

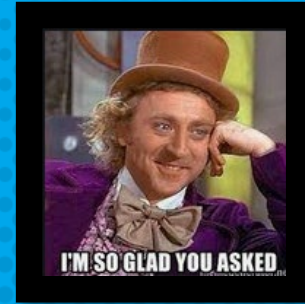


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***DREAMERS APPLICATION AND
RESOURCES***



Why a California community college? (



- Largest system of higher education in the nation
- 50% of students do not pay fees
- composed of 73 districts and 116 colleges serving **2.1 million students** per year.
- Cc'S PREPARE STUDENTS FOR TRANSFER TO FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS.
- Cc'S 70% of our state's nurses
- CCCS train 80% of firefighters, law enforcement personnel and ent's
- 29% of uc and 51% of csu graduates started at a California community college
- ALMOST 51% of UCs bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the uc TRANSFERRED from ACc.
- California community colleges offer associate degrees and short-term job training certificates in more than 175 fields, and more than 100,000 individuals are trained each year in industry-specific workforce skills.
- Nearly 42% of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits attend a California community college for workforce training, to earn an associate degree or to work toward transferring to a four-year university.
- (SOURCE <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Key-Facts>)

What we will cover

- What is assembly bill 540 (AB540)
- Demystifying the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- California College Promise Grant (formerly the bog)
- CARES ACT and CRRSAA EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT
- Scholarships
- How to reach Financial Aid—we are here to help!

What is AB540?

What is AB540/Senate Bill 686(SB)

Signed into law in October 2001, California Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540/SB 68) is a bill that provides exemption to the requirement to pay nonresident **California Community College students who are granted an AB 540/ SB 68 exemption, will be charged tuition and fees, and not the supplemental tuition charged to nonresidents.**

- Requirements:

- The student must have attended a high school (public or private) in California for three or more years.
- 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, California High School Proficiency exam, or Certificate of Completion).
- An undocumented student who is without lawful immigration status 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.

AB540, SB68, AB2000

PART ONE

Length of time & coursework completed per school

Three full-time years of attendance or attainment of equivalent credits earned in a California:

- › **High School**¹
- › **Adult School**²
FT attendance = min of 420 hrs/school year
- › **Community College:**
Credit courses
12 units/semester or quarter equivalent
and max 2 years FT attendance
Noncredit courses
FT attendance = min of 420 hrs/school year
- › **or any combination of the above**

OR

Three years of high school coursework and three years of total attendance in a California:

- › Elementary School
- › Secondary School
- › or any combination of these two.

AND

PART TWO

Degree Completion, Unit Requirements, GED or other

Fulfill one of the following:

- › Graduate from a CA High School
- › Obtain a certificate of completion, GED, HiSet or TASC in CA
- › Attain an associate degree from a CA Community College
- › Fulfill minimum transfer requirements for University of California or California State University

¹ California High schools must be established by the State Board of Education

² California Adult school must be established by:
• County Office of Education
• Unified School District/High School District
• The Department of Corrections and rehabilitation

What is the California Dream Act (Cadaa)?

The California Dream Act allows undocumented and nonresident students (US Citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a non-resident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB540) to receive certain types of financial aid such as: private scholarships funded through public universities, state administered financial aid, university grants, community college fee waivers, and Cal Grants. In addition, the California Dream Act, allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition at any public college in California.

Can I complete the CADAA?

- You can if:
- You are undocumented
- Have a valid or expired daca
- Uvisa holder
- Have a temporary protected status (tps)
- Meet the non-resident exemption requirements under ab 540

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

WWW.FAFSA.GOV

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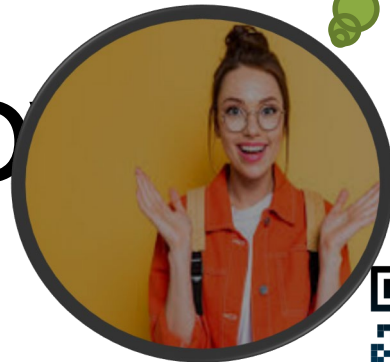
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THE DREAM APP
IS EASY!

~Verification and documentation

DREAM.CSAC.CA.GOV

~California Dream Application



WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

- Submit the **FREE** application beginning **OCTOBER 1**
For 2022-2023
- Use prior tax info
- Cal Grant Deadline is March 2



DO I NEED MY PARENTS INFO FOR THE FAFSA OR CADAA?

- ✓ Under 24 years old?
- ✓ Married?
- ✓ Have kids?
- ✓ Dependents?
- ✓ Veteran?
- ✓ Grad school?
- ✓ Foster youth?
- ✓ Homeless youth?



THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT – DEMYSTIFYING THE APPLICATION PROCESS



A screenshot of the California Student Aid Commission website. The header includes the logo and the text "CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION" and "CA.GOV | Privacy Policy |". Below the header is a navigation bar with "HOME" and "INFORMATION & RESOURCES". The main content area features a large image of a smiling young woman with a backpack and a pen, with the text "CA DREAM ACT" overlaid. At the bottom left, there is a megaphone icon and the text "1. To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by March 2." At the bottom right, there is a chatbot bubble that says "May I help you?" and "Hi! I'm the California Student Aid Commission Chatbot. Please select below, or click me to a question or to see more choices." Below the chatbot bubble is a "Cal Grants" button.

