

STEPS TO SUCCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS



A Guide for Undocumented Immigrants Pursing Higher Education

ADMISSIONS

What does it mean to be undocumented?

An undocumented person is a non-citizen who entered the U.S. without legal immigration status or who stayed after the period she or he was authorized to be here.

Can I go to college if I am undocumented?

YES. You can go to any college or university in California as long as you are admitted/accepted. To avoid paying out-of-state tuition, you must meet the AB540 requirements.

How does an undocumented student qualify for AB540?

You must complete 3 years of high school in California and graduate or obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma. You must complete an AB540 affidavit (California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request) form at Fullerton College, which states you meet the AB540 eligibility requirements.

Need the AB540 Affidavit form?

Visit Fullerton College's Admissions and Records office located on the first floor of the 2000 Building or contact the office at (714) 905-5162.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

DACA temporarily defers deportations from the United States for eligible undocumented youth and young adults and grants them access to renewable two year work permits and Social Security numbers.

Visit www.uscis.gov for more information on the requirements to be eligible for DACA.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As an undocumented student, do I qualify for financial aid assistance?

YES. Through the California Dream Act you are eligible for:

- Board of Governors Fee Waivers (BOG)
- Assistance from EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs
- State financial aid like Cal Grants and Chafee Grants

Who is eligible to submit a California Dream Act Application?

You can apply for the California Dream Act if you meet the following criteria:

- Due to residency status, you cannot file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- If you attended a California high school for three or more full years
- You graduated from a California high school, or attained the equivalent prior to the beginning of the college term
- Submit the affidavit form

What is the deadline to apply for the California Dream Act?

To be considered for the Cal Grant you must complete the California Dream Act Application and California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) GPA Verification by **March 2nd** prior to the academic year you are applying for.

For example March 2, 2016 is the deadline for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Where can I get the California Dream Act Application?

The application can be found at www.CalDreamAct.org

For more info on the California Dream Act visit:
<http://financialaid.fullcoll.edu/DreamAct.html>