

2012-2013 CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT GUIDE

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A guide to understanding the California Dream Act of 2011

The CA DREAM application assists students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA but qualify for AB540 nonresident tuition exemption with demonstrating need for the purpose of applying for private scholarships.

For assistance identifying and applying for private scholarships, visit the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center:

233 Covel Commons
Los Angeles CA
90095-1387
310.206.2878

www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/src/
(click on 'Scholarship Search')

www.ab540.ucla.edu

*For more information about
AB130 & AB131 see the [CA
Dream Act \(AB130 & AB131\)](#)
[FAQ's](#)*

**Deadline to be considered for
University Grant:**
Continuing Students: 6/1/2012
Entering Students: 6/29/2012



What is the California Dream Act of 2011?

The California Dream Act of 2011 consists of two bills, Assembly Bill 130 (AB130) and Assembly Bill 131 (AB131). **AB130** is effective January 1, 2012 and allows for undocumented students attending the University of California, Los Angeles, who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under AB540 to be eligible to receive scholarships derived from non-state funds. **AB131** allows all students who qualify for **AB540** nonresident tuition exemptions, including those who are undocumented, to apply for Cal Grant awards and for grants and scholarships awarded by California public colleges and universities. AB131 will take effect on January 1, 2013 with respect to UC institutional aid and fall term of the 2013-14 school year with respect to Cal Grants.

How do I apply?

The UCLA Financial Aid Office will use 2012-2013 Student Aid Application for Dream Act Students (SAADAS) or the California DREAM Application (after 4/1/12) in order to determine financial need and eligibility for university funds for students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA but qualify for AB540 nonresident tuition exemption.

Undergraduate continuing students are encouraged to complete the 2012-2013 Scholarship Application for Continuing Students, in order to apply for need-based scholarships managed by the Financial Aid Office. Students must apply by March 2, 2012 and have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

IMPORTANT: Undocumented students cannot complete or submit the FAFSA application and should only submit a California Dream Act Application. *Student who are eligible to complete the FAFSA should not complete the CA Dream Act Application.*

Tips for completing the DREAM Application

- Complete your application electronically at www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp.
- If you or your parents did not file a federal tax return, you should answer "will not file". However, you should report any income earned from work and any other untaxed income received.
- If you are a dependent student, both you and your parents are required to sign the DREAM application. If you cannot obtain parental information, please contact our office.

NOTE: If your status changes and you become eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the academic year, please contact the Financial Aid Office immediately for guidance on how to establish eligibility for federal financial aid.