



# California Dream Act

## Application and Eligibility

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# Agenda

- Who completes the Dream Act Application?
- Dream Act Aid is not Deferred Action (DACA)
- Submitting Non-SSN GPAs
- Dream Act Verification
- Applying for a Dream Act Cal Grant



# Who completes the Dream Act Application?



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- Persons who do not have a non-DACA Social Security number and who:
  - Attended a CA high school for 3+ years
  - Graduated from a CA high school or the equivalent
  - Attend CA public or private college or university
  - If the student is without lawful immigration status, student must file an affidavit with the institution stating that he/she has filed an application to legalize status or will file as soon as eligible

# These students cannot file the Dream Act Application:

- Students who have a Social Security number that was not obtained through DACA
- Students with a Non-immigrant Visa status other than T or U\*
  - Non-immigrants, as defined by federal immigration law, may hold one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD, V, TROV and NATO.

\* T and U visa holders are eligible under AB 1899

T visa holders file the FAFSA

U visa holders file the Dream Act Application.






# AB 540 Students are not:

- Students living out-of-state and enrolling in a private California "internet high school"
  - Course work completed via a distance learning or a correspondence program, does not meet the definition of a "high school in California" as it applies to AB 540 and 131.

# Retention of the Affidavit

- Public campuses have been doing this for years
- Non-public campuses must also retain the AB 540 eligible student's affidavit.
- Completion of the affidavit is not required for "T" and "U" visa holders





Dream Act Aid is not Deferred  
Action (DACA)





# Dream Act Aid is not Deferred Action (DACA)

- CA Dream Act aid is not the same as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) relief
- DACA does not confer a new status for students.
- Does not affect AB 540 status, *the* criteria used for Dream Act Aid.
- For more info on DACA – visit [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov) and [e4fc.org/dacaguide](http://e4fc.org/dacaguide)



# Deferred Action Requirements

- 1. Entry into the U.S. before the age of 16;
- 2. Five years of continuous residence and actual physical presence in the U.S. since June 15, 2007, and on June 15, 2012;
- 3. Enrollment in or graduation from high school or other qualifying educational program or obtained GED certificate;



# Deferred Action Requirements

- 4. No convictions for felonies, significant misdemeanors, multiple misdemeanors, and no national security or public safety threats; and
- 5. At least 15 years of age at the time of application, but not more than 30 years of age on June 15, 2012.
- Additionally, these individuals are required to pay a \$465 filing fee to DHS.



# Types of Social Security Cards

- All list person's name and number

## 1. Valid for the following:

- U.S. citizens; and
- People lawfully admitted to the United States on a permanent basis.

## 2. "Not Valid For Employment."

Issued to people from other countries:

- Who are lawfully admitted to the United States without work authorization from DHS, but with a valid non-work reason for needing a Social Security number; or
- Who need a number because of a federal law requiring a Social Security number to get a benefit or service



# Types of Social Security Cards

3. **“Valid For Work Only With DHS Authorization.”** Issued to people lawfully admitted to the United States on a temporary basis who have DHS authorization to work.

This is the type of SSN issued to students who have filed for Deferred Action (DACA).

# 3 Types of Social Security Cards





# Important Information for AB 540 Students

Males 18 to 25 must register with Selective Service for Cal Grant and other state aid

- Do not need an SSN to register
- Selective Service does not share data
- Get registration form at U.S. Post office, or download at [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org)
- Complete, sign and mail





# Important Information for AB 540 Students

Students and parents residing in the United States must file US tax returns, if they meet the earning threshold

- Many Dream Applicants for 2013-14 did file returns (with ITIN) and pay taxes
- Tax returns may be required by college/university if selected for verification
- The IRS does not share data





# Submitting Non-SSN GPAs

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# Non-SSN GPA Submission

- Batch upload is the preferred method
- Contact School Support Branch for non-SSN record layout
  - School Support (888) 294-0153
  - [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov)





# Timeline of Non-SSN GPA

- December
  - Community Colleges can start to upload Non-SSN GPAs via WebGrants
  - Non-SSN GPA Roster Report generated
- January
  - Match Non-SSN GPA records with FAFSA or Dream App. data
- February
  - Non-SSN GPA School Unmatched Report generated
  - Non-SSN GPA School Upload Report generated
- March 2
  - Submission deadline for student GPAs and FAFSA/Dream App.



# Dream Act Verification



# Who is selected for Verification?

- CSAC performs a random selection of completed applications.
- Completed means the application version has an EFC and all required signatures.
- 20% of all records are flagged for verification but only students who are Cal Grant eligible need to be verified.



