

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption

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California Dream Act Application

Students Must Have:

1. Satisfaction of either of the following:
 - A. High School attendance in California for three or more years.
 - B. Attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three (3) 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 (3) or more years, or a combination of those schools. or
 - C. Attained credits earned at a California adult school, or
 - D. Attained credits 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
 - A. Attained a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or
 - B. Attained an associate degree from a California Community College, or
 - C. Fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements to transfer 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 the affidavit stating that you will legalize your immigration status as soon as you are eligible, and
5. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (A, B, C, D, E, F, J, H, L, etc.) *

***If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa you are eligible*

AB 1899 allows U and T visa holders to also apply for state financial aid. (T visa holders should file a **FAFSA**, U visa holders should file a CA Dream Act Application)

If you meet the requirements above, you should complete the CA Dream Act Application for financial aid. (A certified **GPA** is also necessary for Cal Grant consideration.)

Your college is responsible for verifying your AB 540 eligibility. Check with your Admissions Office early in the summer before the Fall Term starts.