



Since January 1, 2002, California's Assembly Bill 540 allows students, regardless of their residency status, to pay in-state tuition fees if they wish to attend the state's public community colleges and universities. California's immigrant students are also eligible for this exemption if they meet the law's requirements.

To qualify for exemption from paying out-of-state tuition, a student must:

- Have attended a high school in California for 3 years or more
- Have graduated from a California high school or received the equivalent of GED; and
- File an affidavit with the college or university stating that he or she will file an application with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to obtain legal permanent residency as soon as he or she is eligible.

Students who have already applied for legal permanent residency with the DHS may already be eligible for in-state tuition. Students should speak with a college counselor and/or an immigration attorney for more information.

AB 540 students may be eligible to apply for federal work permits and social security cards under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive order which was signed by President Obama in 2012. Go to www.ilrc.org for additional information.

Who can I contact at GCC if I have any questions?

If you would like to speak to someone at GCC you can contact Greg Perkins at 818-240-1000 x 5517, Hoover Zariani at x5789, Ramona Barrio-Sotillo at x5424 or Richard Cortes at x5445, Andra Verstraete at x 5404



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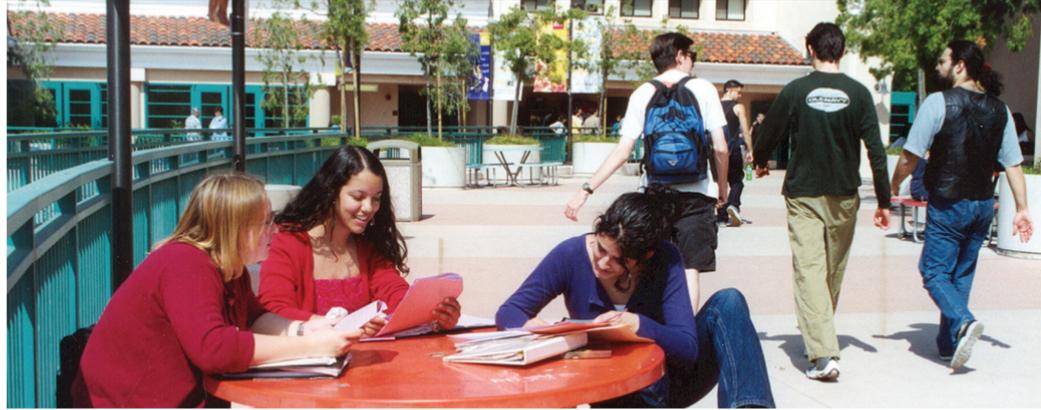
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Do I need to bring anything with me to the Admissions Office when I apply?

Please bring proof that you have graduated from a California high school **and** have attended for three years or more. This proof can be in the form of high school transcripts, a High School Equivalency Certificate issued by the California State GED Office, or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from having taken the California High School Proficiency Examination.

If I am a high school senior, can I turn in my admissions application before I graduate from high school? If I do, what happens to it?

If you turn your application in before your graduation date, your application will be processed as a non-resident, which means you will be expected to pay out-of-state tuition. Once you finish high school, it is important that you bring your transcripts to the Admissions Office and let them know that you will be completing the affidavit necessary to reflect your AB 540 status. This will allow you to pay in-state tuition. Turning in your application as early as possible increases your chances of getting your first choice of classes.



Under this new law, is the affidavit confidential?

Yes. The affidavit will be filed with the college or university—not the DHS—and will remain confidential except in limited circumstances.

Are there any financial resources available to help me?

Effective January 2013, CA AB 540 community college students are now eligible to apply using CA DREAM Application but should NOT complete the FAFSA due to their ineligibility for federal financial aid (e.g., Pell Grants, Work Study & Stafford loans). Student may apply for BOG fee waiver, CAL grant and EOPS grant.

In addition, the passage of CA Bill AB 130 in 2011 now makes it possible for AB 540 students to apply for post-secondary institutional grants & scholarships (e.g., UC, CSU, and private school endowment scholarships). To learn more about scholarships, please review information developed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) at www.maldef.org or www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org

You can also seek additional scholarships on: www.latinocollegedollars.org and www.glendale.edu/AB540 www.cadreamnetwork.org www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp