

Access for All Students: Overview of Eligibility for AB540/2000, including those who may be undocumented

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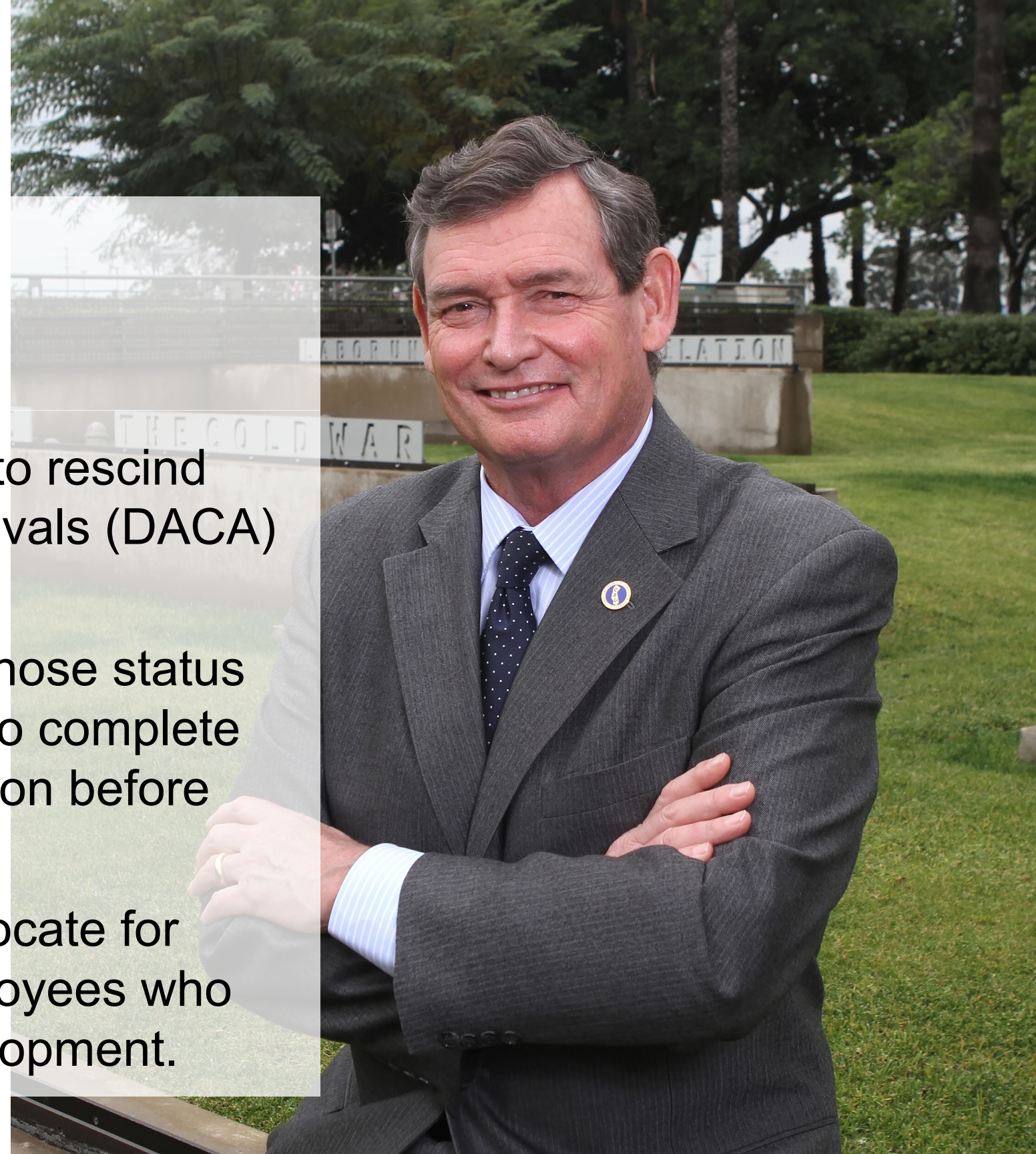
Overview

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Chancellor White's Message on DACA

- Deeply disappointed by the decision to rescind the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- Strongly urges all DACA recipients whose status expires on or before March 5, 2018, to complete and submit a DACA renewal application before October 5, 2017.
- CSU is committed to continue to advocate for current and future students and employees who are affected by this unfortunate development.



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Federal process that defers removal action of an individual by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for a specified number of years.

