

STEP 1: APPLY FOR THE CA DREAM ACT

APPLICATION TO GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE!

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dream.csac.ca.gov

PRIORITY FILING DEADLINE

October 1st, 2019 to March 2nd 2020

CHECKLIST FOR 2020-2021 CA DREAM APPLICATION

- Be aware of AB 540/ SB 68 requirements.** In order for DREAM aid to be released, students must meet these requirements. U visa holders and students with TPS are eligible. T visa holders should apply through FAFSA.
- Create a username and password for the CA Dream Application.** Save them somewhere safe, where you won't forget!
- Complete the application by March 2, 2020 to meet this important priority deadline!** You can apply afterwards, but many grants require you to meet the priority deadline. The following information is needed: 2018 tax information, untaxed income, bank statements, household size, number in college, etc.
- If your taxes aren't completed by March 2nd, indicate "Will file"** and use estimated household earnings. After you or your parent 2018 taxes are completed, log in to update your application.
- If you are a non-tax filer, indicate "Will not file"** and list all untaxed income for the household. Be aware IRS limits apply.
- List all colleges and universities where you applied on the app.**
- Submit your CA Dream application and review the confirmation page immediately to check for errors.**
- Ensure your parent signs the application**, if required, by created a PIN (personal identification number) online. Each time a change is made on the application, you must resubmit it and parents must re-sign it with their PIN. Always re-check the confirmation page.
- Verify your GPA has been submitted** to CA Student Aid Commission before March 2nd at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov
- If not, use the Non-SSN verification form** and bring to your high school or community college to fill it out. Once completed, mail it to CSAC and get a proof of mailing from US Post Office.
- Check the online portal at each college or university** for information regarding your financial aid award at that school
- Community College students can apply for CA College Promise Grant.** Additional paperwork may be required. Check with your school!

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- Complete any necessary steps or paperwork to receive financial aid at your college or university.
- Submit AB 540/SB 68 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption form, along with the final official transcripts to prove eligibility and become classified as a student with AB 540/SB 68 status.

CA College Promise Grant & CAL Grants at the Community Colleges

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