

## CA Dream Act

### What is the California Dream Act?

The Dream Act is really two laws that were passed in 2011 and allow **AB 540** students to apply for and receive several types of financial aid, including:

- Board of Governors Fee Waivers
- State financial aid like Cal Grants and Chafee Grants
- Assistance from EOPS, CARE or CalWORKs
- Privately-funded scholarships

### What is an AB 540 student?

You are an AB 540 student, and exempt from paying non-resident enrollment fees, if you meet all of the following criteria:

- Attended a California high school for at least three years;
  - Graduated from a California high school, got a GED or passed the California High School Proficiency Exam;
  - Are registered or enrolled at a California community college;
- AND**
- If required, complete an affidavit saying you have filed (or will file when you are eligible to do so) for legal immigration status.

### Available Types of Aid:

Several types of state and institutional aid are available to AB 540 students as a result of the California Dream Act.

Check out the chart below for additional information, eligibility and application timing.

Grant/Scholarship	Eligible to Apply	Who do I contact, or where do I apply?	What is it?	Type of Application Required
Privately Funded Institutional Scholarships	Beginning January 1, 2012	Scholarship or Financial Aid offices	Helps pay for education-related expenses	Institutional application(s)
<b>Board of Governors Fee Waiver</b>	Beginning Fall 2012 for terms starting on or after January 1, 2013	Financial Aid office	Waives community college enrollment fees for eligible students	<b>BOG Fee Waiver Form or California Dream Application*</b>
Assistance from EOPS, CARE or CalWORKs	Beginning Fall 2012 for terms starting on or after January 1, 2013	EOPS/CARE or CalWORKs offices	Varies; may include services such as tutoring, book vouchers or other types of financial aid for those who meet specific eligibility requirements	Institutional application(s)
Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B <b>Community College Transfer Entitlement</b>	January 1 – March 2, 2013 for the Fall 2013 term	Financial Aid Office, or California Student Aid Commission	Grant award covering tuition and education-related expenses when transferring to an eligible Baccalaureate degree granting institution.	<b>California Dream Application*</b> and <b>GPA Verification Form</b>
<b>Cal Grant B -Entitlement</b>	January 1 – March 2, 2013 for the Fall 2013 term	Financial Aid Office, or California Student Aid Commission	Grant award covering education-related expenses for recent high school graduates	<b>California Dream Application*</b> and <b>GPA Verification Form</b>
<b>Cal Grant C</b>	January 1 – March 2, 2013 for the Fall 2013 term	Financial Aid Office, or California Student Aid Commission	Grant award covering education-related expenses for occupational or career technical programs.	<b>California Dream Application*</b> , Cal Grant C Supplemental Application and High School or <b>Community College GPA Verification Form</b>
<b>Chafee Grant</b>	Apply as soon as possible (awards are limited)	College Financial Aid office or the California Student Aid Commission	Grant award covering education-related expenses for foster youth	<b>California Dream Application*</b> and <b>Chafee Grant Application</b>

\* To apply for any or all of the financial aid programs requiring the California Dream Application, you only need to complete and submit ONE application.