

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT INFORMATION

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The California Dream Act application allows non-resident students who meet *Assembly Bill (AB) 540* requirements to apply for and receive state financial aid. With the California Dream Act application, students may be considered for the state's Cal Grant program, Chafee Grant, and community college fee waivers.

SHOULD I COMPLETE THE CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION?

Complete the Dream Act application if you meet the following criteria:

- You attended at least three full years in a California public or private school.
- You graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the college term, for example earning a GED from the California GED Office or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE).
- You are without lawful immigration status, will file an affidavit with the college or university you will attend stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status, or will file an application as soon as you are eligible to do so.

Holders of U-Visas must also complete the Dream Act Application.

Complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) if you meet any of the following criteria:

- You are a United States citizen.
- You are a U.S. national.
- You are a U.S. permanent resident with an I-151, or I-551, or I-551C (permanent resident card).
- You are a victim of human trafficking, T-visa holder (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.), a person who is a Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien should also indicate they are an eligible noncitizen.
- You are an eligible noncitizen – eligible noncitizen means a person with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following:
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant, status pending
 - Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
 - Parolee (You must be paroled into the United States for at least one year and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that you intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident).

HOW DO I APPLY?

You can start your application online on the California Student Aid Commission website:

http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp.

You can also download and complete a paper application and submit it to:

California Student Aid Commission
Cal Grant Operations
P.O. Box 419077
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO?

Occidental College offers limited financial assistance to non-resident students. If you are interested in applying for Occidental financial aid, you must also submit the CSS PROFILE: <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>.