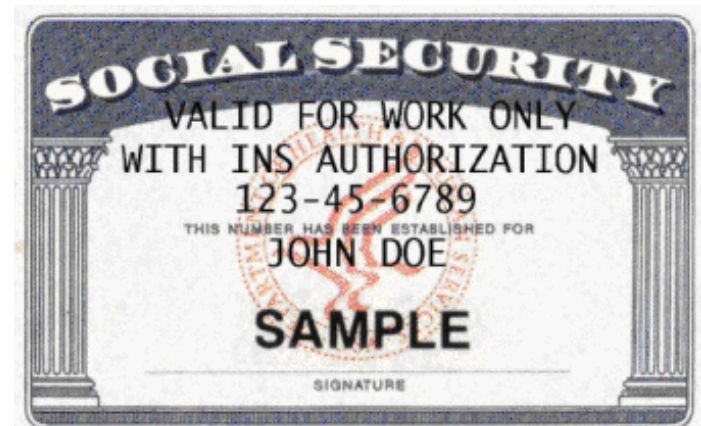


DEFERRED ACTION *for* CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS



- DACA is a federal program
- Valid for 2 years, subject to renewal
- Protects individuals who came to the U.S as children from deportation
- DACA issues SSN cards "valid for work only"

- Submit GPAs using **Non-SSN** method vs. DACA SSN
- DACA students file CADAA vs. FAFSA





California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption

Exemption request serves two purposes:

- Exempts qualifying students from paying nonresident tuition
- Certifies that students are eligible to apply for Cal Grant under the CADAA

1.) Check one box only:

I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T and U visa) as defined by federal law.

Nonimmigrants have been admitted to the U.S. on a temporary visa and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (holding F visas) and exchange visitors (holding J visas).

I have a current nonimmigrant visa and have been granted T or U visa status as defined by federal law.

I do NOT have a current, nonimmigrant visa as defined by federal law.

This includes, among others, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, and individuals without current or valid immigration status.



Best Practice

- Ensure collection and distribution of exemption request between Financial Aid Office and Admissions & Records
- Train all staff on AB 540 eligibility, including proper state residency determination
- Confirm Financial Aid Management System (FAMS) code AB 540 students appropriately
- Update AB 540 verification policies & procedures as needed when state and federal regulations change





Selective Service

- Males between ages 18-25 are required to register for Selective Service
- Mail paper registration form
 - Registration card arrives by mail in 2-3 months
- Reminder emails sent: **Nov 2018, Dec 2018, April 2019** to male CADAA applicants 17-25 yrs.
- SSN is **not** required to register. SSN field can be left blank

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM
Register online (www.sss.gov)
or complete this form

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

1 DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY)

2 SEX: (Mark with "X")
 Male Female

3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Leave Blank

The image shows a screenshot of the Selective Service System Registration Form. The form is titled "SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM" and includes the instruction "Register online (www.sss.gov) or complete this form". Below the title, there is a blue bar with the text "DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA". Underneath, it says "PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY". The form has three numbered sections: 1. DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY) with a grid of boxes for input. 2. SEX: (Mark with "X") with checkboxes for Male and Female. 3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER with a grid of boxes for input. A red box highlights the Social Security Number field, and a red speech bubble points to it with the text "Leave Blank".



CADAA Verification

- 20% of CADAA applicants are randomly chosen for verification:
 - Federal V1- Standard Verification Group
 - AB 540 eligibility
- Complete verification prior to disbursing funds





Application Corrections

Application corrections are necessary when students...

- Complete the FAFSA instead of the CADAA
- Complete the CADAA instead of the FAFSA
- Submit duplicate applications
- Gain permanent residency



1. Student completes correct application

2. School submits G-55



CSAC will process the conversion and notify the school



2019-20 Application Changes



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

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

Help and Hints Text Boxes provide clarifying language on education level, household size, number in college, etc.

SB 68 language added to the pre-determination questions

Parent signature requirement more prominent

Almost There! You are missing your parent signature. Have your parent click on the green parent signature button above to submit or visit caldreamact.org.

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.



