California Dream Act

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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
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

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
Financial Aid for Dreamers

Only a handful of states offer state financial aid to Dreamers. California is one of the few states that has its own application specifically for Dreamers.

- **Cal Grant**
- **Chafee Grant for Foster Youth**
- **Middle Class Scholarship**
- **CA College Promise Grant (formerly BOG Waiver)**
- **Student Success Completion Grant**
- **Other Institutional Aid**
- **Private Scholarships**

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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

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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

**FAO should receive verification from A&R that affidavit was completed prior to disbursing funds**

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

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

• Ensure collection and distribution of non-resident tuition exemption form 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

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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
- 3 reminder emails sent to male CADAA applicants 17-25 yrs:
  - At time of application submission, November, & February
- SSN is **not** required to register. SSN field can be left blank
- CSAC does not share student data with Selective Service

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**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

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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

G-55 Application Conversion Form

CSAC will process the conversion and notify the school
2019-20 Application Changes

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2019-20 Application Changes

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
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

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

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Cal ISIR Correction Screen

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

Resolve the following issue(s), if these issue(s) remain unresolved, you may be unable to receive financial aid consideration.

Males, between ages of 18 and 25, are required to register for Selective Service prior to receiving financial aid for college.

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.

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.

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

You reported that your parents will not file an income tax return, but the amount you reported for your parents’ income 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.

Comment Codes

001
020
108
111
126
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# 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 |

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Correction Screen
Professional Judgement & Dependency Override

**Dependency override:**
- Functionality available to System Administrators at each campus

**Professional Judgement:**
- Check “Professional Judgement”
- 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

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* 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.

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