- University's enrollment and tuition policies are not based on DACA status.
- Enrollment, tuition and financial aid for students are not impacted by the ending of the program.
- State funding under the California Dream Act is not based on DACA status and will not change.



AB540/2000 Student Eligibility

- Any student, except a person in non-immigrant status, who meets the specific requirements shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at all public colleges and universities in California
 - Any student means U.S. citizen, legal resident and undocumented person
 - An undocumented person is a non-citizen who entered the U.S. without legal immigration status or who stayed after the period authorized to be in the U.S.

AB540/2000 Requirements

1. The student must have:
 - attended a high school (public or private) 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 school¹ in California for a total of three or more years², and
2. The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the term (for example, passing the GED or California High School Proficiency exam) and
3. If applicable, the student must file an affidavit with the college or university stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

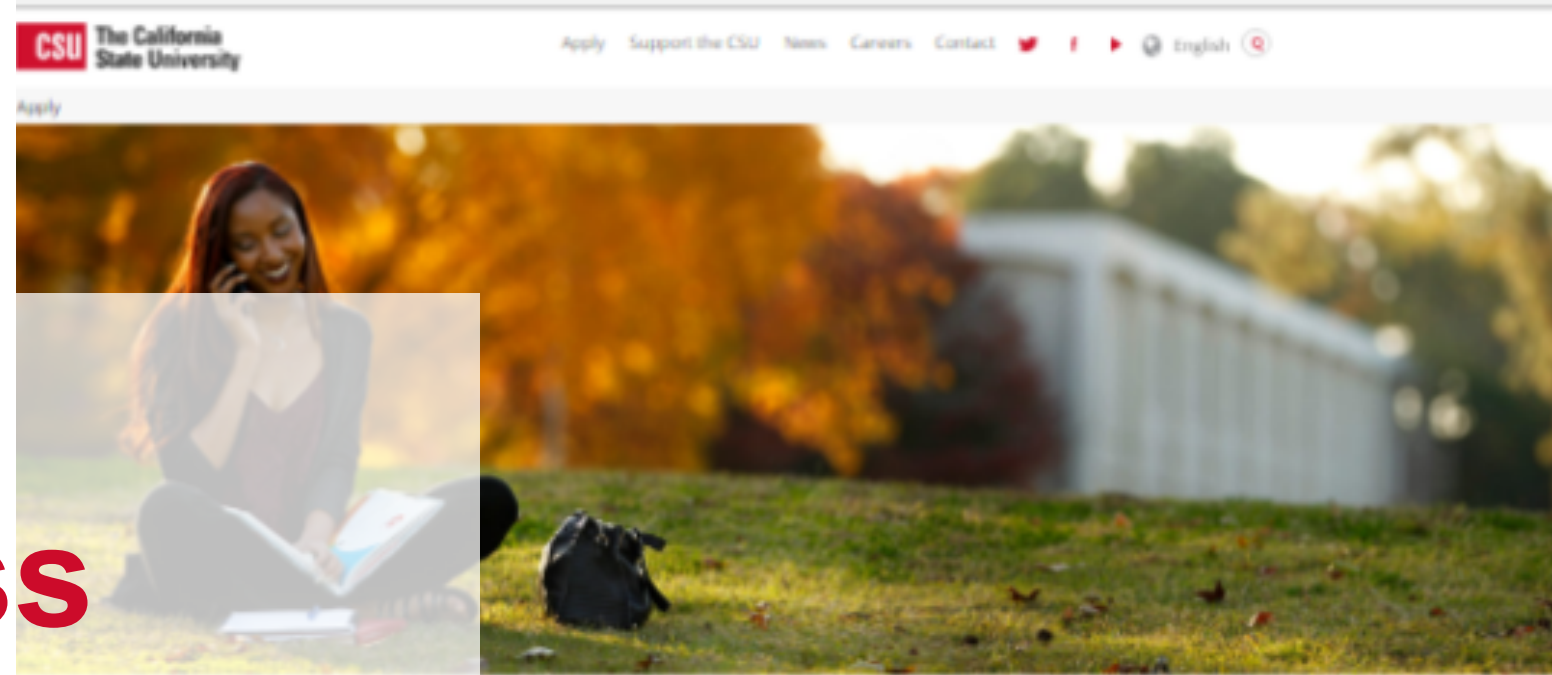
¹ The CSU determined that adult and alternative high schools may be used for the attendance requirement. (CSU Coded Memorandum ASA-2016-06)

² In 2014, Assembly Bill 2000 was enacted amending Education Code section 68130.5 to allow this additional flexibility in meeting the requirements for the exemption.

