



DREAM Student Information

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Can I still attend college?

YES!

Undocumented students/ Dreamers can still attend college in California and still are eligible to apply to STATE financial aid and scholarships.

You will need to check with the Admissions office of your college/university to make sure you need any additional paperwork to fill out such as residency

What is **AB-540?**

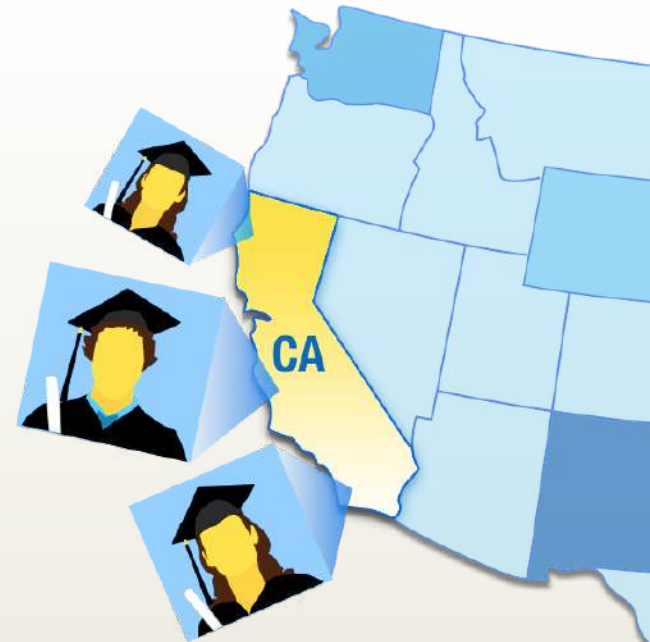


- **AB 540** - CA Assembly Bill which authorizes any student, including **Undocumented Students**, who meet the *following criteria* to pay **in-state tuition** at California's public colleges and universities.
- **AB 2000** – Passed in 2014, this CA Assembly Bill expands meeting criteria/definition of students eligible for AB 540.

How to be eligible for AB 540/2000

Requisites:

- ✓ Attended high school (public or private) in CA for 3 or more years, *or* attained credits earned in CA from CA high school equivalent to 3 or more years of full-time high school course work **and** attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in CA for a total of 3 or more years.
- ✓ Graduated from a California high school or obtain a GED.
- ✓ Register at a public institution of higher education in California.
- ✓ Fill out an affidavit confirming your residential status.



Who are AB 540/2000 Students?



- Students who are Undocumented **or** U.S. citizens who are not CA Residents.
- Students who are considered **“Undocumented”** are not U.S. citizens, or permanent residents (green card holders), or international students.
- Frequently, undocumented students do not have any documents like a visa or a green card.

FACT: For enrollment purposes, undocumented students have frequently been classified as “non residents”, forced to pay out-of-state, non-resident tuition. Right now, that rate ranges between \$200 to \$265 per unit for CA community colleges.

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request
For Eligible California High School Graduates

Note: This form is accepted by all California Community Colleges and all campuses in the California State University system; some University of California campuses will allow use of this form, but most require applicants to complete a campus-specific form to apply for an exemption.

Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the College or University (for example, proof of high school attendance in California). Contact the California Community College, University of California, or California State University campus where you intend to enroll (or are enrolled) for instructions on required documentation, additional procedures and applicable deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY:
I, the undersigned, am applying for a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible California high school graduates at (specify the college or university) _____ and I declare the following:

Check YES or NO boxes:

Yes No I have graduated from a California high school or have attained the equivalent thereof, such as a High School Equivalency Certificate, issued by the California State OED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

Yes No I have either:

- attended 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 course work and attended a combination of elementary, middle, and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years.

Specify the most recent three years of elementary, middle, and/or high schools you attended in California:

School	City	State	Date:	
			From - Month/Year	To - Month/Year
		California		
		California		
		California		
		California		
		California		

(Number of applicable school attendances and high school graduation for an applicant is measured by the University of California, The California State University and some California Community College. Follow campus instructions.)