SCHOOL
CODE:
008903



CANYONS PROMISE



First-time, full-time students

There are three main benefits:

- Enrollment and student fees waived for fall and spring
 - Access to program-specific counselors
 - Priority registration during fall and spring

Visit our webpage today for additional program benefits and information!

[Canyons.edu/promise](https://canyons.edu/promise)



CANYONS PROMISE-CONTINUED

There are two main factors that determine eligibility for the program:

- ✓ You must be a first-time college student. You do not have to be a recent high school graduate.
- ✓ You must be a California resident or ab540 eligible student.
- ✓ If you are unsure of your ab540 eligibility, please contact our residency specialist: residency@canyons.edu



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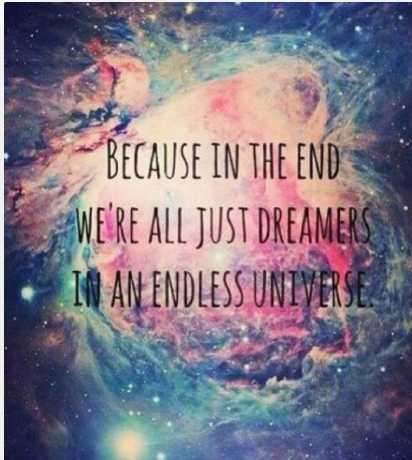
WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT?

- Different than the **Canyons PROMISE**
- **CCPG = California College Promise Grant**
 - × Must be a California resident
 - × Only AVAILABLE at a California Community College
 - × Must have financial need
- Waives the \$46 per unit enrollment fee
- Short form application vs. FAFSA



CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANTS

☐ To be continued!



CRRA Emergency Relief Grant

coronavirus response and relief support appropriations act

COMDEmergency Relief Grants are intended to assist students with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the ongoing nation-wide pandemic (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare).



CRRSAA EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT

To be eligible:

- students must be currently enrolled at College of the Canyons for the 2021-2022 academic year; including current non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, or continuing education students (*FAFSA, ~~and~~ proof of financial need is not required*)
- DACA and undocumented students are ELIGIBLE to apply
- The COVID Emergency Relief Grant is **\$3,000 for fulltime (split into two payments).**
- (12.0 or more units) **\$1,500 for parttime** (less than 12.0 units)



CRRSAA EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT

- ✓ The COVID Emergency Relief Grant amount is \$3,000 for full-time (12.0 or more units) OR \$1,500 for part-time (less than 12.0 units). Grants will be disbursed based on a student's enrollment status 10 days prior to the scheduled disbursement. No adjustments will be made due to changes in enrollment status.
- ✓ The US. Department of Education has prioritized students with the greatest demonstrated financial need for immediate disbursement of funds.
- ✓ Students that are currently enrolled, that are **NOT eligible for a Federal Pell Grant**, may [submit an application](#) for a COVID Emergency Relief Grant.

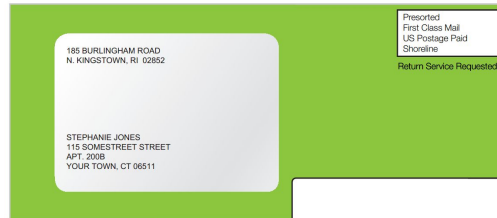


WHAT IS "BANKMOBILE"?

Financial aid disbursement services for College of the Canyons

- **FASTER & More Secure**
- **Student Choice**
- ✓ **Direct Deposit**
- ✓ **BankMobile Vibe Account**

BankMobile
Disbursements



WHAT IS MY FINANCIAL AID STATUS?

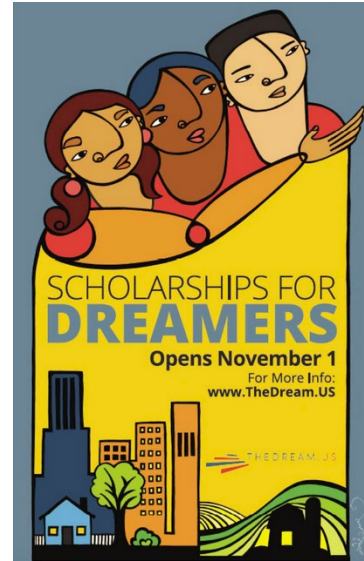
My Canyons

- Financial aid application status
- Academic eligibility
- Additional paperwork required
- Application errors
- Review award letter



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DREAMERS

All undocumented students in California can go to college and receive private or institutional scholarships—even if the students do not meet eligibility for AB540/ SB 68 or the California Dream Act.



BASIC NEEDS CENTER- BANC



FREE FRESH PRODUCE- Walk Up Events - (25 pound Bags)

October 28 - 7515 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys (818) 627-3424

September 23 - 1212 Pico St., San Fernando (818) 627-4755

NOTE The BaNC is currently closed to in-person services on both the Valencia and Canyon Country campuses.

