

2019-20 Dream Act Application

Completion of the 2019-20 Dream Act Application is required to determine eligibility for California student financial aid for AB540 eligible students. The California Student Aid Commission will process your application. Deferred Action students must fill out this form.

Apply online at www.caldreamact.org

The Dream Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students who are eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must use that application to maximize their opportunity to receive student financial aid. Students should not complete both applications.

Assembly Bill (AB) 540 was passed in 2001 to allow non-resident students in California to pay the lower resident tuition and fees to California's public colleges and universities. In October 2011, AB131 was signed into law and allows students eligible for AB540 to also apply for state financial aid like the University of California Grants, State University Grants, Board of Governor's fee waivers and Cal Grants. AB2000 expands students deemed eligible under AB540.

To qualify for California financial aid through the California Dream Application, non-resident students, including undocumented students, must:

- Have attended a California high school for 3 or more full academic years between grades 9 through 12. They do not need to be consecutive years -
 - or attained credits earned in CA from a CA high school, equivalent to 3 or more years of full-time coursework, and a total of 3 or more years of attendance in CA elementary or secondary schools (or a combination of those schools);
- Have or will graduate from a California high school or have attained a G.E.D.; or received a passing mark on the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE);
- Register or be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education in California;
- Not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F,J,H,L,A,B,E, etc.);
- Demonstrate financial need and meet all other program requirements.

If you believe you meet these requirements, please file the Dream Application at www.caldreamact.org . Please contact (888) 224-7268 with any questions regarding the application.

If you do not meet the requirements above, please apply for the FAFSA. **Do Not Apply For Both!**

See your Counselor or Ms. Valdez, College Advisor if you have questions.

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

- The College Advising Team is here to help you every day till 4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 28 (Non-student day) 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 a.m. in Room 301
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 4-8:00 p.m. in the GGHS Library