Check the box that applies to you - check only one box:

I am a nonimmigrant alien as defined by federal law and have been granted T or U visa status, under title 8 of the United States Code, sections 1101(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii).

OR

I am NOT a nonimmigrant alien. [U.S. citizens, permanent residents, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) grantees, or aliens without lawful immigration status, among others, should check this box.]

OR

I am a nonimmigrant alien as defined by federal law. [Nonimmigrant aliens have been admitted to the United States temporarily and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (persons holding F visas) and exchange visitors (persons holding J visas). Do not check this box if you have been granted T or U visa status (check first box above).]

AB 540/2000 FORM

AB 540/2000 signifies a more **affordable tuition** for Undocumented Students.

Did you know? Dreamer Students qualify for AB 540 because majority were brought to the U.S. when they were children, so these students grew up most of their lives in the U.S. and attended 4-years of High School, making them **qualified** to be an **AB 540 Student** (*Refer to previous slide for Requisites*).

What is the CA Dream ACT

The California Dream Act (Assembly Bills 130 & 131), provided the opportunity for **AB 540/2000 students** to receive Cal Grant A & B Entitlement Awards, Cal Grant C awards, institutional grants, and community college fee waivers.



If a Dreamer is BOG eligible, then they are eligible for the CA Dream ACT!

AB What? Here's a RECAP!

- **AB 540** allows certain undocumented students to qualify as CA residents and to qualify to apply for the **Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)**.
 - **AB 131** allows students to qualify to receive private scholarships and allows colleges to award private scholarships to AB 540 students.
 - **AB 130** allows students to now qualify for state financial aid – fee waiver (BOGFW), Cal Grants; and possible enrollment in specialized state-funded programs such as EOPS.
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- ✓ This is **NOT** the same as the proposed federal “Dream Act.”
 - ✓ AB 540 students can **qualify** for the BOGFW to waiver their \$46/unit fees

Important Information for CA Dream Act

Males 18 to 25 must register with Selective Service for Cal Grant and other state aid

- Do not need an SSN to register
- Selective Service does not share data
- Get registration form at U.S. Post office
- Complete, sign and mail

Students and parents residing in the United States file US tax returns, if meet earning threshold

- Many Dream applicants for 2012-13 did file returns (with ITIN) and pay taxes
- May be required by college/university if selected for verification
- The IRS does not share data



Another RECAP!

2016-17 Dream Act Provisions

- UC Grants, Cal State University Grants, BOG Fee Waiver, Chafee Grant, eligible to apply for EOP/EOPS
- Cal Grants
 - Publics
 - Privates
- 2014-15 application opens January 1, 2015
- Payments started 2013-14 school year

AB 540 – 2001

- Allows non-resident students to pay in-state fees

AB 130 – July 2011

- Private Scholarships can be administered by public institutions

AB 131 – October 2011

- State funded grants including Cal Grants and institutional grants

Application for Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)/ California College Promise Grant (CCPG)

California Community Colleges 2016-17 Board of Governors Fee Waiver Application

This is an application to have your ENROLLMENT FEES WAIVED. If you need money to help with books, supplies, food, rent, transportation and other costs, please complete a FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) or the California Dream Application (for eligible AB 540 students) immediately. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.gov and the Dream Application is available at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov>. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

IMPLEMENTATION OF Assembly Bill 1899: Victims of Trafficking, Domestic Violence and other Serious Crimes
 AB 1899, chaptered in September of 2012, provides for a non-resident enrollment fee exemption for "Victims of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes". In addition, the legislation allows these students to apply for and, if eligible, receive financial aid from programs administered by public postsecondary institutions or the state of California. Finally, the legislation provides that enrollment fees shall be waived for these students who apply for and are eligible to receive Board of Governor enrollment fee waivers.

This **FREE WAIVER** application is for California residents, eligible AB 540 students, and eligible AB 1899 students, as determined by the Admissions or Registrar's Office. If you have not had your California residency or eligibility status determined by the Admissions or the Registrar, please see one of those offices to obtain the valid determination. Fee waiver eligibility cannot be determined until your status has been verified.

