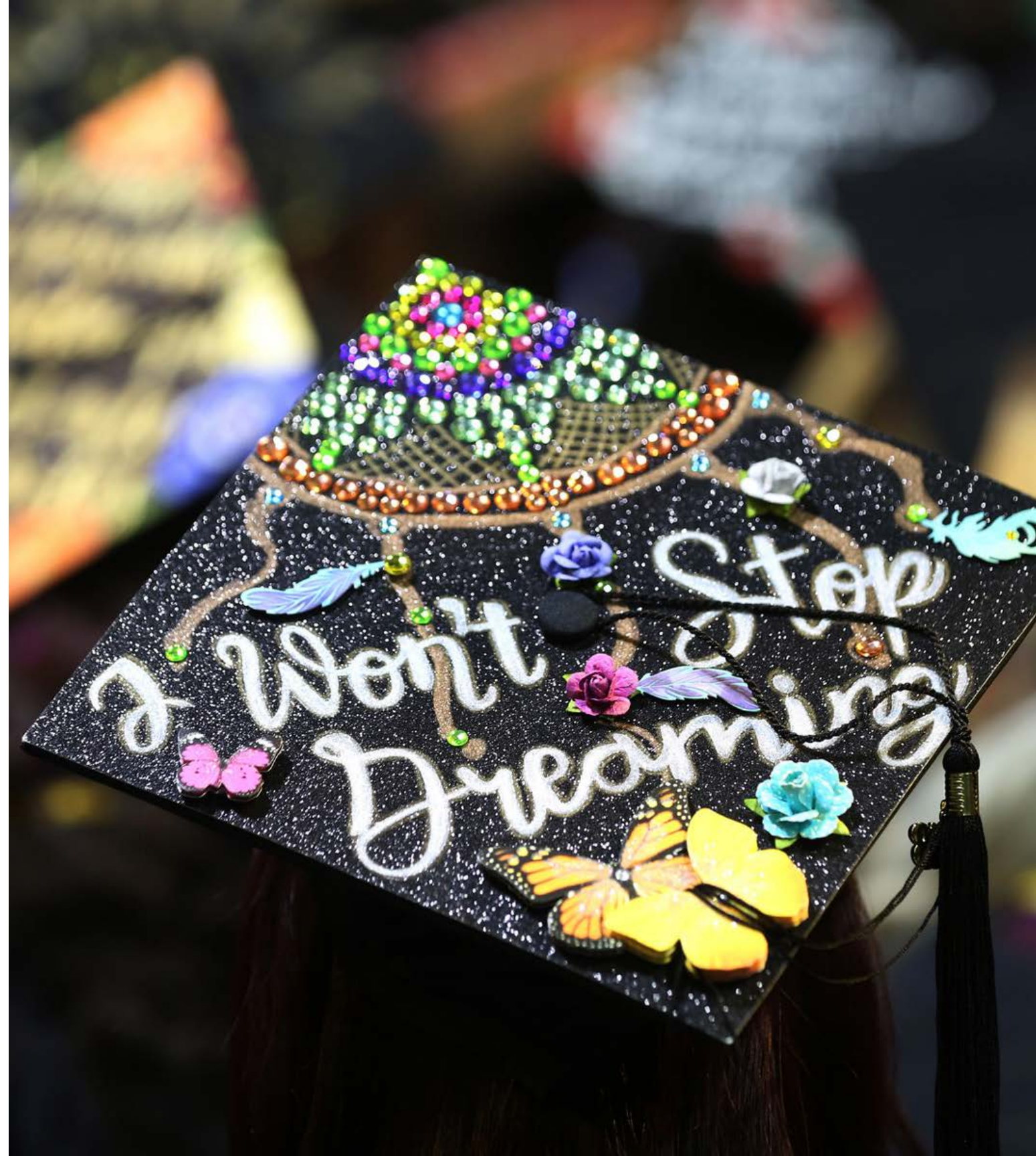








