

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE!



2017 DREAMERS GUIDE



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DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

As of January 13, 2018 due to a federal court order, USCIS has resumed accepting requests to renew DACA. As a result, the DACA policy will operate on the terms in place before it was rescinded on September 5, 2017. **Individuals who were previously granted DACA may now request renewal.** NOTE: USCIS is not accepting requests from individuals who have never before been granted DACA. USCIS will not accept or approve Advance Parole requests from DACA recipients.

On September 5, 2017, it was announced that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program that was created under President Barack Obama would be terminated pending a six-month delay to allow Congress to take action.

In a legal memorandum issued September 5, 2017, Jacob Knapp, Acting General Counsel for the California Community College Chancellor's Office, stressed that:

The 'unwinding' of DACA does not impact a student's ability to attend our colleges, qualify for an exemption from nonresident tuition fees under AB540, or to apply for financial aid under the provisions of the California Dream Act. AB540 and the California Dream Act are state programs that are entirely separate and distinct from DACA and the federal enforcement of immigration laws.

TOP 6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF DACA

1

Your DACA is valid until its expiration date.

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3

Advance parole to travel is no longer available.

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DACA status DOES NOT impact your college attendance or state financial aid eligibility.

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CA affords eligibility for driving privileges to all residents, regardless of immigration status through AB 60.

CA drivers with DACA status should plan to transition to an AB 60 driver's license by the time your DACA status expires. Visit www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/ab60

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The fight is not over!

UC, CSU, Community College Chancellors, and College Presidents, along with many politicians and community leaders, have made statements against the ending of DACA and vowed to continue fighting in support of undocumented students.



11 MILLION

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN THE U.S.
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

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Being undocumented is not a just a Latino story and there are organizations supporting all undocumented groups, including:

ASPIRE empowers the undocumented Asian Pacific Islander communities.

<http://sfbay.aspireforjustice.org>

Undocu Black Network provides support and resources to the black undocumented community.

<http://undocublack.org>

Find a Support System on Campus



KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

**HAVE MORE
QUESTIONS? ASK US!**

Find an ally at any location
displaying this sticker.



MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY TOOLKIT

We acknowledge that much of our community is experiencing heavy pressure, high levels of anxiety, depression, panic, and in a state of physiological and psychological distress. As a result, The United We Dream UndocuHealth Project was started to facilitate the incorporation and daily practice of self-love, community healing and wellness. Visit weareheretostay.org/resources/mental-health-emergency-toolkit

The first section titled **The Seven Steps to Keep Calm & Continue Organizing** is designed to show you step-by-step how to set up a safe zone for your community and how to follow up with simple healing events.

The 101 Mindfulness Breathing section is for you to explore the power of breathing through meditation.

Under **Mental Health Resources** you will find a list of online resources that address mental health.

Under **Fight or Flight vs. Rest & Digest** you will find the correlations between trauma and the physical effects of stress.



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Effective January 1, 2018, Senate Bill 68 expanded qualifications for AB 540 and AB 2000 that allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at public universities.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have attended a California high school for three or more years (do NOT have to be consecutive). Expansion now includes attendance in California community colleges, adult school or secondary school established by Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation.
- Or attained credits from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years (AB 2000).
- Graduated from a California high school with a high school diploma or an equivalent GED. Expansion includes completion of Associate Degree from a California Community College and/or fulfillment of minimum CSU/UC transfer requirements.
- Must register or be currently enrolled in an institution of higher education (community college, CSU or UC).
- Must file the AB 540 Amended California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request Form at the selected institution of attendance & provide supporting documentation.

Thanks to SB 150, high school students enrolled in college classes pay in-state tuition.

SB 150 allows undocumented high school students enrolled in college classes to pay resident fees. Students must be enrolled in 11 units or less and complete the California Residency Reclassification Request form found at www.contracosta.edu/dreamers



The California DREAM Act is a state law that allows undocumented students who qualify to receive financial aid from the state and our institution.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Qualify for AB 540
- Be undocumented, have DACA status or have U-visa (T-visa holders apply for FAFSA)
- Successfully submit a Non-SSN GPA Verification to CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC) (it's recommended to mail this form to CSAC)
- Male students 18 years or older must register with Selective Service
- Must be enrolled in college at least half time (6 units or more)
- Must submit tax information or estimates if not yet filed
- Application to CA Dream Act and GPA verification must be submitted to be eligible for Cal Grants A, B & C
- Apply by March 2 (same deadline as FAFSA)

Need More Information?

Visit: www.contracosta.edu/dreamers



UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Visit www.contracosta.edu/dreamers for more information and to access the forms listed below:

- ✓ Fill out an **AB 540 Amended California Non-Resident Tuition Exempt Request Form** and return it to the Admissions & Records office
- ✓ Complete the **California Dream Act Application** between October 1 and March 2
- ✓ Complete the **Board of Governors Fee Waiver** after March 2
- ✓ Apply for **Cal Grant** between October 1 and March 2
- ✓ Apply for **Scholarships**

Have no Fear!

Any information that an undocumented student shares with a college or university is protected by FERPA.

It is important for students to know that advisors, financial aid counselors, and other college support staff are not required to report undocumented students to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

Even if you don't qualify for AB 540... everyone can apply for scholarships!