Has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are a California resident? Yes No

If no, has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are eligible for a non-resident tuition exemption as an AB 540 student? Yes No

If no, has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are eligible for a non-resident tuition exemption granted as a result of your residing in the United States with a "T" or "U" visa (immigration status under Section 1101(a)(15)(T)(i) or (ii), or Section 1101(a)(15)(U)(i) or (ii), of Title 8 of the United States Code)? Yes No

Name: _____ Student ID # _____
 Last First Middle initial
 Email (if available): _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____
 Home Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Street City Zip Code

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT

The California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act extends rights, benefits, responsibilities and obligations to individuals in domestic partnerships registered with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code. If you are in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP), or legal same sex marriage, you will be treated as an Independent married student to determine eligibility for this Enrollment Fee Waiver and will need to provide income and household information for your domestic partner. If you are a dependent student and your parent is in a Registered Domestic Partnership, or legal same sex marriage, you will be treated the same as a student with married parents and income and household information will be required for the parent's domestic partner.

Note: These provisions apply to state student financial aid ONLY, and not to federal student financial aid.

Are you or your parent in a Registered Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code? (Answer "Yes" if you or your parent are separated from a Registered Domestic Partner but have **NOT FILED** a Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State's Office.) Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the question above, treat the Registered Domestic Partner as a spouse. You are required to include your domestic partner's income and household information or your parent's domestic partner's income and household information in Questions 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

BOGFW FORM

INCOME STANDARD

Board of Governors Fee Waiver Program BOGFW-B 2016-2017 Income Standards*

Family Size	2015 Income
1	\$17,655.00
2	\$23,895.00
3	\$30,135.00
4	\$36,375.00
5	\$42,615.00
6	\$48,855.00
7	\$55,095.00
8	\$61,335.00
Each Additional Family Member	\$6,240

NEW LAWS: AB 2160

- **AB 2160 - CAL GRANT PROGRAM: GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

This bill removes a barrier to state financial aid and significantly improves access to higher education for all students in California. Specifically, the bill requires all public high schools to electronically submit the grade point averages for 12th graders to the California Student Aid Commission for the purposes of the Cal Grant application, except for students who have opted out, as specified.

Cal Grants

- **Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards** – for high school seniors and recent high school grads with a **Grade Point Average (GPA)** of at least 3.0, family income and assets below the state ceilings, who demonstrate financial need
- **Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards** – for high school seniors and recent high school grads with a **GPA** of at least 2.0, who come from **disadvantaged or low income families**, whose family income and assets are below the state ceilings, and who demonstrate financial need
- **Cal Grant C Awards** - for students from **low income families** pursuing vocational programs of study

CASH FOR COLLEGE

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California Dream Act

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Dream Act website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. The main header features the CA.GOV logo and the California Student Aid Commission logo. A large banner image of a smiling student is overlaid with the text "CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2". Below this, a text box explains that the application allows students to apply for state financial aid and is unrelated to the DACA program. A link below the banner says "Check out our California Dream Act information & resources".

Announcements:

- To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by **March 2**.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW to the CA Dream Act? First Time User?

- Start a NEW application
- Get Started!

Returning User to CA Dream Act?

- Complete a saved application
- Make a correction to your application
- Renew your application
- Add a school

Submit Parent Signature

- Request a Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN?
- Sign the Student Application

The California Student Aid Commission has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity and confidentiality of student records. The California Student Aid Commission has not now, or in the past, shared any information which would indicate a student's immigration status, either documented or

How to apply for the CA Dream ACT

- The process to apply is to go through the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
- To file an application students need to log on to www.csac.ca.gov
- Students may also apply directly to the individual college, but that can delay the time to award.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

AB 540 students who qualify under AB 131 and submit the California Dream Act Application will be able to apply for the programs below (types of aid listed by higher education system). For program descriptions please visit, <http://e4fc.org/cadaprogramdescriptions.html>.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CCC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant A (for Associate or Bachelor programs) Held in reserve until you transfer to a 4-year college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant B (for programs 1 year or longer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant C (for vocational programs 4 months or longer; see priority programs online at: www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=107) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Governors Fee Waiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community College Private Scholarships (through AB 130) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) |