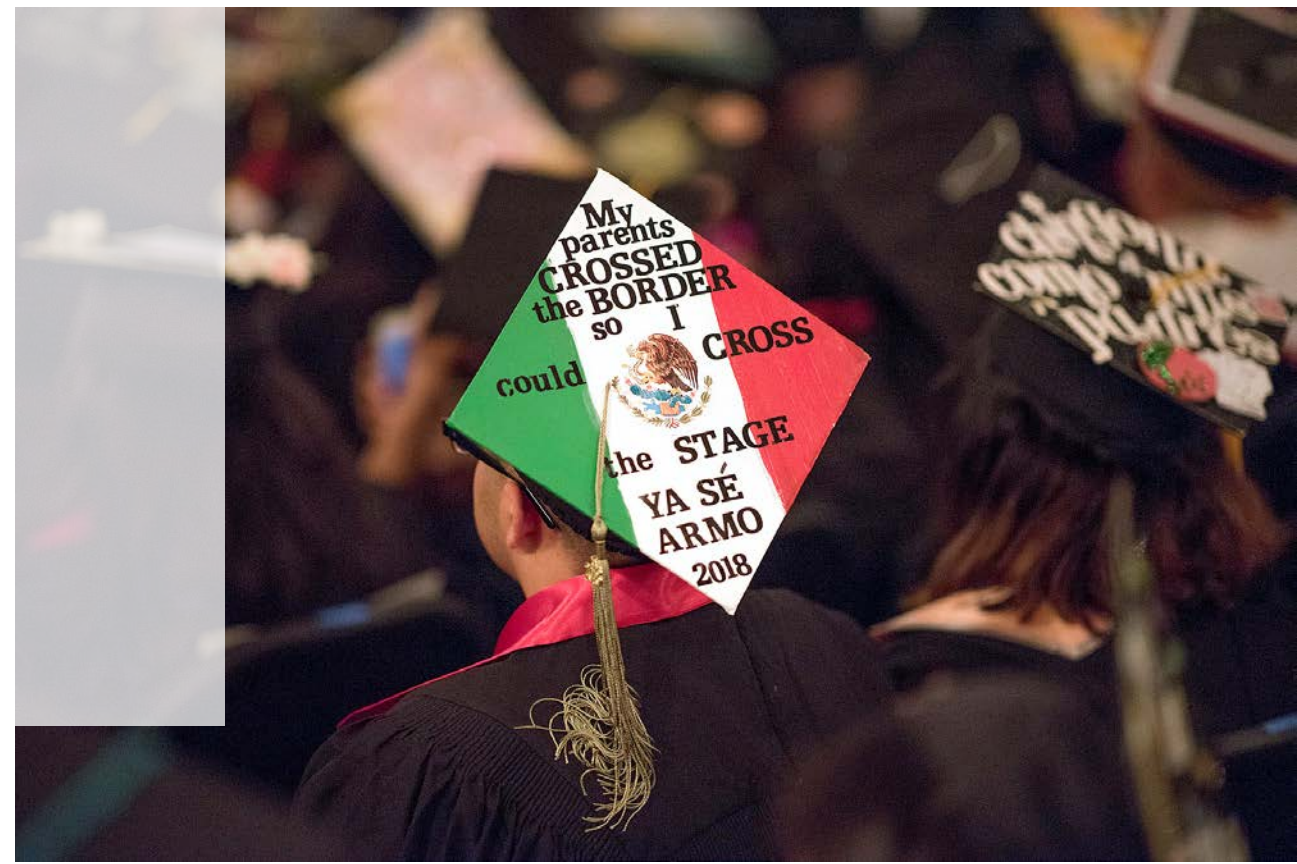
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