AB540/2000 Requirements

- Students who are nonimmigrants, victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes and have been granted T or U visa status, under Title 8 of the United States Code, sections 1101(a)(15)(T) or (U) are eligible for this exemption³.
- Students who are nonimmigrants, other than those with T or U visa status as noted above, [for example, those who hold an F (student) visa, B (visitor) visa, etc.] are not eligible for this exemption.

³ In 2012, AB 1899 added section 68122 to the Education Code and allows holders of T and U non-immigrant visas to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition if they attended a California high school for three or more years and graduated.



CSU Admission Application Process

1. Apply for admission during the priority filing period (Oct. 1- Nov 30).
2. Social Security Number (SSN) on Admission Application.

If students have qualified for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and has been issued a SSN, please enter the number. If there is no SSN at this time, they may leave the item blank and the campus will assign a temporary number. However, students should obtain a SSN, unless they are prohibited by law from doing so, and submit it to the university by the time they begin enrollment.

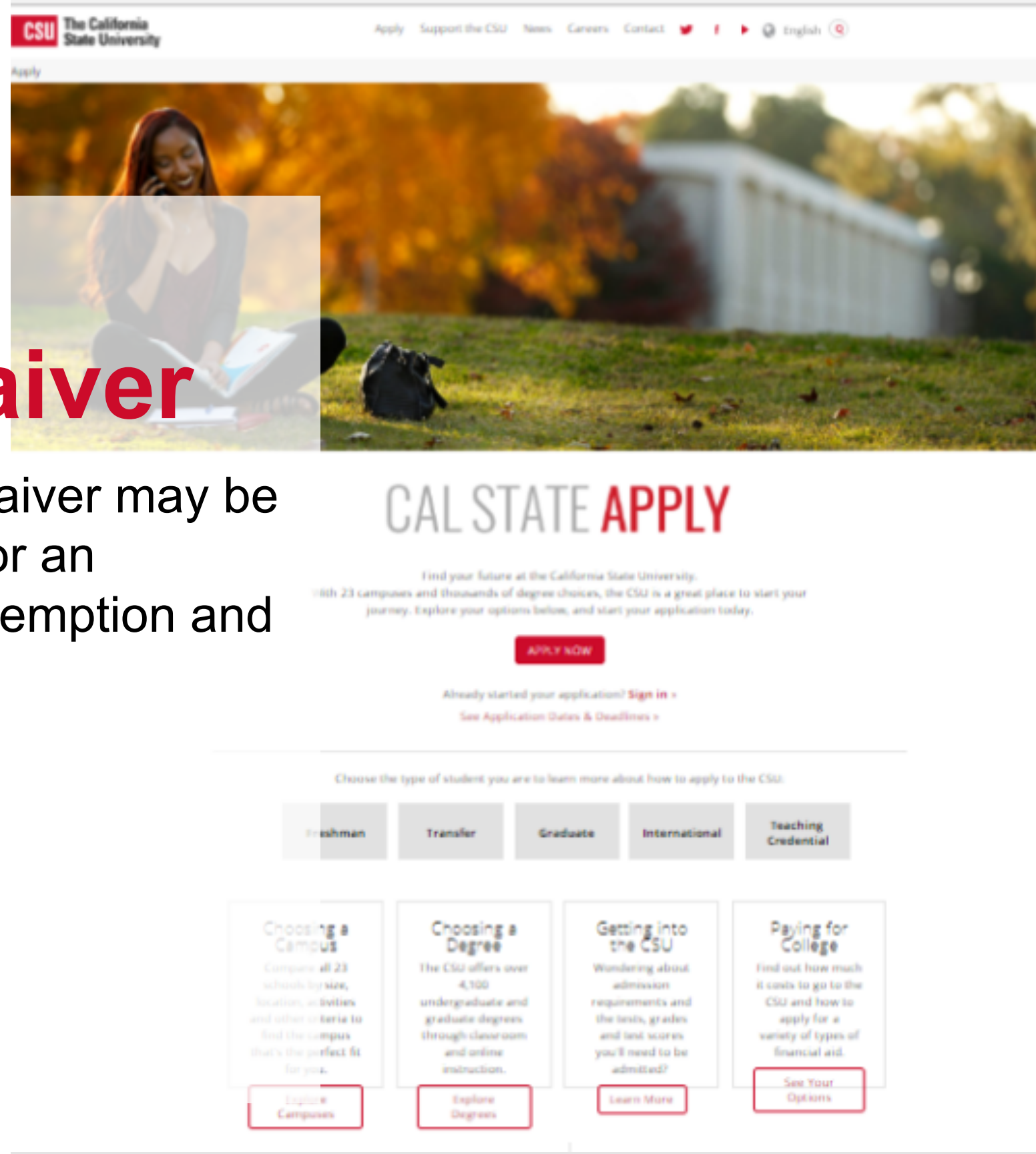
3. The Residency questions should be answered according to their personal residency situation.

