**CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT MAP 2022–23: STEPS TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY**

**PHASE 1** October 1 - March 2

**Student** enters or creates a user name and password at caldreamact.org

WRITE THEM DOWN and SAVE this information!

**Parent** information is **REQUIRED** unless:
- student is 24 years old or
- was born before 1/1/99
- is married, has children, dependents other than children, is an orphan, ward of the court, veteran or on active duty or in graduate school

**Student** completes 2022–23 California Dream Application online at caldreamact.org. Make sure to select the correct aid year.

**Student** applies for the Cal Grant at csac.ca.gov
- Submit Dream App
- Verify your high school or community college sent your GPA (electronically)
- If school did not send GPA, student prints out Non-SSN GPA verification form, has school fill it out, then student mails form to CSAC by 3/2/22 and request proof of mailing from US Postal Service

**Student** creates account on webgrants4students on mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov. You can use the same login info that you used for CA Dream application.

**Student** calculates each college’s costs and develops a per semester/quarter and per year budget, including any scholarships.

**Student** accepts financial aid, informs school of any pending scholarships, and confirms tuition is deferred, so classes will not be dropped.

**Parent** obtains a personal identification number (P.I.N.) and signs the application (the P.I.N. is unique for each student).

**Student** submits their DREAM application by 3/2/22 AND immediately checks the app status on the confirmation page tab.

**School** verifies student meets ALL Cal Grant eligibility: income, assets, financial need, AB 540/SB 68 status, and all other eligibility.

**Student** submits Cal Grant application.

**School** sends a financial aid offer to students who met the income guidelines, priority deadline, AB 540/SB 68 status, and all other eligibility the CA College Promise Grant, State University Grant (CSU), the University Grant (UC), Cal Grants, and/or other institutional aid (if available).

**CSAC** contacts students who need to resolve any missing or erroneous information.

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**Student** calculates each college’s costs and develops a per semester/quarter and per year budget, including any scholarships.

**Student** accepts financial aid, informs school of any pending scholarships, and confirms tuition is deferred, so classes will not be dropped.

**Student** submits AB 540/SB 68 affidavit and necessary documents. **School** confirms student meets AB 540/SB 68 eligibility.

**School** sends a financial aid offer to students who met the income guidelines, priority deadline, AB 540/SB 68 status, and all other eligibility the CA College Promise Grant, State University Grant (CSU), the University Grant (UC), Cal Grants, and/or other institutional aid (if available).

**Student** checks status of GPA submission, Cal Grant & Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)

**Student** ensures the proper school verifies student meets ALL Cal Grant eligibility: income, assets, financial need, AB 540/SB 68 status, entitlement, & class level. MCS eligibility is also verified.

**Student** checks if there are any scholarship restrictions regarding tuition; financial need; unit requirement; or others, per the organization

**Student** ensures they are enrolled in proper number of units and there are no holds on their financial aid record.

**School** disburses grants and/or scholarships to pay tuition and other outstanding balances.

**PHASE 3** March - May

**School** will send the student:
- a) Available funds after tuition and fees are paid (via direct deposit, check or credit); OR
- b) A bill for the balance that is still outstanding.

**Student** submits all DREAM applications that are complete, with a valid EFC.

**School** informs students who are required to submit income verification documents.

**Student & Family, if chosen, must complete and submit (a) an income verification form AND (b) 2020 Tax Return TRANSCRIPT(s), if required to file taxes per the IRS tax code.

**California Student Aid Commission (CSAC):**
- Calculates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
- Sends DREAM App to all schools listed
- Selects specific students for income verification
- Identifies any errors or missing information on the DREAM App

**WARNING Incomplete DREAM App**

**School** contacts students under 24 who did not include parent information.

Documentation is required before financial aid can be awarded.

**CA College Promise Grant**

**Students** at California Community Colleges may be eligible for the CA College Promise Grant switch without filing the CA Dream Application.

**OPTIMAL TIMELINE**

**PHASE 1** Apply for Dream Act October 1 - March 2

**PHASE 2** Apply for Cal Grant October 1 - March 2

**PHASE 3** Claim your financial aid October 1 - March 2

**PHASE 4** Use your financial aid May - September

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