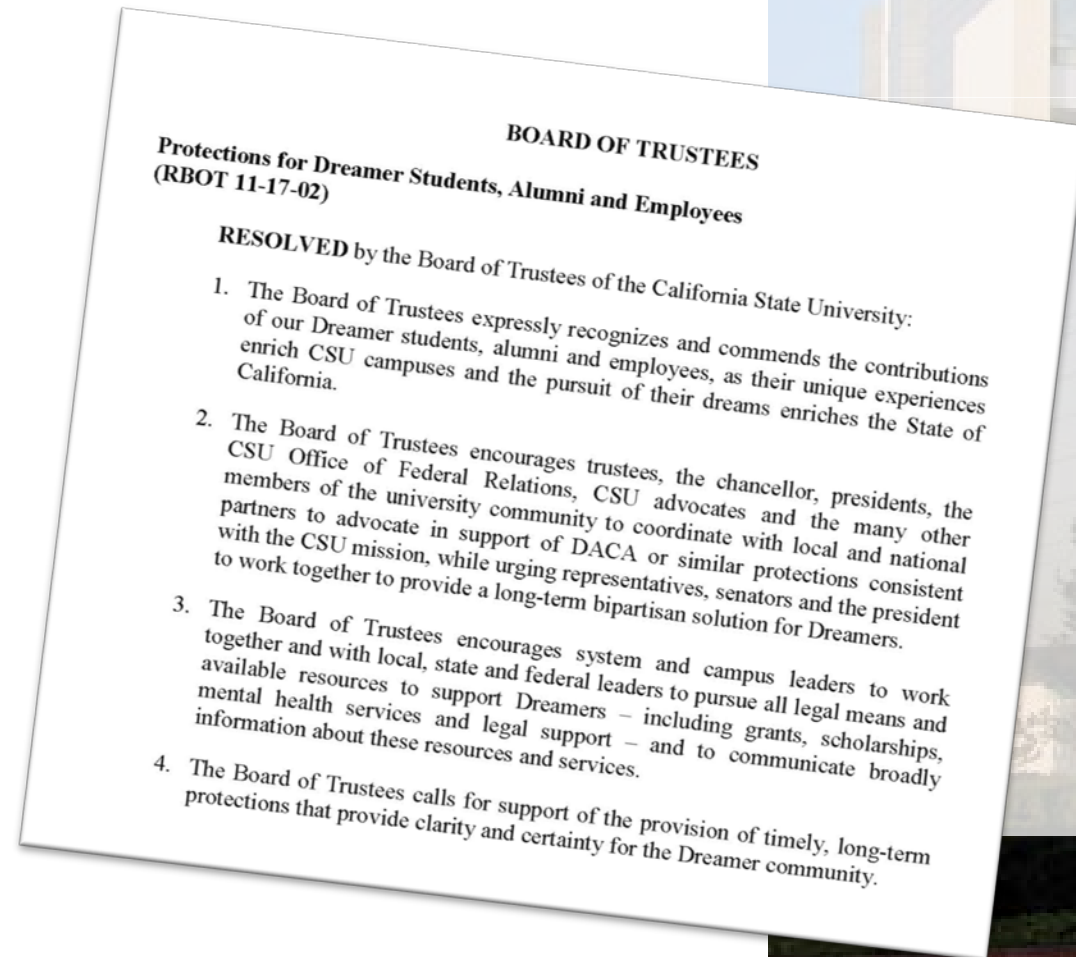
# Overview