To contact us directly at this time, please email Brenda.Clarke@canyons.edu





RESOURCES FOR OUR DREAMERS

OUR MISSION

We empower undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation.

OUR VISION

We envision an America where all young people can pursue and complete an education with confidence and without constraint.



IMMIGRANTS RISING

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

RESOURCES FOR OUR DREAMERS

IMMIGRANTS RISING QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE ACCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

AB 540/SB 68 IN-STATE TUITION & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

In-State Tuition vs. CA Dream Act vs. DACA

Understand the differences between CA In State Tuition (AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68), CA Dream Act, and DACA, including their implications for tuition and financial aid.

CA Nonresident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)

Use this form to apply for AB 540/SB 68 status & be exempt from non-resident fees at CA public colleges & universities.

CA Resident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)

Learn how in-state tuition eligibility has expanded to include community colleges (and noncredit) & adult schools in CA. This could allow you to pay resident fees at CCCs, CSUs & UCs, as well as apply for the CA Dream Act.

CA Residency for Tuition Purposes

Learn how California residency and AB 540/SB 68 affect the amount of tuition that you pay at CA public colleges & universities.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT & STATE-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Types of CA State Financial Aid available through the CA Dream Act

Find out what kinds of financial aid and institutional scholarships you can apply for through the CA Dream Act. You must be eligible for AB 540/SB 68 or hold TPS or U Visa. You must also meet the income guidelines, apply by the priority deadlines, and complete all necessary paperwork on time.

FAFSA vs. CA Dream Act: Apply to the Correct Financial Aid

Have questions about which financial aid application you should apply? Use this chart to be sure you complete the proper application and receive all CA state financial aid for which you are eligible.

CA Dream Act Map

Understand the four phases required to successfully complete the California Dream Act application and receive the maximum amount of aid for which you are eligible. Priority deadline is March 2nd of every year!

IDEAL TIMELINE TO APPLY TO CA DREAM ACT

- Review this timeline and stay on track
- Use the tools prepared for each phase
- Every phase must be completed to ensure that you get the aid

1 APPLY FOR THE CA DREAM ACT

October 1 - March 2

2 APPLY FOR THE CAL GRANT

October 1 - March 2

3 CLAIM YOUR FINANCIAL AID

March - May

4 USE YOUR FINANCIAL AID

May - September

STEPS AND TOOLS TO APPLY FOR CA DREAM ACT

Phase 1. Apply for CA Dream Act - October 1 - March 2

[Checklist for the 2021-22 CA Dream Application](#)
Applying for the CA Dream Act is only the first step to receiving state-based financial aid. This checklist helps you successfully apply for and be considered for all state financial aid.

Phase 2. Apply for Cal Grant - October 1 - March 2

[Checklist to Apply for the 2021-22 Cal Grant](#)
Use this checklist to successfully apply for the Cal Grant. Too many students forget this step and miss out on financial aid if they are eligible for!

Phase 3. Claim Your Aid - March - May

[Verifying Your Income for the CA Dream Act Application](#)
Don't let income verification stop you from receiving your financial aid. Understand the necessary documentation you must provide and requirements for dependent versus independent students and tax filers versus non-tax filers.

Phase 4. Use your Aid - May - September

[Scholarship Service and CA Dream Act](#)
Are you a male between the age of 18 and 20 years old? Be sure to register for the selective service and show proof to your college or university. You may not receive your financial aid if you miss this step. We've also included information for individuals who are over 20, but never registered.

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

List of [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) scholarships that don't require proof of citizenship or legal permanent residency. All undocumented students in California can go to college and receive private or institutional scholarship—even if they don't meet eligibility for AB 540/SB 68 or the CA Dream Act. Find and apply for scholarships!

Scholarship Search Chart

Identify and create a game plan for all the scholarships you plan to apply for.

Building Your Scholarship Essay

Use this workbook to get started in building a strong scholarship essay.

OTHER RESOURCES

CCC/CU/UC Undocumented Student Resources Map

Find available support at a CA college or University near you.

UndocuHustle Learning Hub

Learn how to earn income, regardless of your immigration status.

For a full list of our resources, visit [immigrantsrising.org](#)

Scan the QR code to access all the resources listed above.



HOW DO I GET HELP?

- Financial Aid Office front counter staff
- Financial Aid/ A&R computer lab
- Financial Aid Advisors
- Phone or email
- Students and parent (FERPA)
- **Free** help vs. paid assistance



WHERE IS THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE?

Valencia campus
Canyons hall first floor

Canyon country campus – Building 1A

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM to 6:00PM

Friday 9:00AM to 1:00PM



WHERE DO I GET MORE INFO ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?

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STUDENTS AND PARENTS

CAN COME TO THE
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.canyons.edu/money4college



DREAMER STUDENT SERVICES AT COC

- Academic Counseling
- Employment and Work Experience Assistance
- Mental Health Counseling
- Student Clubs and Organizations
- Legal services