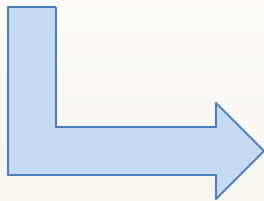
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State University Grants (SUG) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSU Scholarships/Fellowships (through AB 130) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Foster Youth Grants |

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM (UC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UC Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) or Equivalent Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UC Scholarships/Fellowships (through AB 130) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Foster Youth Grants |

What DREAMERS could get in CA



FAFSA VS CA Dream Act

Mirror Applications

FAFSA APPLICATION

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
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Student Demographic Information

Your last name: Your first name: Your middle initial:

Your Social Security Number:

Your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number):

Your city (and country if not U.S.): Your state:

Your ZIP code:

Have you lived in your state for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Your permanent telephone number:

Your e-mail address:

What is your marital status as of today?

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
 Yes No

Help and Hints

Student's Last Name Question 1

This is your proper last name, not a nickname, and it must match **exactly** the name on your Social Security card. Remember to only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed.

[More>>>](#)

CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

[Home](#) | [CA.GOV](#) | [CSAC.CA.GOV](#)

Welcome

Dream Application

Academic Year 29

Instructions

Student

Dependency

Parent

Signature

Confirmation

CalSAR

Welcome to your California Dream Act Application! Read these 9 tips first:

1. Questions with a star (*) require an answer.
2. Clicking the **Save** button will add time to the running clock and give you as much time as you need to complete your application. You can also save your application and return to it another time.
3. The **red text** throughout the Dream Act Application means **"further action is required from you."**
4. Based on your answers to questions, this application may skip questions that are not required.
5. Use the tabs above or the Next & Previous buttons below to move through your application. **Do not use your web browser's Back or Forward buttons.**
6. Make sure you **submit** your application when complete. **Saving** your application is not the same as **submitting** your application. Only **submitted** applications can be processed for financial aid.
7. After you have hit the **submit** button, if you need to make changes, your wait time is a maximum of 24 hours to modify your submitted application.
8. You will see help screens pop up throughout the application. View full [line by line instructions on the 2015-16 application.](#)
9. You do not have to file taxes in order to complete the application. However, if you will file taxes, but haven't done so yet, you can submit your Dream Application now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return.

CA DREAM ACT IS **NOT** DACA (Deferred Action)

CA Dream Act aid **is not the same** as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) relief.

