

CAL STATE APPLY Resource Guide for Undocumented Students

Part 1: Completing the Cal State Apply Application for Transfer

Personal Information Section

U.S. Citizenship Status Question

- Undocumented/AB540/DACA applications select “None.”

The screenshot shows the 'U.S. Citizenship Status' section of the application. The dropdown menu is set to 'None'. A callout box on the right states: 'AB540 applicants select "None" International applicants select Non Resident'. The 'U.S. Military Status' dropdown is set to 'Not a Member of the Military'.

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:

The screenshot shows the 'Residency' section. The dropdown for 'What U.S. State/ Possession do you regard as your permanent home?' is set to 'California'. The 'Do you claim California Residency?' radio button is selected 'Yes'. The 'Have you lived in California continuously since birth?' radio button is selected 'No'. The 'When did your present stay in California begin?' field is empty. A 'Save and Continue' button is visible at the bottom.

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.

Application Fee Waiver

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.

Turn me over for Financial Aid and Scholarship Information



Part II: Applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial Aid

- 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, <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> by the March the 2nd, 2018 priority deadline.

Note - Undocumented/AB540/DACA students are 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/scholarshiplists.html>

Part III: Resources for Undocumented Students at the CSU

CSU 'Resources for Undocumented Students' website:

<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.

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.



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