Many scholarships are open to undocumented students. Scholarship funds help students pay for their higher education expenses when federal and state financial assistance is not available or enough. Unlike loans, scholarship funds do not have to be paid back!

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are provided to CCC students by the generosity of our Foundation, local businesses, community groups, alumni, and a variety of other private donors.

Learn more at www.contracosta.edu/scholarships

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

January 2018, TheDREAM.US received a \$33 million donation for scholarships specifically for DREAMers.

Visit www.thedream.us for more information.

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) provides several useful tools for undocumented students to find and apply for scholarships. Learn more at e4fc.org

Contra Costa College's Scholarship Office maintains a list of external scholarships and related resources for undocumented students.

Learn more at www.contracosta.edu/scholarships

DREAMers Roadmap

www.dreamersroadmap.com

An app that helps undocumented
students find scholarships.



Join CCC student support programs & learning communities

California DREAM Act students are eligible to participate in **EOPS**, **CARE** and **CalWORKs**.

Students in these programs may be eligible to receive a wide variety of services including book vouchers, counseling, parking permits, bus passes, transfer scholarships, school supplies, childcare, priority registration and educational support services. Learn more at www.contracosta.edu/eops

Learning Communities

www.contracosta.edu/learningcommunities

Learning Communities foster personal growth and academic success by connecting students with similar interests and cultural backgrounds to each other and faculty.

- African American Male Leadership Program
- English Boot Camp
- Math Jam
- Per Ankh
- Puente Project
- STEM Center

Student Life

www.contracosta.edu/studentlife

Student Life nurtures students through social and cultural activities, and leadership development.

- Associated Student Union
- Puente Club
- Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society
- La Raza Club
- Vietnamese Student Club
- International Students Club

BAY AREA LEGAL AID RESOURCES

Every individual with current DACA status or undocumented status should consult with a qualified immigration attorney or accredited legal assistance organization to determine whether they are eligible for another form of immigration relief. Ask for translation assistance if needed.

International Institute of the Bay Area

(Oakland, Antioch, Napa, Fremont)

www.iibayarea.org

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

(Richmond, Antioch, Oakland, Pittsburg, Concord)

www.cceb.org

East Bay Community Law Center (Berkeley)

www.ebclc.org

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (Berkeley)

www.eastbaysanctuary.org

Centro Legal de La Raza (Oakland)

www.centrolegal.org

API Legal Outreach (Oakland, San Francisco)

www.apilegaloutreach.org

Canal Alliance (San Rafael)

www.canalalliance.org

Immigration Center for Women & Children (San Francisco)

www.icwclaw.org

CARECEN (San Francisco)

www.carecensf.org

Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)

www.asianlawcaucus.org



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

College Board offers undocumented students advice about applying to and paying for college.

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students

The Dream Loan Program (SB 1210) is available for eligible undergraduate students that have financial need, qualify for AB 540 and are enrolled at least half time at UC or CSU.

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/dream-loan-program/index.html

Life After College Guide shares information with undocumented students about obtaining internships, applying to graduate school and earning income.

www.e4fc.org/images/E4FC_LifeAfterCollegeGuide.pdf

UC Undocumented Student Resources

undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu

CSU Undocumented Student Resources

calstate.edu/resources-for-undocumented-students

Educators for Fair Consideration www.e4fc.org

United We Dream www.unitedwedream.org

We are Here to Stay www.weareheretostay.org

Undocumedia www.undocumedia.org

My (Un)Documented Life www.myundocumentedlife.org

The Dream.US www.thedream.us

NEED HELP OR HAVE A QUESTION?

Our Welcome Center staff and Student Ambassadors can connect you with a counselor, financial aid or any other service you may need.

Welcome Center

Student Services Center
Room 111 | 510.215.4110
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admissions & Records

Student Services Center
Room 115 | 510.215.6027

Counseling

Student Services Center
Room 108 | 510.215.3936

Financial Aid

Student Services Center
Room 102 | 510.215.6026



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Everyone—both documented and undocumented persons—has rights in this country. Refer to the red card to exercise your right to remain silent in case you are stopped or questioned. Visit www.ilrc.org/red-cards

You have constitutional rights:

DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.

DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.

DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.

GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

Roots

By Roxana Amparo, Journalism, CCC 2018

It's difficult to cut the roots from something grown so thick
below my feet.

I cannot erase nor do I desire to remove myself. As I am, in
my entirety, in a place that has required major changes to
accommodate me.

I can see it on the faces of my parents, my friends, the little
lady that sells fruta en la esquina trying to make it.

I don't remember the place I came from, but I know my dirt is
sacred. I know the sun is hot and the food is good.

That familiar sense of solidarity.

Left my Mexico and everything that was there.

I am an entity of what is fair.

And whatever is unfair to my people living in despair, living
scared and unaware, can take the first elevator down to hell.

Because providing comfort for those who make us feel
uncomfortable is not our job.

Because when they silence our voices and take away our
power there is no second guessing.

But I'm not here to create nor to promote violence.

My thoughts, my mind, my vibes will not be silenced.

Mujer de color, sin documentos. No peso nada para el viento.

Pero si no hoy, cuando sera mi tiempo?



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