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California **Dream Act** Guide 2020-2021

A GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT?

The California Dream Act, authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo (Los Angeles), became law through the passage of two Assembly Bills, AB 130 and AB 131.
AB 130 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria (California Education Code 68130.5(a)) to apply for and receive non-state, privately-funded scholarships for public colleges and universities.
AB 131 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, Cal Grant and Chafee Grant.
Learn more about how to apply for AB 540 status at: www.registrar.ucla.edu/Portals/50/forms/ucnrtexemption.pdf

WHAT IS THE SB 1210 CALIFORNIA DREAM LOAN PROGRAM?

The California DREAM Loan Program, authored by state Senator Ricardo Lara (Bell Gardens), became law through the passage of Senate Bill 1210. SB 1210 allows for UC and CSU campuses to administer non-federal loans to undocumented students who meet the DREAM Act Application requirements.
Students who demonstrate financial need can borrow up to $4000 through the California Dream Loan Program. Interest rates will be fixed at the same rates as the subsidized Federal Direct Loan, with no loan fees. You must submit your California DREAM Act application by the March 2nd priority filing deadline to be eligible for a California DREAM loan.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Please note the important deadline of March 2, 2020 for all Financial Aid applications.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS: Note: All applications have a March 2, 2020 filing deadline	YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR:
2020-2021 CA Dream Act Application & 2020-2021 Non-SSN GPA Verification Form These can be completed at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/	University Grant Cal Grant Middle Class Scholarship University Work-Study **(for students with work permit)** California DREAM Loan Program

CA Dream Act Application

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE 2020-2021 CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

- Complete the 2020-2021 CA Dream Act Application Worksheet before attempting to complete the application online.
- When completing the 2020-2021 CA Dream Act Application and/or the Non-SSN GPA Verification Form, be sure to report your name and date of birth exactly as you have reported it on your UCLA Undergraduate Admission application. This will allow us to properly match your applications.
- Be sure to meet the March 2nd deadline. Dream Act will use your 2018 tax information for the 2020-2021 academic year so you will not need to wait until you complete your taxes this year to file your application.
- If you are considered a dependent student and are unable to provide parental information due to extenuating circumstances, contact UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships to discuss your circumstance.

SIGNING YOUR CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

When you complete your CA Dream Act Application online, you will be presented with two options for signing your application. You may print, sign and mail the signature page or create a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will serve as an electronic signature. You are encouraged to use a California PIN to sign your Dream Act Application online. For a student who provides parental information on the Dream Act Application, at least one parent whose information is provided on the application must sign the Dream Act Application and can use their own California PIN to sign the application. Every time a correction is made to the application, signatures will be required.

FINANCIAL AID FOR SUMMER

To apply for financial aid for summer quarter, a Summer Aid Application is required in addition to the 2020-2021 CA Dream Act Application. The Summer Aid Application is available on MyUCLA beginning April 1, 2020. The Summer Aid Application priority filing deadline is April 30, 2020.

Non-SSN GPA Verification Form

WHERE TO COMPLETE YOUR NON-SSN GPA VERIFICATION FORM

Entering Freshmen/Continuing Students*: If less than two years have passed since you graduated from high school, you should complete the Non-SSN GPA Verification Form and submit the form to your high school counselor or high school Registrar for completion. If you are unable to have your Non-SSN GPA Verification Form completed by your high school, UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will certify your high school GPA if you submit the form along with a copy of your high school transcripts.

Entering Transfer Students: Complete the Non-SSN GPA Verification Form and submit to your Community College counselor or Registrar Office.

**Students will only be considered for the Cal Grant High School Entitlement Program if they are within the first two years of graduating from High School.*

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE NON-SSN GPA VERIFICATION FORM

The deadline to submit your Non-SSN GPA Verification Form is March 2nd. Be sure to allow the school sufficient time to complete the form so that you can meet this critical deadline.

When submitting your form for certification, be sure to ask if the school will mail the form on your behalf or if you will need to return and retrieve the form and mail it out yourself.

If you mail the form yourself, be sure to obtain a **Certificate of Mailing** from the United States Postal Service. A **Certificate of Mailing** is a receipt that provides proof of the date that you mailed your form.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the next steps after I submit the 2020-2021 CA Dream Act Application?

UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will receive your application electronically and will contact you regarding your next steps. All notifications from Financial Aid and Scholarships will be sent to you via e-mail. Please make sure that UCLA has your correct e-mail information and that messages from '@ucla.edu' are not sent to your e-mail 'junk' folder.

Approximately 20% of students who submit a CA Dream Act Application will be selected for a process called Verification. Verification requires Financial Aid and Scholarships to verify the accuracy of the information you reported on the CA Dream Act Application. If you are selected for Verification, you will be asked to submit a Verification Form and submit documentation such as tax documents, earning statements, or other relevant documentation. Return any documentation requested as soon as possible. If you are unable to obtain the documentation that we are requesting, or need assistance completing the Verification Form, visit Financial Aid and Scholarships for assistance.

Entering Students: Entering Freshmen and Transfer students will receive an electronic Provisional Award Letter (PAL) when they are admitted to UCLA. We will start making PALs available to entering freshmen in March and in April for transfer students. You will be able to access your PAL via the admissions site or via your MyUCLA Portal. Financial Aid and Scholarships will send you an e-mail when your PAL is available for review. A link to our PAL Guide will be included for additional information to help you understand your notification.

Continuing Students: Once your financial aid file is complete and Financial Aid and Scholarships determines your eligibility for financial aid, you will receive an electronic Financial Award Notification (FAN). We will begin generating FANs for 20-21 in May for students attending summer classes and in early July for all other students. If

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your eligibility for financial aid changes, you will receive a revised FAN. An e-mail will be sent to you when there is a new or revised FAN available for your review. The FAN will contain a link to a guide for additional information to help you understand your financial aid offer.

If you qualify for financial aid, it will be applied to your student account at the beginning of each term and will be applied toward your outstanding charges. In some instances, you may receive a refund. Refunds are issued for any aid applied to your account that is in excess of your outstanding charges.

Does my academic performance affect my eligibility for Financial Aid?

Yes! All students receiving financial aid must meet the Standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress. You can learn more about these standards by reviewing the Satisfactory Academic Progress Guide on our website

Departmental merit scholarships utilize academic performance (GPA) as one measure to help determine eligibility. Please see individual applications for their requirements.

What are the Quarterly Unit Requirements?

In addition to the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, you must also adhere to the quarterly unit requirements. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office checks your units on the census date at the end of the third week of classes. Enrollment below half time on that date will result in cancellation of your aid and billing for funds received. Half-time enrollment for an undergraduate student is six units. Some undergraduate awards (Cal Grant, and University Grants) require enrollment in 12 units to maintain maximum eligibility. Enrollment below 12 units on the census date will result in reduction of and billing for these awards.

What if I need to withdraw from the quarter?

If you receive financial aid and subsequently do not enroll in the University or enroll and then withdraw, you may be required to return financial aid funds received. This calculation is based on published schedules and the date you withdraw (officially or unofficially), cancel your registration, or drop all your classes. Grants funded from University sources (ex: University Grant) will be subject to reduction and billing, if you withdraw. If you are a CAL Grant recipient and you receive a fee refund based on a withdrawal, your CAL Grant award will also be reduced. Information regarding withdrawal calculations is available on our web site at, www.financialaid.ucla.edu/Forms-and-Publications under, "Return of Title IV Funds Guide."

Are private scholarships available to Dream Act Students?

Yes! All Dream Act students are encouraged to apply for private scholarships. For assistance identifying and applying for private scholarships, visit the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center located at 233 Covel Commons or search online at: http://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/

If I am a current or former foster youth, is additional aid available to me?

Yes! Dream Act Students who are current or former foster youth and have not yet reached their 22nd birthday may also be considered for the California Chafee Grant Program. More information can be found for the California Chafee Grant Program at https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/.

Am I required to register with the Selective Service System?

Males who are 18-25 years of age are required to register with the Selective Service System (regardless of their citizenship status) in order to receive government benefits such as financial aid. If you are a male and are between the ages of 18-25, you can register via the California Dream Act Application.

You can learn more about this requirement at the following link: http://www.sss.gov/default.htm.

