

# CA Dream Act

## Financial Aid for Undocumented Students



If you submitted the [California Dream Act Application](#) online, you applied for ALL of the different types of state financial aid programs listed below that are available for dreamers at DVC. After reviewing your application, the Financial Aid Office will determine which of these programs you are eligible to receive. You may check the status of your application by logging into your Insite Portal.

### California Promise Grant

- California Promise Grant (B) — free tuition at DVC AND also eligible to apply for [EOPS](#)
- California Promise Grant (C) — free tuition at DVC but NOT eligible to apply for EOPS

### CAL GRANT (Requires high school GPA and CA Dream Act Application by March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline)

- CAL GRANT A:
  - covers cost of tuition at 4 year university
  - grant will be on reserve while attending community college
- CAL GRANT B:
  - covers cost of tuition at 4 year university AND
  - up to **\$1656/year** for educational expenses
    - 12 or more units = \$828
    - 9-11 units= \$621
    - 6-8 units = \$414
    - Less than 6 units = \$0
- CAL GRANT C:
  - up to **\$547/year** for students interested in occupational or technical fields

### FULL TIME STUDENT SUCCESS GRANT (Must also be eligible for Cal Grant B to receive this grant)

- If enrolled in at least 12 units per semester = \$649
- If enrolled in at least 15 units per semester = \$2000

### CHAFEE GRANT (Must be current or former foster youth)

- up to **\$5000/year** for educational expenses for current or former foster youth

## Important Reminders:

- To qualify for any programs under CA Dream Act, students must be eligible for AB540:
  - Have attended a high school in California for at least three years
  - Have graduated from a California high school with a diploma or equivalent (GED, HS proficiency)
  - Submitted the California Non-resident Tuition Exemption Request Form to the Admissions Office
  - Submitted a copy of official high school transcripts to the Admissions Office
- The California Dream Act Application must be renewed online at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org), ideally between Oct.1st and Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> every academic year
- Cal Grant eligible students must create a WebGrants for Students account online in order to manage their Cal Grant awards (request leave of absence, change school of attendance, track application status and remaining years of eligibility, etc.) <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>
- AB540 and BOG Fee Waiver eligible students may also apply for EOPS ([www.dvc.edu/eops](http://www.dvc.edu/eops))
- Dreamers are highly encouraged to apply for scholarships! [www.dvc.edu/scholarships](http://www.dvc.edu/scholarships)
- For more information about campus support for dreamers, visit [www.dvc.edu/dreamers](http://www.dvc.edu/dreamers)

## What is the difference between the California Dream Act and FAFSA?

- **FAFSA** – for US citizens or non-citizens with legal resident status in the US
- **CA Dream Act** – for undocumented students who meet eligibility requirements for AB540

Types of financial aid	How to Apply?
California Board of Governor's Fee Waiver	FAFSA and California Dream Act
California (Cal) Grant	FAFSA and California Dream Act
California Full Time Student Success Grant	FAFSA and California Dream Act
California Chafee Grant	FAFSA and California Dream Act
Federal Pell Grant	FAFSA Only
Federal SEOG Grant	FAFSA Only
Federal Work Study (work on campus)	FAFSA Only
Federal Student Loans	FAFSA Only