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# Board of Trustees

## Resolution on the Protections for Dreamer Students, Alumni and Employees



AB 540

DACA

How do you  
conceptualize  
these terms?

Undocumented

Dreamers

# 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.

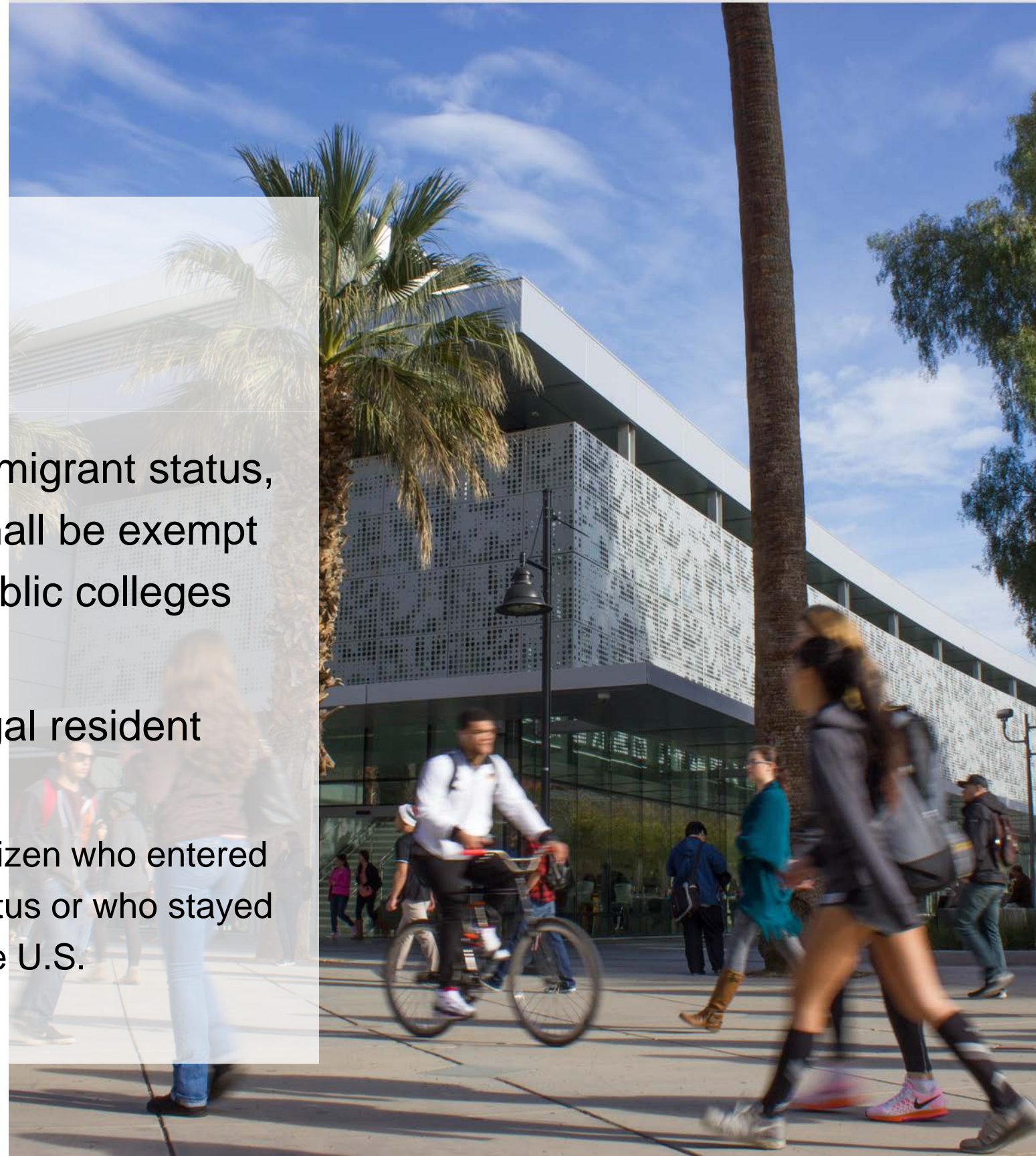


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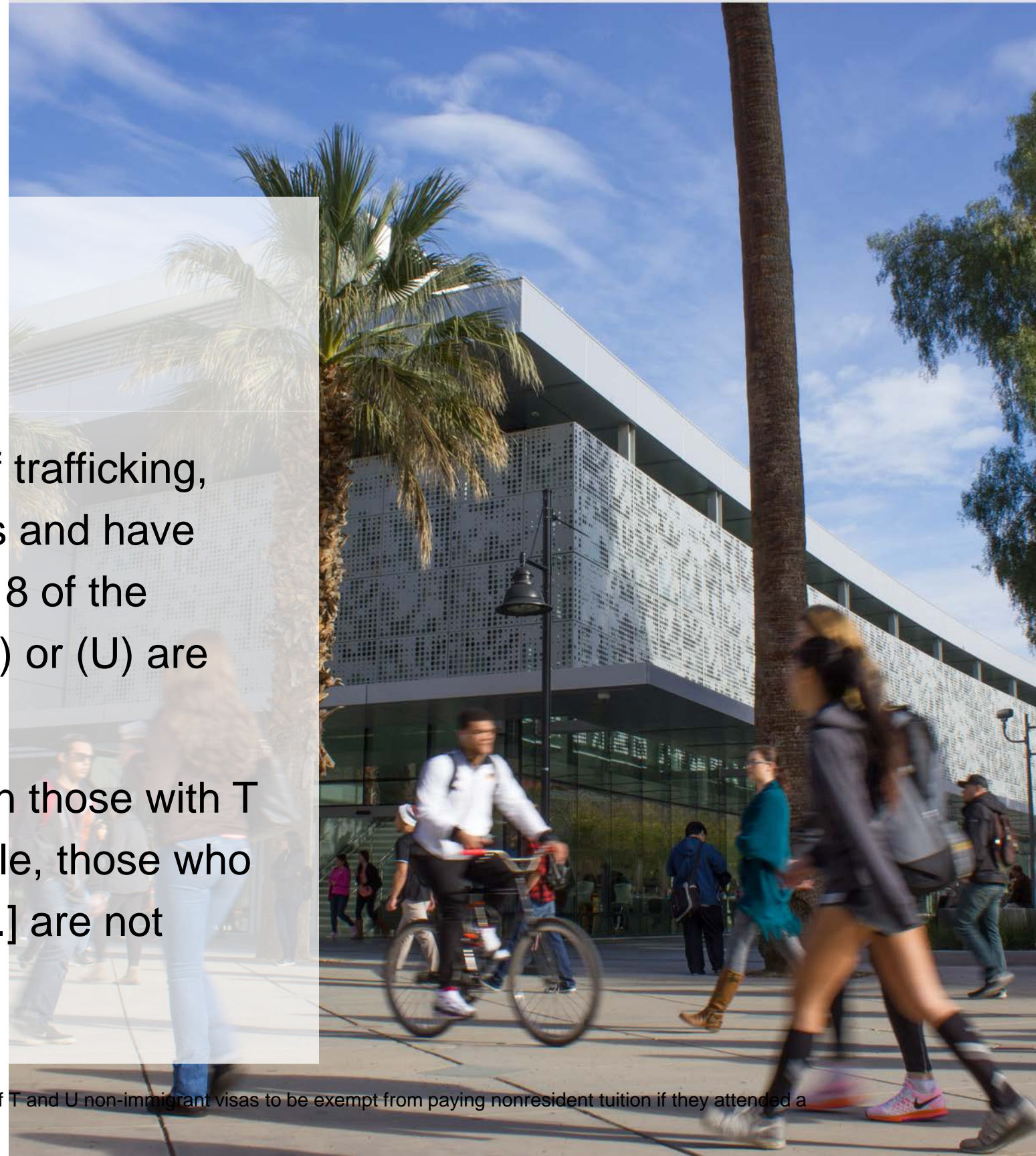
# AB540 Eligibility

- 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 Eligibility

- 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 exemption<sup>3</sup>.
- 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.





# Evolution of AB540, AB2000 and SB68

## **Assembly Bill 540**

3 years or more years of attendance in a California high school

Graduate from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent of.

## **Assembly Bill 2000**

3 or more years of attendance in a California elementary, middle school, and/or high school.

Graduate from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent of.

## **Senate Bill 68**

Expands to include attendance at California community colleges and adult schools.

Graduation from a California high school or attainment of an associate's degree or fulfillment of the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU.

# AB540 Requirements

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## Attendance

Attendance at a California elementary and/or secondary school

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Attendance at a California adult school

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Attendance at a California community college

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## Graduation

Graduation from a California high school

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Attainment of an associate degree at a California Community college

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Fulfillment of the minimum CSU transfer requirements at a California community college

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## Registration

Registration at a California public institution of higher education (i.e., CCC, CSU or UC)

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## Affidavit

Submission of the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request and Affidavit

# Admission Application Process



# Admission Application Process

Priority filing period (Oct. 1- Nov 30)

- Create an account for Cal State Apply
- Complete your profile
- Select your programs (majors)
- Complete quadrants in *My Application* tab
  - AB540 students are eligible for EOP



# Admission Application Process

- Social Security Number (SSN) on Admission Application

International students and AB540 students should check this box

— CAL STATE —  
**APPLY**

My Application Add Program Submit Application Check Status

1/8 Sections Completed

## Other Information

You may update this information at any time before submission. Once you have submitted, the information on this page cannot be edited.

\* Indicates required field.

If you have a U.S. Social Security number you are required to include it on admission application forms to all CSU campuses pursuant to Section 41201, Title 5, Code of California Regulations and Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code. Please refer to the [Applicant Help Center](#) for more information on laws pertaining to SSN.

