



Some Financial Aid is available to **AB 540 students** attending a California community college.

**Because of the California Dream Act, AB 540 students at community colleges are now eligible to apply for:**

- Privately-funded scholarships
- Board of Governors Fee Waivers (apply now for terms starting after January 1, 2013). The Special Fee Waiver application for AB 540 students is available now in our Financial Aid offices.
- Assistance from EOPS, CARE or CalWORKS (beginning January 1, 2013). Please check with those offices to see what is available.
- State financial aid like Cal Grants and Chafee Grants (effective for the 2013-2014 school year).

**You are an AB 540 eligible student if you meet all of the following criteria:**

1. Attended a California high school for at least three full years.
2. Graduated from a California high school, received a GED, or passed the California High School Proficiency Exam.
3. Are registered or enrolled at a California community college.
4. If Undocumented, complete an affidavit saying you have filed (or will file when you are eligible to do so) for legal immigration status. The Admissions Office will determine if you are AB 540 eligible.
5. AB 540 students can be students that are Undocumented or who are US citizens, but are not California residents. Please note that AB 540 students who are citizens or eligible non-citizens with a valid social security number, should file a FAFSA.

To begin the Dream Act Application process, first complete the 2012-2013 Worksheet for the California Dream Act Application. You can find the Dream Application Worksheet at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) on the left side of the page.

The Dream Act Application Worksheet will also be available at the Financial Aid Office. After completing the Worksheet, please complete the online California Dream Act Application. At [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org), you will find helpful information such as Power Point presentations that can be downloaded and video presentations for students and parents to watch together.

For additional information contact Student Support Services at the California Student Aid Commission at (888) 224-7268.

The applications will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission, and the school will receive the information electronically. The Commission will provide additional information throughout this year about the Cal Grant application process. Spanish language versions of the applications and forms are in the process and will be available in the financial aid office.

**For more information about other scholarships for which AB 540 students might be eligible, please visit:**

[www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships](http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships)  
[www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)  
[www.10000degrees.org](http://www.10000degrees.org)  
[www.e4fc.org/studentresources/scholarshiplists.html](http://www.e4fc.org/studentresources/scholarshiplists.html)  
[www.icanaffordcollege.com/dreamact](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com/dreamact)

Additional general and program-specific AB 130/131 implementation guidelines by the Chancellor's Office will be distributed as procedures are developed and more information is available.