

DACA, AB 540, and CA Dream Act

**Higher Education Opportunities for Undocumented
Students**

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A-G Requirements

- 💧 They are the 7 subject requirements that must be completed in order to attend a University of California or California State University, the two public university systems in California
- 💧 Minimum of 15 courses

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

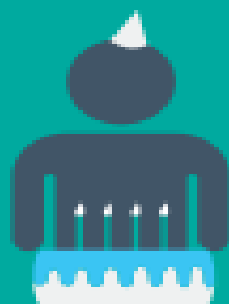
- On June 15, 2012, President Obama announced that young undocumented people who entered the country without authorization before the age of 16 can qualify for an immigration relief benefit known as "Deferred Action". An applicant who is granted deferred action will not be deported and qualifies for a work permit renewable every two years.

Can I be considered? Review Guidelines



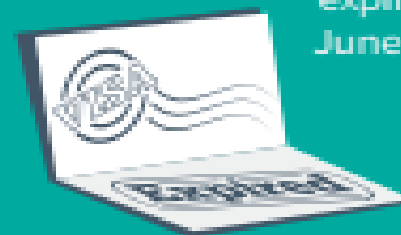
You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday

You have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time



You were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012

You entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012

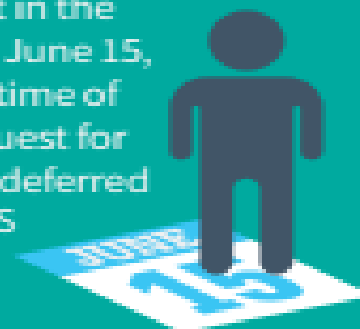


You are currently in school, have graduated or obtained your certificate of completion from high school, have obtained your General Educational Development certification, or you are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States



You have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat

You were present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS



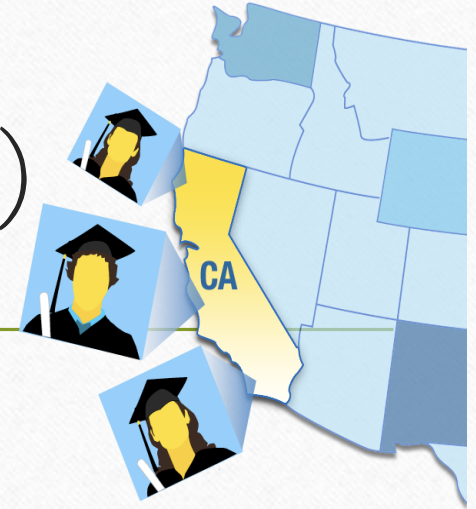
Benefits

- Protection from deportation for 3 years
- Employment Authorization
- Can apply for a travel document for outside the U.S. (Humanitarian reasons or Educational Reasons)
- Driver License

Limitations

- Is not a *Visa* or *Permanent Residency*
- Is not a pathway to citizenship
- Must renew every 2 years (4 months prior)

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540)



- A California state law that allows undocumented students who meet certain requirements to pay in-state tuition fees at any UC, CSU, or California community college

AB 540 Eligibility

- Attended a CA high school for 3 or more years;
- Graduated from a CA high school or attained the equivalent of graduation, such as passed the GED, or CA High School Proficiency Exam;
- Registered or are currently enrolled at an accredited CA college or university
- Filed an affidavit with your college or university stating that you have or intend to file an application to legalize your immigration status, if applicable.



CA Dream Act



- “The California Dream Act allows undocumented students who meet certain criteria to be eligible to receive financial aid funded through public universities, State administered financial aid, university grants, community college fee waivers, and Cal Grants.”
- **caldreamact.org**

Eligibility

- Attended California High School for at least three years
- Graduated from a CA high school or attained the equivalent of graduation, such as passed the GED, or CA High School Proficiency Exam;
- Registered or are currently enrolled at an accredited CA college or university
- Filed an affidavit with your college or university stating that you have or intend to file an application to legalize your immigration status, if applicable.