### Social Security Number

Your designated programs may require your SSN for institutional or federal financial aid forms.

SSN

### Social Security Number Acknowledgement

Check the box below if you do not have a Social Security Number

International students, nonresident aliens, and other exceptions, may not have a Social Security Number and should check this box.

### Language Proficiency

\* What is your Native Language?

+ Add Another Language

# Admission Application Process

\* Indicates required field.

- Citizenship/  
Residency

AB540 Applicants  
should select None

Applicants that reside in CA  
should select Yes regardless  
of US Citizenship status

## US Citizenship

\* Country of Citizenship

\* Select the value that best describes your U.S. Citizenship

If you were born outside of the U.S., what year did you or will you move to the U.S.?

## Residency

\* What U.S. State/Possession do you regard as your permanent home?

\* Do you claim California Residency?  
 Yes  No

\* Have you lived in California continuously since birth?  
 Yes  No

\* When did your present stay in California begin?  MM/DD/YYYY

Save and Continue

# Admission Application Fee Waiver

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



# California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request & Affidavit Required Forms





# California Nonresident Tuition Exemption

- The California Nonresident Tuition Exemption form and affidavit is required
- Students must submit the exemption request and affidavit to the campus they will be attending.
- Students do not need to resubmit the exemption request and affidavit each year while enrolled at the same campus.
- The information on the affidavit is kept confidential, as required by law. Immigration has no access to student information.

Must meet one of these options

Applicants must meet at least one option in each column

## CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION REQUEST

Education Code § 68130.5, as amended, commonly known as **AB 540**  
Effective January 1, 2018

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete and sign this form to request exemption from nonresident tuition charged to nonresident students. Once determined to be eligible, you will continue to receive the exemption as long as you fulfill eligibility requirements or until the University no longer offers this exemption. Applying for this exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay, by the campus deadline, any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. Complete and return this form to the Campus Office of Admissions and Records.

### APPLICATION

I, the undersigned, am applying for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption at California State University (specify campus) \_\_\_\_\_ and declare that the following apply to me.

#### 1.) Check one box only:

I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T or U visa) as defined by federal law.  
*Nonimmigrants have been admitted to the U.S. on a temporary visa and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (holding F visas) and exchange visitors (holding J visas).*

I have a current nonimmigrant T or U visa as defined by federal law.  
 I do NOT have a current, nonimmigrant visa as defined by federal law.  
*This includes, among others, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, and individuals without a current or valid immigration status.*

#### 2.) Select all items that apply to you from each column:

Column A	Column B
<input type="checkbox"/> I have 3 years of attendance at a California high school.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have graduated or will graduate (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) with a California high school diploma or the equivalent (i.e., California-issued GED, CHSPE).
<input type="checkbox"/> I have 3 or more years of high school coursework and 3 years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of California elementary and secondary schools.	<input type="checkbox"/> I completed or will complete (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) an associate's degree from a California Community College
<input type="checkbox"/> I attended or attained credits at a combination of California high school, California adult school, and California Community College for the equivalent of (3) years or more.*	<input type="checkbox"/> I completed or will complete (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) the minimum requirements at a California Community College for transfer to the California State University.

\*A year's equivalence at a California community college is either a minimum of 24 semester units of credit or 36 quarter units. Only two (2) years of full time attendance in credit courses at the California community colleges will count towards the three (3) or more years of attendance. Full-time attendance at a California adult school is a minimum of 420 hours of attendance for each school year.

# AB540 Information

- Campus is responsible for verifying AB540 eligibility and may ask for documentation in addition to the AB540 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



# Financial Aid Resources

- The California Dream Act (CA Assembly Bills 130 and 131) made it possible for students who meet AB540 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](http://www.finaid.org), scholarship resources available through the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org) and local resources at many of the CSU campuses.



