

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, 2022 to March 2nd 2023

CHECKLIST FOR 2023-2024 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: 2020 tax information, untaxed income, bank statements, household size, number in college, etc.
- If your 2021 taxes aren't completed by March 2nd, indicate "Will file"** and use estimated household earnings. After you or your parent's 2020 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.** Be sure to list at least one California college or university.
- Submit your CA Dream Act Application and review the confirmation page immediately to check for errors.**
- 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 filled 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: MAKE SURE YOU ARE CONSIDERED FOR CAL GRANTS (GPA VERIFICATION)

VERIFY YOUR GPA

mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

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CHECKLIST FOR 2023-2024 CAL GRANTS

- Successfully submit CA Dream Act Application by March 2nd**, an important priority deadline for any state grants.
- Be sure your GPA has been verified before March 2nd** at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov. Your high school or community college should have verified this information to the California Student Aid Commission. This is required to be considered for a Cal Grant. If not, print out the Non-SSN verification form (csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-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 and ensure the proper school is listed.
- Choose the college or university 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
- 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.
 - Graduate or will graduate from a California high school, adult school, or community college.**
 - 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 csac.ca.gov

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.

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