Cal Grants (A, B, and C)

- Money for College you don't have to pay back
- Eligibility for financial requirements
- Minimum GPA requirements
- Applicable for: UC, Cal State, Community College, Independent and Career Colleges, and Technical Schools in CA



Cal Grant A

- Will help pay for tuition and fees at four-year colleges
- University of California up to \$12,240
- California State University \$5,472
- Independent Colleges up to \$9,084
- GPA Requirement: HS Student 3.0; Transfer Student 2.4
- Associates or Bachelor's degree program

Cal Grant B

- Provides a living allowance of up to \$1,656, in addition to tuition and fee assistance after the first year, at a two- or four-year college
- pays most first-year students a living allowance only, which may be used to pay living expenses, books, supplies and transportation, as well as tuition and fees
- When renewed or awarded beyond your first year, you'll receive the living allowance as well as a tuition and fee award (**up to \$12,240 at a UC campus, up to \$5,472 at a CSU campus and up to \$9,084 at independent colleges for 2014-2015**)
- requires at least a 2.0 GPA

Cal Grant C

- Assists with the costs of a technical or career education
- Provides up to \$547 for books, tools and equipment—and up to \$2,462 more for tuition and fees if you'll be attending a school other than a California Community College (community colleges don't charge tuition and your fees will be waived as a Cal Grant recipient)
- Is available for up to two years

Chafee Grant

- Foster Youth (Former or Current)
- May Qualify for up to \$5,500
- Foster youth dependency of the court must have been established between the ages of 16 and 18
- Not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year

California Dream Loan Program

- University of California or California State University would determine a student's eligibility for a DREAM loan

Scholarship Available to Undocumented Students

Scholarship Name	Type (Undergraduate / Graduate)	Eligibility	Amount	Application Deadline	For More Information
Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders	Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories	At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry	\$1,000	December 31, 2015	https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/dr--juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/1004012
Princeton Prize in Race Relations	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th graders	Students of participating regions	\$1,000	January 31, 2016	http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/faq/
MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program	Law school students	Record of service to the Latino community	\$1,000 to \$5,000	September 1, 2015	http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html
MALDEF Dream Act Student Activist Dream Scholarship Program	College and graduate students	Record of activism around immigrant rights and/or active in the Dreamer movement	\$5,000	N/A	http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/

Campus Resources

Campus & link	Campus contacts
<u>UC Berkeley Undocumented Student Program</u>	<u>Meng So</u> 510-642-7224 Director, Undocumented Student Program <u>Lupe Gallegos-Diaz</u> 510-642-1802 Director, Chicana Latino Student Development, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion <u>Jenny Kwon</u> 510-643-7385 Assistant Director of Staff Initiatives, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion
<u>UC Davis AB 540 website</u>	<u>Andrea Gaytan</u> 530-752-7270 Director, AB 540 and Undocumented Student Center
<u>UC Irvine DREAMers</u>	<u>Ana Miriam Barragan</u> 949-824-5762 Dreamers Coordinators, Student Outreach and Retention (SOAR) Center
<u>UCLA Undocumented Student Program</u>	<u>Valeria Garcia</u> 310-206-2980 Program Director, Undocumented Student Program

<u>UC Merced</u>	<u>Alejandro Delgadillo</u> 209-228-4625 Associate Director, Admissions and Recruitment
<u>UC Riverside</u> <u>R'Dream</u>	<u>Ana Coria</u> 951-827-3808 Program Coordinator, Undocumented Student Programs <u>Estella Acuña</u> 951-827-3821 Director, Chicano Student Programs
<u>UC San Diego</u> <u>Undocumented Student</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Jessica Muñoz</u> 858-822-6916 Coordinator, Undocumented Student Services <u>Jon Carlos Senour</u> 858-534-4374 Director/Attorney, Student Legal Services
<u>UC San Francisco</u> <u>Office of Diversity and</u> <u>Outreach</u>	<u>LaMisha Hill</u> 415-502-3201 Director, Multicultural Resource Center <u>Alejandra Rincón</u> 415-514-1784 Chief of Staff to the Vice Chancellor, Office of Diversity and Outreach

Resources

- <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- e4fc.org (Surveys)
- <http://unitedwedream.org/>
- <http://undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- caldreamact.org
- thedream.us (Scholarships)
- Ideasla.org
- Uscis.gov (DACA Information)

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