California Dream Act Application & AB 540
2019-20 AB 540 Application Statistics

Application Counts – 2019-2021 New Applications
On-time (by March 2\textsuperscript{nd}) 38,387
Late applications 9,648
TOTAL 48,035

Awarded Students 10,057
Competitive Awards 881

**As of 10/18/2019**
What is AB 540?

- **Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540)**
  Passed in 2001

- **Assembly Bill 2000 (AB 2000)**
  Passed in 2014

- **Assembly Bills 130 & 131**
  Passed in 2011

- **Senate Bill 68 (SB 68)**
  Passed in 2017
AB 540 Requirements

2. Time and Coursework

Option A:
- 3 years High School credits and 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in California

Option B (SB 68):
- 3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California

* Maximum of 2 years of credit courses 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
What is the most common reason that the GPA uploaded by a high school does not match to the student’s Dream Act Application?
Non-Immigrant Visas and TPS

*Current* non-immigrant visa holders are not eligible to file CADAA nor FAFSA, with these exceptions:

- TPS or U Visa holders file CADAA
- T Visa holders file FAFSA
- Those who have “overstayed” their non-immigrant visa may be eligible to file the CADAA
- New penalties for overstaying visa
Selective Service

- Males between ages 18-25 are required to register for Selective Service
- Mail paper registration form at 17 years and 3 months
- Registration card arrives by mail in 2-3 months
- Reminder emails are to male CADAA applicants 17-25 years
- SSN is not required to register. SSN field can be left blank
- CSAC does not share student data with Selective Service
Available Aid for Dreamers in California

• Entitlement and **Competitive** Cal Grant & Middle Class Scholarship
• Chafee Grant (Current and former foster youth)
• UC University Grant
• CSU State University Grant
• California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG)
• Student Success Completion Grant
• Private Scholarships
• **New in 2020-21 “California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant”**
California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant (2020-2021)

Beginning in 2020–21, Cal Grant B recipients who completed the California Dream Act Application can be considered for one of 2,500 Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grants of up to $3,000 per year.

Eligible students must perform at least 100 hours per quarter or 150 hours per semester of community or volunteer service and attend a California public or independent institution. CSAC will administer the program. Check CSAC e-mails for updates.
California Dream Act Application

You are eligible to complete the CADAA if you are:

- Undocumented
- U Visa holder
- Have TPS
- Meet AB 540 requirements
- Regardless of DACA status
Recent 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

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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](http://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.
Welcome!

Completion of the California Dream Act Application is required to determine financial aid for California AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Please note that the California Dream Act Application uses some predetermination questions (skip logic) to determine if you are completing the correct application.
Do you have a social security number?

- Yes
- No

Continue →
Did you obtain your social security number after the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted you Deferred Action status and you received your social security number through an Employment Authorization Card and your card states it is for work purposes only?

Deferred Action refers to Deferred Action for Child Arrivals or DACA. More information on DACA can be found on USCIS website: [http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis](http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis) and clicking the “Consideration of Deferred action for Childhood Arrivals Process” link.

Note: If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa select “Yes”
Do you meet the AB540 criteria list below?  

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), 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”
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
Indicate college grade level for academic year—\textit{not} high school grade level. This is a common error.

The EL level is directly tied to remaining Cal Grant eligibility.

\textbf{Tip:} Students should select “1st Bachelor degree” by default if unsure of their academic goals.
28) * Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year?  
- Yes  
- No

29) * What will your grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?  
- Never attended college/1st yr.

30) * What College degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2020-2021 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 2018, 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 2018?  
- Already Completed  
- Will file  
- Not going to file

34) What was or will be your tax filing status for 2018?  
- --- SELECT ---

35) Did (or will) you file a Schedule 1 with your 2018 tax return?  
- --- SELECT ---

36) What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2018? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 7.  
- $0.00
True or False?

A student completes the California Dream Act Application and is awarded a Cal Grant. Later, they gain Permanent Residency or become a U.S. Citizen. They must wait until the next academic year to complete a FAFSA.
Parent Section
Marital Status & Income Information: 1 vs. 2 Parents

Income information needed for 2 parents if:
- Married/Remarried
- Divorced/Separated
- Unmarried & both parents living together

Income information needed for 1 parent only if:
- Widowed
- Never Married
Questions 32 & 84: If reporting “Not going to file”:
• Students must ensure that they/their parents are not required to file if student/parent applied/will apply for an ITIN, choose “Will File”.

Confirmation Page:
Error Code 126: unless resolved, this application will remain incomplete (no EFC) and will not be processed for Cal Grant consideration.

Error message: 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 review items 63, 84, 92 and 93 and make the necessary corrections.
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<td>As of today, are either of your parents a dislocated worker?</td>
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<td>What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2018? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 7.</td>
<td>$62,000.00</td>
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<td>Enter your parents income tax for 2018. Income tax amount is the total of IRS Form 1040—line 13 minus Schedule 2—line 46</td>
<td>$62,000.00</td>
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Confirmation Page:
Error Code 111: unless resolved, this application will remain incomplete (no EFC) and will not be processed for Cal Grant consideration.

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.
Verification

CSAC randomly flags 20% of all completed Dream Act applications for verification by the college:

- Federal V1- Standard Verification Group
- AB 540 eligibility

Some institutions are very strict with the verification process and may ask for documentation. **Tip:** Applicants should keep these documents within easy access:

- Tax returns/W2s
- Verification of IRS Non-Filing Letter
- High school transcripts/diploma
- Birth certificate/ID
- SSN cards
A student completes the FAFSA instead of the California Dream Act Application. **What should be done for the student?**

- Complete the Dream Act application
- Submit Application Conversion Form (G-55)

CSAC will process the conversion and notify the school
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
Cal ISIR Correction Screen

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

We assumed the value for number in college based on your parents’ marital status and number of family members. Your parents should not be included in the number in college. Please review this item.

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.

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## California Student Aid Aid Commission

### CA Dream Act Student Aid Aid Report (2020-2021)

**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.

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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

This student’s application has been selected for verification. Check this checkbox after verifying student’s application information.
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- Fellowships
- Entrepreneurial grants
- Immigration Law
- Leadership & advocacy
- Training presentations
Educational Resource Binder
True or False?

If someone comes to the U.S. with a student visa and then overstays that visa, they could be considered an undocumented student eligible to complete the Dream Act Application.
Questions?
Thank you for attending!

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(School Support)

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