

Welcome!

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CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Financial Aid Presentation
- Questions & Answers
- Financial Aid Application Lab Assistance



Financial Aid 101: The Basics



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HOW TO APPLY

- CADAA
 - Apply online at www.caldreamact.org
- Cal Grant GPA Verification
 - High school seniors: Check with your HS Counselor! Most local high schools will automatically submit your GPA for you by April 2
- Chafee Grant Application (foster youth only)
 - Apply online at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov

WHEN TO APPLY

- CADAA opens on October 1 annually – delayed until December 31 this year due to updates.
- Priority deadline to be considered for Cal Grant is usually March 2 annually but is extended to April 2 this year due to the later CADAA release.
- The 2024-2025 CADAA opened on December 31, 2023, and the priority deadline is April 2, 2024



THE APPLICATION CYCLE

Apply

www.caldreamact.org

Eligibility

Submit additional documents for your school to determine your eligibility

Award

Receive and review your award offer

Disburse

Receive your disbursement based on your school's disbursement policy and method



Financial Aid for Dreamers

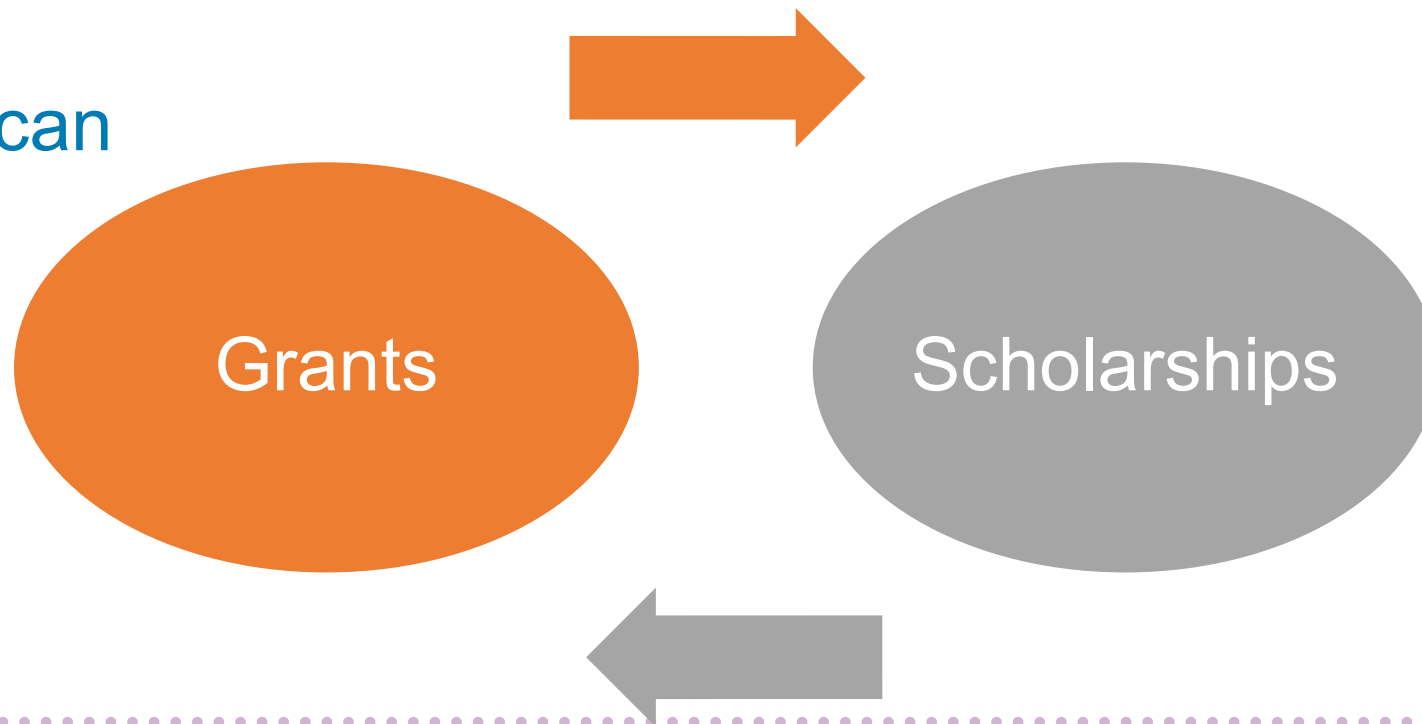


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WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is any kind of financial assistance that students receive to meet their cost of attendance at an institution of higher education.

