

## 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:

- California College Promise Grant (CCPG)
- 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 1st of each year	Scholarship or Financial Aid offices	Helps pay for education-related expenses	Institutional application(s)
<b>California College Promise Grant (CCPG)</b>	Beginning Fall semester	Financial Aid Office	Waives community college enrollment fees for eligible students	<b>CCPG Application or California Dream Application*</b>
Assistance from EOPS, CARE, or CalWORKs	Beginning Fall semester	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>	October 1st – March 2nd prior to Fall semester	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>
<b>Cal Grant B Entitlement</b>	October 1st – March 2nd prior to Fall semester	Financial Aid Office, or California Student Aid Commission	Grant award covering education-related expenses for recent high school graduates	<b>California Dream Application*</b>
<b>Cal Grant C</b>	October 1st – March 2nd prior to Fall semester	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
<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.