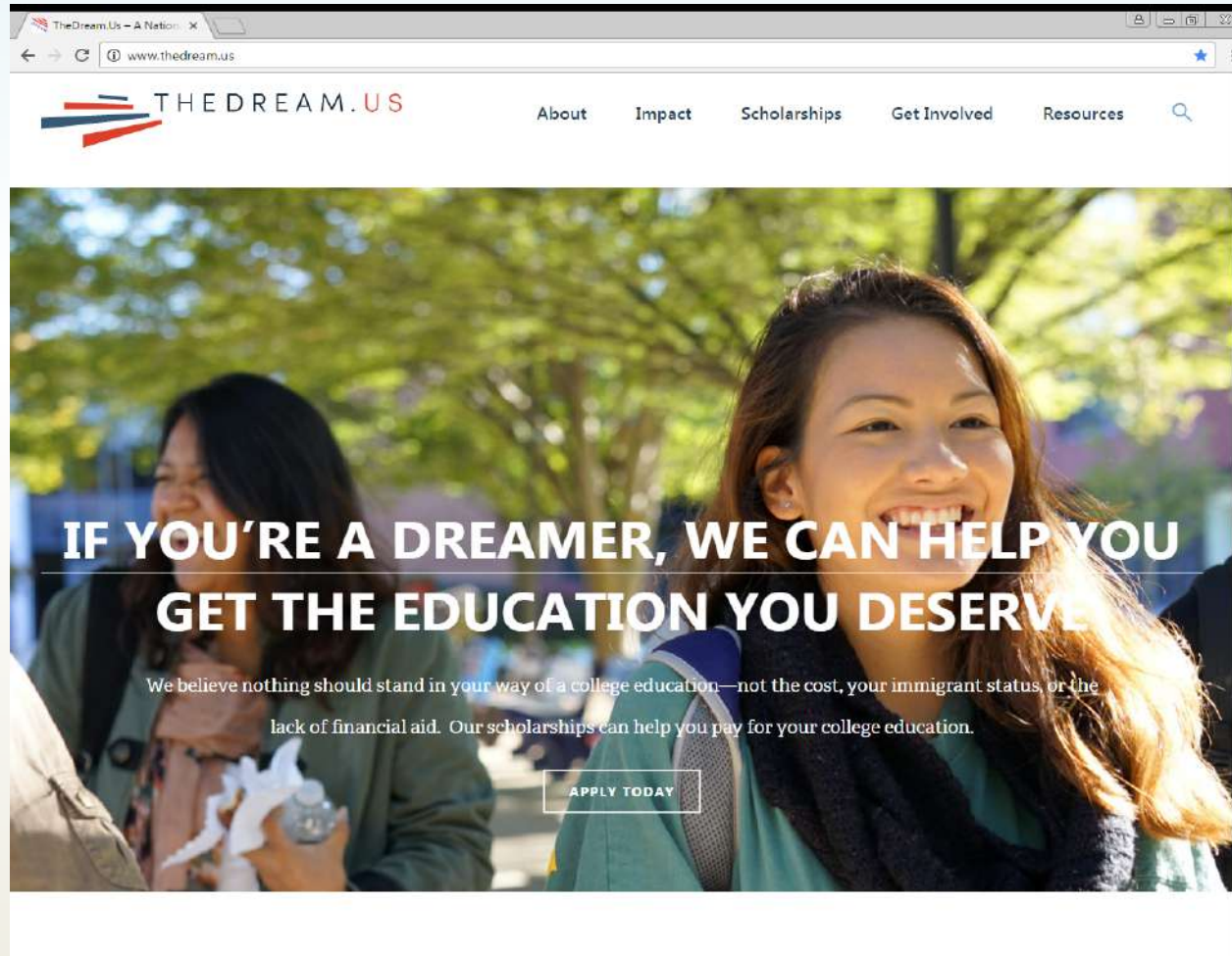
DACA does not confer a new status for students.

Does not affect AB 540 status, *the* criteria used for CA Dream Act Aid.

For more info on DACA – visit uscis.gov and e4fc.org/daca guide

TheDream.US Scholarship

- Application opens in November 1, 2018
- 2 Writing Prompts
- 1 Reference
- Financial documents
- Transcripts
- **Deadline In March 1, 2018**
- **Up to \$14,000 to each winner going to a partner community college and \$28,000 for those going to a partner university**



The screenshot shows the homepage of TheDream.US. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo on the left and links for 'About', 'Impact', 'Scholarships', 'Get Involved', and 'Resources' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large hero image of two young women smiling outdoors. Overlaid on the image is the text: 'IF YOU'RE A DREAMER, WE CAN HELP YOU GET THE EDUCATION YOU DESERVE'. Below this text is a paragraph: 'We believe nothing should stand in your way of a college education—not the cost, your immigrant status, or the lack of financial aid. Our scholarships can help you pay for your college education.' At the bottom of the hero image is a button that says 'APPLY TODAY'.

TheDream.us Scholarship Partner Colleges - California

Community Colleges

Mt. San Antonio College
De Anza College
Evergreen Valley College
Long Beach City College



Universities /Privates

CSU Long Beach
CSU East Bay
CSU San Bernardino
San Francisco State (CSU)
San Jose State (CSU)
Sonoma State (CSU)



UC Merced
UC Santa Cruz

University of La Verne



The Dream Program provides services to **DREAMers** (Undocumented Students) at Mt. San Antonio College to ensure the Students' success, personal growth, and development

Dream Program Services Offered:

- ✓ Counseling (Academic, Career, and Personal)
- ✓ Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
- ✓ Dream Act/Financial Aid Info/Resources
- ✓ Scholarship Resources (TheDream.US)
- ✓ Legal and Health Referrals
- ✓ Book Loan Service
- ✓ Computer and Study Area
- ✓ Networking and Support
- ✓ Free Printing



For more information, please contact the Dream Program at:

(909) 274-5596 or erodriguez@mtsac.edu

Or visit us in person at **building 16C**, by the miracle mile

Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm

For questions and further
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Informational Workshop



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Who are we?

