### STEP 1: APPLY FOR THE CA DREAM ACT

**APPLICATION TO GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE!**

**APPLY ONLINE**

dream.csac.ca.gov

**PRIORITY FILING DEADLINE**

October 1st, 2020 to March 2nd 2021

**CHECKLIST FOR 2021-2022 CA DREAM APPLICATION**

- **Be aware of AB 540/ SB 68 requirements.** In order for DREAM aid to be released, students must meet these requirements. U visa holders and students with TPS are eligible. T visa holders should apply through FAFSA.

- **Create a username and password for the CA Dream Act Application.** Save them somewhere safe, where you won’t forget!

- **Complete the application by March 2nd to meet this important priority deadline!** You can apply afterwards, but many grants require you to meet the priority deadline. The following information is needed: 2019 tax information, untaxed income, bank statements, household size, number in college, etc.

- **If your 2019 taxes aren’t completed by March 2nd, indicate “Will file” and use estimated household earnings.** After you or your parent 2019 taxes are completed, log in to update your application.

- **If you are a non-tax filer, indicate “Will not file” and list all untaxed income for the household.** Be aware IRS limits apply.

- **List all colleges and universities where you applied on the app.**

- **Ensure your parent signs the application, if required, by creating a PIN (personal identification number) online.** Each time a change is made on the application, you must resubmit it and your parents must re-sign it with their PIN. Always re-check the confirmation page.

- **Verify your GPA has been submitted to CA Student Aid Commission before March 2nd at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov**

- **If not, use the Non-SSN verification form and bring to your high school or community college to have it fill it out.** Once completed, mail it to CSAC and get a proof of mailing from US Post Office.

- **Check the online portal at each college or university for information regarding your financial aid award at that school.**

- **Community College students can apply for CA College Promise Grant.** Additional paperwork may be required. Check with your school!

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### STEP 2: APPLY FOR A CAL GRANT THROUGH THE CA DREAM ACT

**CHECKLIST FOR 2021-2022 CAL GRANTS**

- **Graduate or will graduate from a California High School or received/will receive a GED in California.**

- **Be able to meet AB 540/ SB 68 requirements.** U visa holders or students with TPS status must provide immigration documents to the admissions or registrar’s department at your school.

- **Meet all other requirements at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)**

- **Successfully submit CA Dream Act Application by March 2nd, an important priority deadline for any state grants.**

- **Be sure your GPA has been verified** by your high school or community college to the CA Student Aid Commission to be considered for the Cal Grant. You can check this by creating an account at [mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov](http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov). If not, print out the Non-SSN verification form from CSAC and mail it with a proof of mailing from the U.S. Post Office.

- **Check your award status online in March or April at [mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov](http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov) and ensure the proper school is listed.**

- **Choose the college or university where you plan to attend.** Cal grants will only be shown at one school. You must “change schools” if the proper one is not listed on [mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov](http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov)

- **Complete any necessary steps or paperwork to receive financial aid at your college or university.**

- **Submit AB 540/SB 68 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption form**, along with the final official transcripts to prove eligibility and become classified as a student with AB 540/SB 68 status.

**CA College Promise Grant & CAL Grants at the Community Colleges**

- **Community College students can apply for CA College Promise Grant, which waives all state fees.** Additional paperwork may be required. Check with your school!

- **Cal grant A will be placed on hold for two years if student attends a community college.** Student must reclaim Cal grant online when transferring.