For Dreamers, this can include:



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to be considered for:

- California Promise Grant (fee waiver)
- Cal Grant
- Chafee Grant
- UC and State University Grants



SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID FOR DREAMERS

- State Government
- College or University (such as Scholarship Foundations)
- Private organizations (such as External Scholarships)

CADAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Qualify under **CA AB 540** (including undocumented students with or without DACA SSN)
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or other recognized equivalent in your state
- Demonstrate financial need

AB 540 REQUIREMENTS

- Attended a CA high school for 3 or more years, or
- Attain credits earned from a CA high school equivalent to 3 or more years of full-time coursework, AND a total of 3 or more years of attendance at CA elementary, middle, or high school, or
- Complete 3 or more years of full-time attendance at CA Adult Schools or CA Community College, and
- Graduate from a California high school, and
- Enroll in a public college or university in California, and
- If the student is without lawful immigration status, student must file an affidavit with the institution stating that they have filed an application to legalize status, or will file as soon as they are eligible

AB 540 VS. DACA

- **AB 540** (aka CA Dream Act) is **NOT** the same as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- DACA status does not impact AB 540
- Only AB 540 criteria is used to determine eligibility for CADAA

Applying for
2024-2025 CADAA



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WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- Personal Information (Name, Address, DOB, etc.)
- Parent Information (Name, DOB, Marital Status, Marital Status Date, etc.)
- Student and Parent 2022 Income



FEDERAL TAX RETURNS FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

- Even if you or your parents are undocumented, you are still required to file federal tax returns if you meet the earnings thresholds
- To file federal tax returns without an SSN, you must apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or ITIN
 - Apply for an ITIN at www.irs.gov
- Your Financial Aid Office may request copies of your or your parent's tax returns later to determine your eligibility
- Don't worry! The IRS does not share your data!

PARENT INFORMATION

- Your parent for CADAA purposes is/are:
 - Biological or adoptive parents (legally adopted)
 - Both parents if they are married or are unmarried but living together
 - When parents are separated/divorced, use the parent whom the student lived with the most in the last 12 months
 - Stepparents if they are currently married to the biological or adoptive parent



PARENT INFORMATION

- NEVER use the following people as parents for your CADAA:
 - Foster Parents
 - Legal Guardians
 - Relatives that have NOT legally adopted the student



DREAM ACT ID

- It is important for students to take note of their Dream Act ID when completing the CADAA:

Instructions Student Dependency Parent Signature **Confirmation** CalSAR

2021-2022 CA Dream Act Application Confirmation Page

Parent Signature Print Page

STUDENT NAME
CA Dream Act ID # **000158869**

Transaction Date: 1/13/ 2021
Transaction Number: 7
Estimated Expected Family Contribution: 0

Section I-Action Needed	Comment Codes
No further action is needed. See Section III – Next Steps below.	000
Males, between ages of 18 and 25, are required to register for Selective Service prior to receiving financial aid for college.	020

PARENT SIGNATURE

- One parent needs to sign the CADAA online

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Sign an application or request your Parent PIN

This website is your source of information for the California Dream Act Application Parent Personal Identification Number (PIN). Your PIN can be used each year to electronically sign your student's Dream Act Application. Once you receive a PIN, please do not share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature, so you should never give your PIN to anyone including commercial services that offer to help you complete the Dream Act Application. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

* Do you already have a parent PIN?

Please fill in all the fields and click the Continue button. Information must exactly match data provided on the Dream Application by the student. If we find a matching record, you will be given an option to submit your signature or request your PIN.

Student Information

* Application year:

* Student's First Name

* Student's Last Name

* Student's Date of Birth

* Student's Zip Code

* Student's Email Address

CADAA CONFIRMATION EMAIL

- Here is an example of the confirmation email you will receive after submitting your CADAA

From: caidreamact@csac.ca.gov
Date: October 16, 2019 at 7:41:36 PM PDT
To:
Subject: California Dream Act Application Received

This email notification is for informational purposes only, please do not reply to this automated message.

Dear California Dream Act Applicant,

This email is being sent to you from the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), the state agency responsible for administering the California Dream Application and Cal Grant programs.

We have received your Application for the 2020-2021 academic year. To make sure your application is complete, you must go to [WebGrants for Students](#) and create an account. To create an account, you must have the following information: Dream Act ID, a completed California Dream Act Application or Grade Point Verification (GPA) on file by the March 2nd Cal Grant deadline. The Dream Act ID, First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth must exactly match to the information listed on your California Dream Act Application.

CSAC communicates with students using their **email** address on file, so it is important that your contact information is current in WebGrants for Students. **Make sure you periodically visit your WebGrants for Students account where you can manage your account, contact information, and find important award updates.**

Other Important Things to Know



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VERIFICATION

- Many students, both FAFSA or CADAA, are selected for a process called “Verification”
- This means that additional documents, forms, copies of tax documents, etc. will be requested by your Financial Aid Office
- Submit your forms quickly and early! You cannot receive financial aid disbursements unless all required documents are submitted to your Financial Aid Office

REDUCTION OF INCOME

- If your family income has changed drastically since 2022 tax information, contact your Financial Aid Office to let them know
- This can include: loss of employment, reduction of work hours, loss of benefits, death of parent or spouse, etc.
- Your Financial Aid Office may be able to use current income information to reconsider your eligibility for financial aid

SCHOLARSHIPS

All students should apply for scholarships!

The Fall semester is scholarship season so apply for scholarships to maximize your financial aid awards!

Log onto

www.contracosta.edu/scholarships

for information, resources, and links to scholarship opportunities and online scholarship search web sites you can trust!



Questions?



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