Many of my peers apply for financial aid using the FAFSA. Should I complete the FAFSA?
No! Undocumented students cannot complete or submit the FAFSA application and should only submit a California Dream Act Application. Students who are eligible to complete the FAFSA should not complete the CA Dream Act Application.

What should I do if I recently applied for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or if I was approved for DACA?
Your eligibility for financial aid under the CA Dream Act is not affected by DACA. However, if you are approved for DACA status you may be eligible to apply for Presidents Work Study or other non-federal work study job opportunities.

What should I do if my status changes?
If you are granted permanent resident status or become a citizen and become eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the academic year, please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships office immediately for guidance on how to establish eligibility for federal financial aid.

Is the information I report on the CA Dream Act Application kept private?
Yes! As mandated by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Financial Aid and Scholarships office will not release any student specific information to a third party (including parents) without the student's permission. Students may authorize Financial Aid and Scholarships to provide their financial aid information to a third party. For more information, see the following link: http://financialaid.ucla.edu/portals/84/documents/Third-Party_Access_Instructions.pdf

Resources

Bruin Resource Center, AB540 Undocumented Student Program

The Bruin Resource Center's (BRC) Undocumented Student Program offers caring and personalized support to undergraduate and graduate undocumented students. The BRC provides a welcoming and safe space to help students navigate UCLA. The BRC offers mentoring and encouragement, guidance on educational strategies and financial opportunities, and tools to succeed academically and personally. The BRC fosters a sense of belonging, community and well-being for all undocumented students on campus. The center values and understands the experiences undocumented students bring to the UCLA community and are committed to helping them reach their goals and aspirations.
310-206-2980 | **usp.ucla.edu**

IDEAS at UCLA

IDEAS (Improving Dreams, Equality, Access, and Success) is an undocumented student organization at UCLA. They recognize the diversity within the movement and their membership is comprised of individuals from various nationalities, ethnicities, and genders. IDEAS exists to provide undocumented students with the resources and support needed to ensure their retention in higher education. Furthermore, they strive to ensure access to higher education by educating communities about the opportunities open for higher education success. They advocate for equal representation of undocumented students in higher education and fair immigration reform that recognizes the contributions of undocumented immigrants to this society.
https://www.facebook.com/ideasatucla/

Dream Resource Center UCLA Downtown Labor Center

The Dream Resource Center develops educational and policy materials to help undocumented students access higher education. The main objective of this initiative is to build the Dream Resource Center infrastructure to prepare for the day when immigration reform would provide

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undocumented immigrant youth with a pathway to citizenship. To build this infrastructure, the Dream Resource Center offers a summer leadership development program and community oriented projects throughout the year to promote undocumented student rights.

Ultimately immigrant student leaders trained through this national initiative are in the very best position to develop vital resources, strengthen new media outreach, contact the ethnic press, reach out to high school counselors and teachers, and encourage a new generation of immigrant youth to obtain legal status by pursuing their educational dreams.
labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/

UCLA Scholarship Resource Center

The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center (SRC) provides scholarship information, resources, and support services to all UCLA students, regardless of financial aid eligibility.
310-206-2875 | UCLA Scholarship Resource website
233 Covel Commons | Los Angeles, CA 90095

UCLA Student Legal Services

A239 Murphy Hall | Los Angeles, CA 90095
UCLA Student Legal Services is able to assist current UCLA students with their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals applications.

Immigrants Rising

Immigrants Rising is focused on empowering undocumented students to achieve their educational and career goals. They also award scholarship funds to undocumented students each year.
Immigrantsrising.org

Maldef Scholarship Resources

Maldef produces a scholarship guide for undocumented students each year.
maldef.org/leadership/scholarships

10,000 Degrees

10,000 Degrees is a California based organization dedicated to achieving educational equity. The provide scholarships for students from the Bay area.
10000degrees.org/undergraduate-scholarships/

The Dream

The dream provides scholarships to talented Dreamer students each year.
www.thedream.us/scholarships/

Golden Doors

Golden Doors provides scholarships and support to Dream students.
goldendoorscholars.org

UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships

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(310) 206-0400
www.financialaid.ucla.edu
Message Center
http://www.financialaid.ucla.edu/Contact-Us

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