

This webpage contains information concerning government funded programs. We hope to guide students along their academic by exposing them to available resources.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT



The California Dream Act refers to Assembly Bills 130 and 131. The passage of this act permits undocumented students to apply for both state and institutional scholarships. Remember: each scholarship program has its own/separate requirements. For more information, please check out http://www.e4fc.org/images/E4FC_CADAGuide.pdf.

[Eligibility Requirements for the California Dream Act](#)

Undocumented students need to meet the following requirements to qualify

- meet AB 540 prerequisites
- be undocumented or have a U-Visa or DACA
- (if male) registration with the Selective Service (if male)
- Attended a high school 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 coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools.
- Graduated or will graduate from a California high school or attainment of General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)
- Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university
- If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible
- Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa

[Applying to State-Based Scholarships](#)

Requires the submission of the California Dream Act application and the Non-SSN GPA Verification Form. Create a Webgrants for Students account to check the status of your Cal Grant application

Links to the documents

- CA Dream Act Application: http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp
- Non-SSN GPA Verification Form: <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1177>

- Webgrants for Students: <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>.
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DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

Former president Barack Obama instituted the policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or D.A.C.A. to allow individuals who immigrated into the United States as children and meet certain requirements to request deferred removal for two years and a work authorization permit. DACA permits must be renewed every two years. Refer <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca> for more information.

Eligibility Requirements for DACA

Outlined requirements for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy.

All of the following requirements must be met in order to apply for DACA

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Trump Administration

Outlined information concerning the stance of D.A.C.A. amidst the Trump administration.

It is not clear as to whether or not the Trump administration will terminate DACA and what will be done with the information collected through DACA so far. The Undocumented Student Program at University of California, Berkeley does not recommend individuals with a recent criminal history because it may place you as a priority for removal from the United States. For more information, check out the website for the Undocumented Student Program at <https://undocu.berkeley.edu/legal-support-overview/what-is-daca/> or <http://e4fc.org/home.html>.

BOG FEE WAIVER



The California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver permits *enrollment* fees to be waived for students attending a community college in California. “Many California community colleges offer online BOG Fee Waiver applications through CCCApply.” Please refer to <https://home.cccapply.org/money/bog-fee-waiver> and/or [https://www.elac.edu/currentstudents/financialaid/docs/Fall-2016 BOG Fee Waiver Changes.pdf](https://www.elac.edu/currentstudents/financialaid/docs/Fall-2016%20BOG%20Fee%20Waiver%20Changes.pdf) for more information.

CALWORKS



CalWorks is a public assistance program for qualifying families with children at home. “If a family has little or no cash and needs housing, food, utilities, clothing or medical care, they may be eligible to receive immediate short-term help. Families that apply and qualify for ongoing assistance receive money each month to help pay for housing, food and other necessary expenses.”

To apply or for more information (concerning requirements or other topics) check-out <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/CalWORKS> and/or <https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1229>.