# Which data elements have to be verified?

- Required verification elements will be the same as those in the federal V1 verification group
- Process to verify non-tax filers is the same as with FAFSA verification.
- Selective Service registration must be verified for males, 18 to 25.
- Only selected Cal Grant participants need to be verified



# Required Policies and Procedures

- A school must have written policies on:
  - the time period in which students must submit verification documentation,
  - the consequences for failing to submit those documents on time,
  - the method you will use to notify students if their California State aid amounts change,
  - the procedures you or students will follow to correct Dream Application data,
  - the procedure you will follow to refer a student to the State Attorney General.
  
- Can add to existing federal policies



# Timing of Verification

- Provide students a clear explanation of their role and the documents they must submit
- Verification must be performed before using Professional Judgment
- AB 540 eligibility confirmation is not transferrable between campuses
  - Each campus performs its own determination
  - Existing campus AB 540 determination process is used





# Applications and Information to be Verified

- For Non-Tax Filers
  - Income Earned from Work
  - Number of Household Members
  - Number in College
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Food Stamps)
  - Child Support Paid




# Applications and Information to be Verified

- For tax filers:

- Adjusted Gross Income
- U.S. Income Tax Paid
- Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions
- Untaxed Portions of Pensions
- IRA Deductions and Payments
- Tax Exempt Interest Income
- Education Credits
- Number of Household Members
- Number in College
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Food Stamps)
- Child Support Paid

From Tax  
Return  
Transcript

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- Undocumented immigrants who do not have an SSN, and are unable to get one, can apply with the IRS for an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). The ITIN is only for tax filing purposes.

# 2013–2014 Verification Worksheet

## Dependent Student California Dream Act Application

Your 2013–2014 California Dream Act Application was selected for review in a process called verification. Before awarding Cal Grant funds, some of your application information must be verified. The financial aid administrator at your school will compare your Dream Act Application with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your Dream Act Application information may need to be corrected. You and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

### A. Dependent Student's Information

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Student's Last Name

Student's First Name    Student's M.I.

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Student's Social Security Number or  
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number  
(If you have one)

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Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)

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Student's Date of Birth

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City

State

Zip Code

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Student's Email Address

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Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)

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Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

### B. Dependent Student's Family Information

List below the people in your parent(s)' household. Include:

- Yourself and your parent(s) (including a stepparent) even if you don't live with your parent(s).
- Your parent(s)' other children if your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a Dream Act Application for 2013–2014. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with your parent(s).
- Other people if they now live with your parent(s) and your parent(s) provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2014.

In the chart below, list the name of the college for any household member, excluding your parent(s), who will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2013, and June

# CSAC Resources

- Applications
- Worksheets



## Dream Act Application Documents

- >> **2013-14 Dream Act Application Documents**
  - [2013-14 Dream Act Application Worksheet](#)
  - [2013-14 Dream Act Application Instructions](#)
  - [2013-14 Dream Act Application](#)
  - [2013-14 Dream Act Application \(Spanish\)](#)
- >> **Dream Act Forms**
  - [Name/DOB Change Request](#)
  - [Dream Act Application Signature Page](#)
- >> **Dream Act Resources**
  - [CA Dream Act Training Webinar](#)
  - [Signature Page Tutorial](#)
  - [2013-14 Dream Act Application](#)
  - [CA Dream Act Flyer](#)
  - [Student Login/Parent PIN Card](#)
  - [Selective Service Form](#)
  - [California Non-Resident Tuition Affidavit](#)

- For more Dream Act Resources:
- \* Provided in Reference Guide
  - CSAC/Educators for Fair Consideration Guide – *coming soon*
  - Los Angeles Cash for College: [lacashforcollege.org/resources.html](http://lacashforcollege.org/resources.html)
  - Educators for Fair Consideration: [www.e4fc.org](http://www.e4fc.org)
  - College Board “Repository of Resources for Undocumented Students”  
[professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/Repository-Resources-Undocumented-Students\\_2012.pdf](http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/Repository-Resources-Undocumented-Students_2012.pdf)
  - Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF)
    - [maldef.org/education/public\\_policy/ab540/index.html](http://maldef.org/education/public_policy/ab540/index.html)
    - [maldef.org/assets/pdf/MALDEF\\_Scholarship\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](http://maldef.org/assets/pdf/MALDEF_Scholarship_Resource_Guide.pdf)



# Applying for a Dream Act Cal Grant

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- CA Dream Application
  - establishes financial need
- GPA Verification establishes merit
  - Submitted by school/district to CSAC electronically or
  - Submitted by student via mail (Cal Grant GPA Verification Form download at CA Dream Act page)





# Applying for a Dream Act Cal Grant

- Transfer Entitlement Verification Form
  - CSAC will send potential Transfer Entitlement participants a link to provide this information
- Cal Grant C Supplemental Form
  - CSAC will send potential Cal Grant C participants a link to provide the supplemental information

# Live Dream Act Application Demo

# Questions?

If you have additional questions or need assistance completing your Dream Act Application contact us at:

Student Support Services Branch  
California Student Aid Commission  
(888) 224-7268  
schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov



Or visit [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)