

## CAL STATE APPLY RESOURCE GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

### Part 1: Completing the Cal State Apply Application for Transfer

#### Citizenship/Residency Questions in the 'Personal Information' Section

On the **U.S. Citizenship Status** question, Undocumented/AB540/DACA applications select "None."

of study?  Yes  No

**U.S. Military Status**  
Indicate your anticipated U.S. Military Status at time of enrollment

**U.S. Citizenship Status**  
U.S. Citizenship Status

**AB540 applicants select "None"  
International applicants select Non Resident**

On the **Residency** question, answer all questions about residency (where you live) according to your own residency. **Note, this question is NOT asking about legal residency status, but rather whether or not you regard CA as your permanent home, if you claim CA residency, and how long you have lived in CA.** If you are an undocumented/AB540/DACA applicant and you regard CA as your permanent home and have lived in CA for at least 1 year and 1 day, the CSU system suggests you answer the residency question as follows, including when your present stay in CA began:

#### Residency

What U.S. State/Possession do you regard as your permanent home?

Do you claim California Residency?  
 Yes  No

Have you lived in California continuously since birth?  
 Yes  No

When did your present stay in California begin?

NOTE - If you meet AB540/ AB 2000 guidelines and are being charged non-resident tuition, contact your campus and submit a [California Nonresident Tuition Exemption](#) form, also known as an AB 540 / AB 2000 affidavit.

Once the student has been accepted to a CSU campus, the student should file an [AB 540 / AB 2000 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption](#) "Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (i.e. AB540/2000 affidavit) with the school. The affidavit requires that students without legal immigration status state they have filed or will file an application to legalize their immigration status as soon as they are eligible to do so.

You will need to submit a separate affidavit to each college you are applying to, but you do not need to submit a new affidavit when you are continuously enrolled at the same college.

The law requires that the information you share on the affidavit be kept confidential. (See California Education Code §68130.5(d): "Student information obtained in the implementation of this section is confidential.") Student information is also protected by the federal [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#).

### **Eligibility for AB 540/2000 Status**

To be eligible for AB 540, students must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The student must have:
  - attended a high school (public or private) in California for three or more years, **or**
  - attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school course work **and** attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years, **and**
2. The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the term (for example, passing the GED or California High School Proficiency exam) **and**
3. The student must file an affidavit with the college or university stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

### **Other Non-resident Tuition Exemptions: T and U Visa Holders**

Students who are not immigrants and who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes who have been granted T or U visa status under Title 8 of the United States Code sections 1101(a)(15)(T) or (U) are eligible for this exemption as well. The student must file an exemption request including a signed affidavit with the college that indicates the student has met all applicable conditions described above. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law.

### **Social Security Number in the 'Other Information' section of 'Personal Information'**

**Social Security number:** The application will ask you to enter your Social Security number (SSN). If you have qualified for [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) and have been issued a SSN, enter that number on your application.

- If you do not have a SSN, you can leave that item blank on the application and the campus you are applying to will assign you a temporary number.
- If you obtain your SSN after submitting your application, please update the campus you will be attending by the time you enroll.

### **Part II: Applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships**

#### **Financial Aid:**

The Cal State Apply Admissions Application Fee Waiver is available to students who qualify for an AB540/2000 nonresident tuition exemption and meet the income guidelines.

The California Dream Act (CA Assembly Bills 130 and 131) made it possible for students who meet AB540/2000 criteria to apply for state funded financial aid such as, Cal Grants, Middle Class Scholarship, California State University Grant, and EOP Grant.

The California Dream Loan Program (CA Senate Bill 1210) was approved starting in 2015-2016 and currently UC and CSU campuses offer Dream Loans to eligible AB-540 students. Students should contact their campus for more information.

To be eligible for CA state financial aid, undocumented students who meet the AB540/2000 criteria must complete the CA Dream Act Application by the March the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 priority deadline: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

*Note - Undocumented/AB540/DACA students are still not eligible for Federal Financial Aid and should NOT complete the FAFSA Application.*

### **Scholarships:**

Students can also apply for institutional scholarships (campus specific) and private scholarships

Great scholarship resources for Dreamers:

- <http://www.thedream.us/nationalscholarship/>
- <http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships>
- <http://www.e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplist.html>

### **Part III: Resources for Undocumented Students at the CSU**

Please visit the CSU 'Resources for Undocumented Students' website at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students>

This website has comprehensive information about resources at the CSU for undocumented students including DACA updates, applying to the CSU, financial aid, student support services and resources, and legal support services.

Information provided by the Chabot College Dream Team. *The Chabot Dream Team is a collaborative partnership between the Equity Coordinating Council, Financial Aid Office, Student Services, C.L.E.A., El Centro, and The Puente Project. Together, we share, develop and provide information and resources for our undocumented/AB-540/DACA (DREAMer) students.*

[www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers)

