

Undocumented Students FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions



1. How much will it cost to take classes at DVC?

Undocumented students attending DVC are charged out-of-state tuition fees (\$321 per unit). To qualify for reduced tuition (\$46 per unit), 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.

2. To apply for financial aid, should I complete the FAFSA or the California Dream Act?

Undocumented students who meet AB540 requirements are eligible to apply for state funded financial aid programs. To apply, students must complete the [California Dream Act](#) every year, ideally by March 2nd. The FAFSA is the financial aid application for citizens or permanent residents. Undocumented students should not complete the FAFSA unless they gain permanent residency or citizenship.

3. How can I get my tuition fees waived?

The [California Promise Grant](#) is a state-funded program that waives that \$46 per unit tuition fees for students who meet the requirements. To apply, students must complete the [California Dream Act](#).

4. Are there grants available that will help with the cost of attending DVC?

The [Cal Grant](#) is a state-funded program that provides up to \$1656 per year to help students with college expenses such as books, supplies, transportation, housing, etc. To apply, undocumented students must complete the [California Dream Act](#) and the [GPA Verification Form](#) by March 2nd

5. Do I have to be eligible for DACA to apply for financial aid?

NO. [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) is NOT required to apply for the CA Dream Act.

6. Are undocumented students eligible for EOPS?

[Extended Opportunity Programs and Services \(EOPS\)](#) is a comprehensive retention and support program designed to promote the academic success of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. Undocumented students who are eligible for AB540 and the California Promise Grant may apply for EOPS.

7. Are there scholarships available for undocumented students?

Yes, undocumented students are eligible to apply for scholarships that do not require citizenship. Click here for a list of [scholarship resources for undocumented students](#).

8. I have a question regarding my immigration status. Is there someone who can help me?

DVC has partnered with the [Immigration Institute of the Bay Area \(IIBA\)](#) to provide free immigration legal consults to students. During a general immigration consultation, you will be able to describe your situation and receive free immigration legal advice from an IIBA attorney or qualified legal representative. To schedule an appointment, please call (925) 237-8581 ext. 11.

9. How can I get involved with advocacy on campus?

[The Dreamers Alliance](#) is an inclusive network of allies, consisting of faculty, students, staff and administrators committed to providing a safe, supportive and welcoming educational environment at DVC for undocumented students. All members of the DVC community are encouraged to join! For more info, [check out our webpage](#).

10. How can I stay up to date with the latest news about resources for undocumented students?

Stay connected through our [webpage and subscribe to the DVC Dreamers mailing list](#).