# Applying for Financial Aid



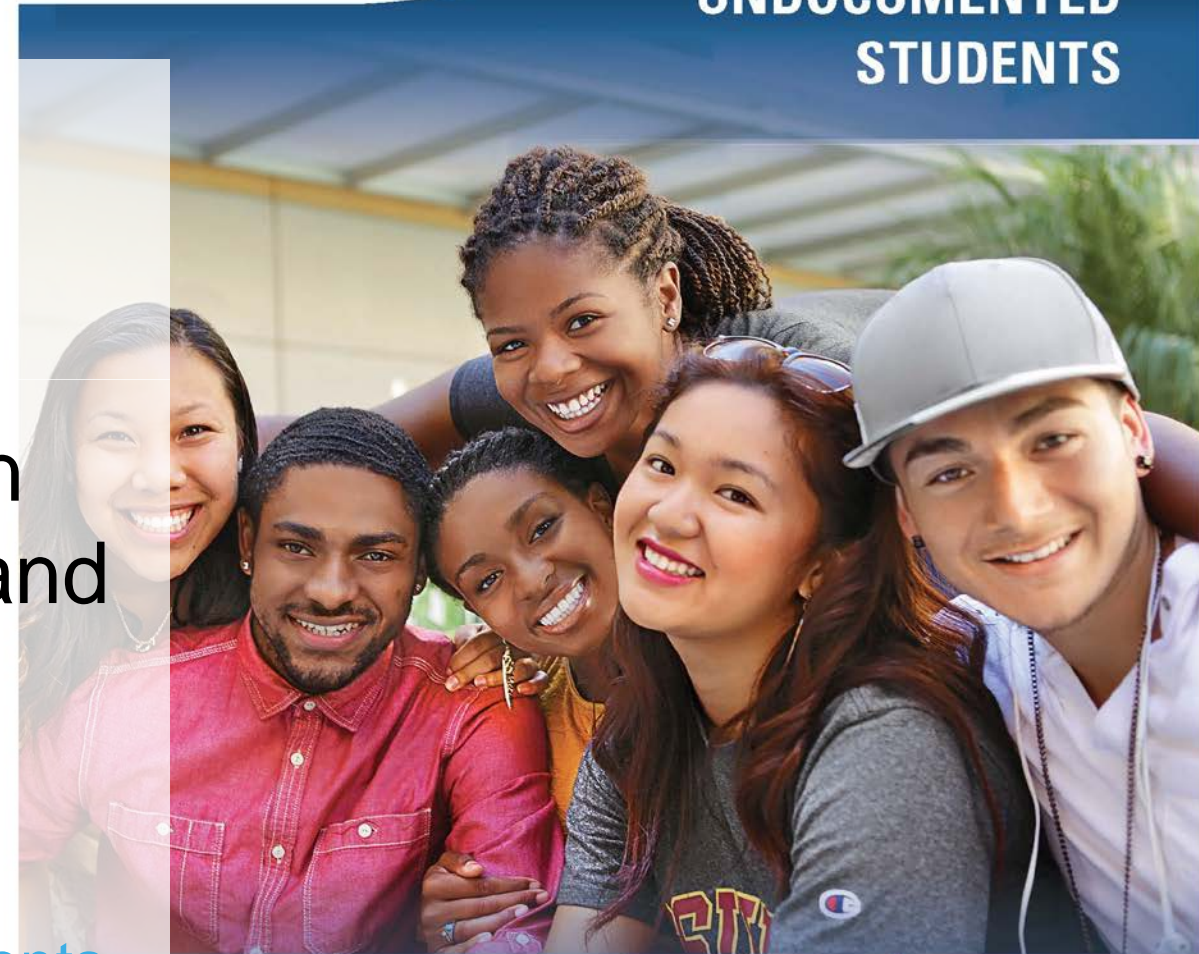
- AB 540 students who are ineligible to file the FAFSA, should complete the California Dream Act Application – [www.CalDreamAct.org](http://www.CalDreamAct.org)
- You must have an *AB540 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption* and affidavit on file with the campus to begin the review of financial aid 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
- All undocumented immigrant males 18 through 25 years of age must register for the Selective Service
  - Individuals without a social security number should complete the fillable registration form available at [https://www.sss.gov/Portals/0/PDFs/regform\\_copyINT\\_1.pdf](https://www.sss.gov/Portals/0/PDFs/regform_copyINT_1.pdf) or pick up the form at a local U.S. Post Office

# Additional Resources

Resources available include information on grants, loans and scholarships, and legal and campus support services

For information visit:

<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



