Cal Grant Regional Training
AB 540 and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

Training and Outreach Unit
California Student Aid Commission

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## California Dream Act Application Summary

### 2019-20 Application Counts

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### 2019-20 Awarded Counts

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### 2019 20 Segmental Choice

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AB 540 Requirements

1. Time and Coursework

**Option A:**
3 years high school credits and 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in California:
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

**Option B (SB 68):**
3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California:
- High School
- Adult School
- Community College*
  
  * Maximum of 2 years of community college may be applied towards 3-year SB 68 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 (AB 540 affidavit) with the college or university
Undocumented students who are eligible for a non-resident tuition exception must complete and submit the AB 540 Affidavit to the admissions office at their college of attendance.
Customizing your roster is one way to find your CADAA applicants.

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 your Financial Aid Management System (FAMS) codes AB 540 students appropriately.

- Update AB 540 verification policies & procedures as needed when state and federal regulations change.

- Remember that most CADAA filers do not realize they are required to have an AB 540 Affidavit on file (or even know what it is).
The raw data may be imported to your school’s financial management system to use with your software.
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 should file CADAA
✓ T Visa holders should file FAFSA
✓ Countries with TPS status can change

A-1 B-1 C-1 D-1 E-1 F-1 H-1B1 H-1C H-2A H-2B I J-1
M-1 N-8 P-1 Q-1 R-1 S-5 T-1 T-2 TN TD U-1 V-1 TPS
Competitive Cal Grants for CADAA Applicants

- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grants is now **41,000** and the Commission is authorized to make up to 51,000 Competitive Cal Grant offers.

- CADAA and FAFSA filers now are given **equal consideration** for competitive awards.

- GPAs for CADAA applicants can be submitted through the SSN GPA upload option using the student’s **Dream Act ID** or through the **Non-SSN GPA** upload process.

Please ensure that your institutions' website is **updated** to reflect that CADAA filers can now receive a Competitive Cal Grant award.
California Dreamer Service Incentive Program

- 2,500 awards at any given time
- First come first serve, priority given by CADAA completion date
- Provides payment to Cal Grant B receiving Dream Act Students
- Students have to work 100 hours a quarter or 150 hours a semester at an approved site
- Students can receive up to $1,500 a semester or $1,000 a quarter

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California Dreamer Service Incentive Program

- Organization must be established two years prior to student participation date
- Organization must be a state, federal or local agency or a qualifying institution such as a 501(c)(3)
- Service performed must not be advocacy of a political, social or religious nature
- Service must be related to student’s field of study, or address a community need
- Organization must register with the Commission, and report all service hours to the Commission
## Payment and Enrollment Status

### Per Semester

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California DREAM Loan Program for Graduate Degree Programs

**Eligibility Requirements**
- Must be AB 540 Eligible
- Must attend a CSU or a UC
- Complete a DREAM Act Application
- Determined to have financial need
- Academic Program must qualify as an eligible program under Cal Grant guidelines
- Must be enrolled in programs leading to a professional or graduate degree

**DREAM Loan Terms**
- Annual loan maximum $4,000 (even if enrollment at multiple institutions)
- Aggregate maximum $20,000 at any one institution
- Annual promissory note
- Interest rate matches Subsidized Direct Loan rate for that same year
Application Corrections

Application corrections are necessary when students:

- Complete the FAFSA instead of the CADAA
- Complete the CADAA instead of the FAFSA
- Complete an application for the wrong year
- Submit duplicate applications
- Gain permanent residency or citizenship

Student must first complete and successfully submit the correct financial aid application.

School then submits the Application Conversation Form G-55 with the corresponding documentation.
Selective Service

• Males between ages 18-25 are required to register for Selective Service.
• Students within three months of their 18th birthday can register by mail.
• Mail paper registration form. Registration card takes 2-3 months to arrives by mail.
• SSN is not required to register. SSN field should be left blank.
• CSAC does not share student data with Selective Service.
• One of the **TOP REASONS** CADAA filers do not get paid in their first term.
20% of CADAA applicants are randomly chosen for verification.

- Federal V1- Standard Verification Group
- AB 540 eligibility
- Students/parents residing in the United States file US tax returns, if they meet earning threshold

Complete verification prior to disbursing funds.
# California Dream Act ISIR Search

## Search Results

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CADAA Correction Screen

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 CADAA menu

Verification Required:
- Check box after verifying application information

System Admins
Submit G 21

Dependency Override
Professional Judgement

Date the application was initially received:
Enter the month, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)

Verification Required
Complete Verification

This student’s application has been selected for verification. Check this checkbox after verifying student’s application information.

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Issues which need to be resolved:

Next steps student should consider:

CADAA Confirmation Page

2020 - 2021 Dream Application Confirmation Page

GARCIA, JOSE M
Dream ID #: 000176905

Transaction Date: 12/05/2019
Transaction Number: 2

Estimated Expected Family Contribution:

Section I - Action Needed

Problem the following issues: If these issues remain unresolved, you may be unable to receive financial aid consideration.

Must, between ages of 16 and 25, be required to register for Selective Service prior to receiving financial aid for college.

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.

Your parent (DAD/STIP) signed 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.ca-dreamact.org by clicking the "Provide Signature" link. 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 DAD/STIP #, your parent's name and date of birth reported on the application. Each time you submit corrections, your parent will have to re-sign the application.

Section II - No Resolution Needed

Section II - Next Steps

Corrections can be made 24 hours after submitting your application by logging back into your application at www.ca-dreamact.org. You must use your User ID and password to retrieve your CA Dream Act Application. If you need additional help with your application, contact the California Student Services Center at the California Student Aid Commission, 911 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by email at studentaid@studentshare.ca.gov.

If your mailing address or email address changes, you must make the correction on your CA Dream Act Application.

CaDAAC 11 No more information regarding CA Dream Act Application process.

*Your college is responsible for verifying your AS 546 eligibility. Check with your college's admissions office before the term starts.
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Dreamer Resource Centers

• The Student Aid Commission is looking to forge better connections and improved communications to the many Dream Resource Centers at institutions throughout the state.

• The Commission has created a ‘Dream Act Application/Undocumented Student’ selection as part of our e-mail communications List-Serve.

• The Commission, in partnership with our Dreamer Resource Center partners, plans on holding annual CSAC/Dreamer Resource Center Convenings in the near future.