

# California Dream Act

## Steps to apply



### 1. APPLY ONLINE

Complete the [California Dream Act Application](#) online and make sure DVC is listed as a college on the application. The California Dream Act allows undocumented students who qualify for a non-resident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) to receive certain types of financial aid. Ideally, students should apply between October 1 - March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the application must be renewed every year.

### 2. SUBMIT AB540 FORM TO ADMISSIONS

To qualify for the California Dream Act, students must provide proof of [AB540 eligibility](#) by submitting the [Non-resident Tuition Exemption Request Form](#) to DVC Admissions with a copy of high school transcripts.

### 3. CHECK INSITE FOR UPDATES

About two weeks after submitting the California Dream Act Application online, the DVC Financial Aid Office will send a follow-up email to your [InSite account](#) with more instructions. You may be required to complete and submit additional forms or documents to Financial Aid. To find out, log into InSite and click on the Financial Aid icon.

### 4. SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

After you have printed, gathered, and completed all documents listed on the Financial Aid Checklist, contact the undocumented student liaison in the financial aid office to submit your documents:

- Phoebe Keesey—[pkeesey@dvc.edu](mailto:pkeesey@dvc.edu); (925) 969-2124

### 5. SELECT HOW YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR AID

If you are eligible for financial aid, you will need to select your disbursement preference. To select your preference, visit [www.4cd.edu/bankmobile](http://www.4cd.edu/bankmobile).

### 6. REVIEW YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER

You will receive a financial aid award offer email in your [InSite account](#) about 2-4 weeks after submitting your documents. The award letter will be posted to your InSite account and list the type and amount of financial aid you qualified to receive.