Mt. SAC's Dream Program

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What Services do we offer?

- **Counseling(Academic, Career, and Personal)**
- **Peer to Peer Mentoring**
- **Dream Act/Financial Aid Info/Resources**
- **Scholarship Resources (TheDream.US)**
- **Legal Referrals for DACA**
- **Health Resources Referrals**



The Dream.US Youtube video



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We can't wait
to see you as a
TheDream.US
Scholar!!

What is the Dream.US Scholarship?

- The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$4,000 for an associate's degree in California and \$26,000 for a bachelor's degree, at one of our Partner Colleges
- The Award is **renewable** each year –
 - full-time enrollment (more than 12 credits per term)
 - college GPA of 3.0.

If you struggle academically, your Scholar Advisor will be there to help you get back on track.

How can I be eligible?

- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or will be transferring from a CC
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- **Not a current college student (dual enrollment is fine)**
- Intend to enroll full-time in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at one of TheDream.US Partner Colleges
- **AB540 eligible for in-state tuition at the Partner College** you want to attend
- Came to the US before reaching your 16th birthday
- Are DACA eligible OR have applied for or received DACA or TPS approval
- Have significant unmet financial need.

Why should you apply

- FREE \$\$\$ money for college!
- This scholarship is only for Dreamer Students
- You can focus on your academics and not worry about paying for college
- Gain experience at knowing how the application process works
- It's an investment for your education and future
- You get to network when you ask others for help
- Obtain a sense of motivation and empowerment

Partner Colleges - California

Community Colleges

Mt. San Antonio College
De Anza College
Evergreen Valley College
Long Beach City College



Universities /Privates

CSU Long Beach
CSU East Bay
CSU San Bernardino
San Francisco State (CSU)
San Jose State (CSU)
Sonoma State (CSU)



UC Merced
UC Santa Cruz

University of La Verne

What is required for the scholarship?

- Demographic, Academic, and Financial Information
- 2 writing prompts
- 1 reference
- Declaration of DACA and TPS Eligibility form
- HS Transcripts or CC Transcripts

2 Writing Prompts

The writing prompts are:

1) Your Educational and Career Goals – (750 words max):

- Describe your educational and career goals and explain what or who has inspired or helped shape these goals.
- Excluding financial needs, what are the most significant challenges you expect to face in successfully completing college?

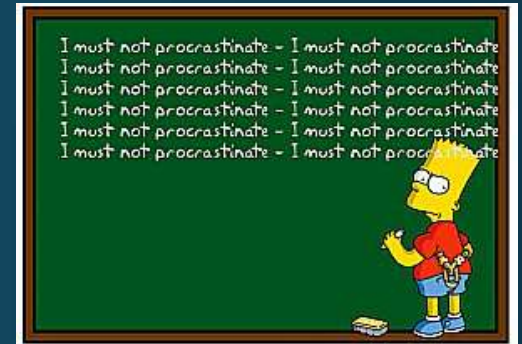
2) Overcoming Adversity – 750 words max:

- Describe a challenging family or personal circumstance that has affected your achievement or participation in school, work, or community activities.
- How did you overcome this challenge and what did you learn from the experience above?

Deadline

The deadline for the Dream.us scholarship is

March 1, 2018



Advice from our staff

- Create an account online
- Attend any workshops and get help from the Dream Program experts
- Draft your story
- Get feedback on your writing prompts
- Ask for your reference

TheDream.US Scholarship Event at Mt.SAC

FREE!!!!

When: Saturday, February 10, 2018
9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

- Scholarship Overview Information
- Parent Workshops (Spanish)
- Account creation and application assistance
- Essay reviews from Mt SAC Faculty and Staff

Registration for this event:

<http://bit.ly/TheDreamUs>

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