Dream Act Screens

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Dream Act Search Results

- Applications are not searchable unless your institution is added to the CADAA

Completed application indicators:

- EFC generated
- Submit Flag: Y
- Links visible:
 - Correct
 - Confirmation View
 - Cal SAR Report

Dream Act ISIR Search

Record(s): 3 **Search Results**

Pseudo SSN/SSN	Name Address	DOB Phone	Email Address User ID EFC	App Received Date Transaction Number Transaction Received Date	Submit Flag	
000052290	HERNANDEZ, LUIS 13000 STUDEBAKER BLVD NORWALK, CA. 90050	03/03/1993 (818) 562-2241	LUISHERNAN23@YAHOO.COM 2050909 0	01/12/2017 2 01/13/2017	Y	Correct Confirmation View Cal SAR report
000030537	HERNANDES, LUI 14 FERN ST. ONTARIO, CA. 92762	02/15/1991	LUIH@GMAIL.COM 2018443			
000052741	HERNANDEZ, LUIS 211 ROSCOE RD CANOGA PARK, CA. 91304	10/04/1994	LUIS.1909@YAHOO.COM 2025256 2708		Y	Correct Confirmation View Cal SAR report

New Search

Incomplete application:

- No EFC
- Submit Flag: blank
- Links not visible



Cal ISIR Correction Screen

Cal ISIR Correction Screen (2019-2020)

This screen is designed for schools to submit corrections to the most recent Cal ISIR data. Request will be updated real time.

- Data Corrections, Verification, and Dependency Overrides can be submitted at the same time.
- Verification Required - FAA marks the box when application is verified. Field only appears when student is selected for verification.
- Dependency Override - FAA marks the box when performing a dependency override. Overrides can be made in one direction only from dependent to independent.
- EFC Simulator - FAA can preview EFC changes prior to submitting a correction.
- Schools will be notified of processed corrections on the subsequent Cal ISIR Report.
- Students may review corrections by retrieving their CA Dream Act application.

Primary EFC : 0

Dependency Status : D

Transaction Received Date : 10/06/2018

Transaction Number : 2

User ID:

1) * Student's Last Name

(exactly as it appears on school records)



Confirmation View Screen

Section 1- 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

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 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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The amount you reported for your parent's income tax is equal to the amount you reported for their adjusted gross income. Review questions 89 and 90 and make the necessary corrections.

111

89. Parents' 2017 Adjusted Gross Income	20056
90. Parents' 2017 U.S. income tax paid	20056

appears to be over the minimum amount required to file a tax return. Please view items 63, 84, 92, and 93 and make the necessary corrections.







Cal SAR Screen

Dream Act ISIR Search

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Cal Student Aid Reports for HERNANDEZ, LUIS

Transaction Number	Submitted By	Processed	Print
4	Student and Parent	11/13/2018	
3	Student - Correction	11/13/2018	
2	Student and Parent	11/02/2018	
1	Student	11/02/2018	

Cal SAR



California Student Aid Commission CA Dream Act Student Aid Report(2019-2020)

CA Dream Act Application Data

- Assumed fields, based on the data you entered, are marked with an "*" (asterisk) sign.
- The fields that are changed from last transaction are displayed in red.
- Parental data may still appear on the Cal SAR for applicant's that were initially deemed as a dependent student, but have changed to independent. However, only the student's information will be used in the determination of financial aid eligibility.



Your application has been selected for verification. Please check with your campus financial aid office to submit the required information.

Dream ID: 000012345

Transaction Number: 4

Submitted By: LUIS HERNANDEZ

Processed: 10/25/18

EFC: \$596

1. Your Last Name	HERNANDEZ
2. Your First Name	LUIS
3. Your Middle Initial	J
4. Your Street or Post Office Mailing Address	1234 5 TH AVE
5. Your City	LOS ANGELES
6. Your State	CA
7. Your Zip Code	90037
8. Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN)	
9. Your Date of Birth	04/13/2001
10. Your Permanent Phone Number	(916) 555-1212
11. Your Statewide Student Identification Number (SSID)	ABC123-X79D5
12. Your Permanent Cell or Alternate Phone Number	
13. Your Driver's License Number	



Professional Judgement & Dependency Override

Dependency override:

- Functionality available to System Administrators at each campus

Professional Judgement:

- Must submit Grant Record Change (G-21)
- Function available to all users with access to the CA Dream Act Application menu

Verification Required:

- Check box after verifying application information

Dependency Override	✓
Professional Judgement	✓
* Date the application was initially received Enter the month, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/01/2018
Verification Required	✓ This student's application has been selected for verification. Check this checkbox after verifying student's application information.
<input type="button" value="Exit"/> <input type="button" value="Simulate"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/>	



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