If any students are charged nonresident tuition but the students feel they meet the AB540/2000 requirements, please have them contact the campus to submit the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request Form and to discuss their residency status further.

A screenshot of the 'CAL STATE APPLY' website. The main heading is 'CAL STATE APPLY' in large, bold letters. Below it is a sub-heading: 'Find your future at the California State University. With 23 campuses and thousands of degree choices, the CSU is a great place to start your journey. Explore your options below, and start your application today.' There is a prominent red 'APPLY NOW' button. Below the button are links for 'Already started your application? Sign in >' and 'See Application Dates & Deadlines >'. A section titled 'Choose the type of student you are to learn more about how to apply to the CSU:' contains five buttons: 'Freshman', 'Transfer', 'Graduate', 'International', and 'Teaching Credential'. Below this are four informational cards: 'Choosing a Campus' (Explore Campuses), 'Choosing a Degree' (Explore Degrees), 'Getting into the CSU' (Learn More), and 'Paying for College' (See Your Options).

CSU Admission Application Fee Waiver

- The Admissions Application Fee waiver may be available to students who qualify for an AB540/2000 nonresident tuition exemption and meet the income guidelines.



Required Form: AB540/2000 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption

- CSU requires the “AB 540 and AB 2000 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption” form and affidavit.
- The affidavit is required by the college where the student will be attending. Students will have to submit a separate request (and documentation if required) to each campus under consideration.
- The affidavit states that the students will adjust their immigration status, as soon as they are eligible to do so.
- Students are not required to submit a new affidavit when there is continuous enrollment at the same campus.
- The information on the affidavit is kept confidential, as required by law. Immigration has no access to student information.

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 AB 540 status.

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 GED 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	Dates:	
			From – Month/Year	To – Month/Year
		California		
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Documentation of applicable school attendance and high school graduation (or its equivalent) is required by the University of California, The California State University and some California Community Colleges. 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)(15)(T) or (U).
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).

AB540/2000 Information

- Campus is responsible for verifying AB540/2000 eligibility and may ask for documentation in addition to the AB540/AB2000 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption form and affidavit
- Check with the campus Admission Office for any applicable deadlines or additional forms that may be required.



Financial Aid Resources

- The California Dream Act (CA Assembly Bills 130 and 131) made it possible for students who meet AB540/2000 criteria to apply for non-state funded scholarships and state funded financial aid.
 - Cal Grants, Middle Class Scholarship, California State University Grant, and EOP Grant are a few examples of grants for students.
- California Dream Loan Program (CA Senate Bill 1210)
 - In 2015-2016, the CSU established a loan program for students, who do not have lawful immigration status. Students should contact their campus for more information.
- Scholarship Information
 - There are a number of scholarship resources including “Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid” at www.finaid.org, scholarship resources available through the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund www.maldef.org and local resources at many of the CSU campuses.



Applying for Financial Aid



- AB 540/2000 students who are ineligible to file the FASFA, should complete the California Dream Act Application – www.CalDreamAct.org
- You must have an *AB540/2000 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption* and affidavit on file with the campus to begin the review of financial aid eligibility
- Must apply for financial aid every year
- The California priority filing deadline for financial aid is March 2
- Cal Grants and Middle Class Scholarships have a firm March 2 deadline

Additional Resources

- CSU launched a new website with resources for undocumented students.

<http://calstate.edu/resources-for-undocumented-students>



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Learn what's required for students seeking an AB 540/2000 exemption.

CAMPUS SUPPORT

Each CSU campus offers support and resources for undocumented students.

FINANCIAL AID

The California Dream Act allows undocumented students to apply for scholarships and financial aid.

LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Find out where to get legal assistance and services in your region.

Questions



