

ADMISSION STEPS FOR DREAM STUDENTS

California Educational Laws for Students			
AB 540	AB 2000	SB 68	AB 130 & AB 131
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees Makes students eligible to apply for the CA Dream Act (financial aid application) <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend 3 full years of high school in CA or the equivalent of GED Graduate from a CA high school, or obtain a certificate of completion or a GED in CA Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U visa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands AB540 to exempt student from out-of-state tuition Makes students eligible to apply for CA Dream Act <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend CA elementary or secondary schools (k-12) for a cumulative total of 3 or more years Graduate from a CA high school, or obtain a certificate of completion or a GED in CA Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U visa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands AB540 to exempt student from out-of-state tuition Makes students eligible to apply for CA Dream Act <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend 3 years full-time or the equivalent credits at a CA High School, Adult School, Community College (credit or noncredit), or any combination of the above. Note: Maximum attendance for credit classes a CCC cannot exceed 2 years Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a GED in CA, attain an Associates Degree from a CCC or fulfill their minimum transfer requirements for UC or CSU. Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U visa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 130: opens certain scholarships administered by public institutions to AB540 / AB 2000/ SB 68 students AB 131: opens state-funded grants & State programs to AB540 / AB2000 / SB68 students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cal grants, State grants, UC grants & CA College Promise Grants EOP & EOPS <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 540/ AB2000/ SB 68 eligibility Priority filing deadline GPA & other grant eligibility Program requirements for EOP & EOPS For institutional scholarships must meet individual scholarship requirements

Source: Immigrants Rising www.immigrantsrising.org

1. Apply to Fresno State:

- Complete the CSU application between (October 1 – November 30) <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- If you do not have a social security number, leave it blank
- If you have a social security number through DACA or another lawful visa include that number if you have one
- When asked about your citizenship status, select "None"
- When asked if you claim California residency, select "Yes"
- Submit application and keep confirmation



IMPORTANT: If you have DACA or another lawful visa use this name in your CSU admissions application **and** in your application for financial aid. Remember your name in the admissions **and** financial aid application **must match**. If you do not have DACA, use the name as it appears in your school transcripts.

2. Apply to EOP (Educational Opportunity Program):

- In the CSU Apply Application, select "Yes" when asked if you are interested in EOP
- Complete the EOP application
- Provide names and emails of teachers/faculty/staff recommending you
- Call EOP to make sure your application has been submitted (559) 278-6025
- For first-time freshmen: sign-up to attend Summer Bridge (a successful transition program for EOP students)

3. Create your Fresno State email/login account:

- Fresno State will send you an email with instructions to create your email/login account
- Use professional judgement in creating your username. This will be your email for Fresno State that all offices, staff, and teachers will use to get a hold of you. We recommend not creating unprofessional usernames.

4. Submit Residency Documentation:

- Submit CSU Residency Questionnaire (you will be emailed about this and it will appear on your Student Center to-do list)
- Submit the California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption (you will be emailed about this and it will appear on your Student Center to-do list)

5. Learn to use your Student Center:

- my.fresnostate.edu (your username and password is the same as the Fresno State email you created)
- Check your Student Center & To-Do List constantly



IMPORTANT: Check your Fresno State email constantly. This is where important messages will be sent to you including those from the Dream Success Center (your go-to place for assistance as a Dreamer student).

6. Connect with the Dream Success Center

- Contact Gaby Encinas at gencinas@csufresno.edu
- <https://fresnostate.edu/dsc>

7. Apply for financial aid through the CA Dream Act application:

- Complete the CA Dream Act application <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> (October 1 – March 2). If you are undocumented, DACA, T or U visa student **DO NOT** fill out the FAFSA. You need to fill out the CA Dream Act application instead.
- Make sure your school submits your GPA verification to CSAC (California Student Aid Commission) who processes the CA Dream Act financial aid application



IMPORTANT: All males, regardless of immigration status, **MUST** register with Selective Service. All males must do this in order to receive financial aid. To register you must fill out the registration form and mail it (only U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents can register online. All other students must mail the form). Here is the link to access selective service form: https://www.sss.gov/Portals/0/PDFs/regform_copyINT_1.pdf

8. Create an account with Web Grants

- <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>
- Constantly check your status to see if you are eligible for Cal grants



Note: Webgrants is the page that tells you if you qualify for any Cal grants after you submit the CA Dream Act application. The CA Dream Act is the application to receive any type of financial aid. Webgrants notifies you of your application status and eligibility for Cal grants. If you do not qualify for Cal Grants, Fresno State has another grant you may qualify for so there is always chance you may qualify to get some form of financial aid. However, you need to consult with the financial aid office or with the Dream Success Center so we can connect you with information.



IMPORTANT: Check your Fresno State student center in case you need to turn in any forms to the financial aid office. Without turning in those forms **ON TIME**, you will delay the chances of getting any financial aid.

9. Apply for the Fresno State Scholarship:

- www.csufresno.edu/scholarships or you can access the application via your student center my.fresnostate.edu

10. Apply for private scholarships:

- www.immigrantsrising.org
- www.mydocumentedlife.org
- www.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarships
- www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources
- www.education-leadership.org

11. Confirm/Accept Your Admissions to Fresno State:

- Fresno State will send you an email asking you to confirm your intent to enroll at Fresno State
- For first-time Freshmen you must reply by May 1st
- For Transfer students you have until June for Fall admissions

12. Register for Dog Days New Student Orientation:

- Pay and register for Dog Days at the time you accept/confirm your admissions to Fresno State on my.fresnostate.edu

13. Attend Mandatory Dream Student Workshop during Dog Days New Student Orientation:

- You will receive an email invitation with the time and location for the workshop
- Contact the Dream Success Center Coordinator, Gaby, if you do not receive an email invitation
- This workshop will cover financial aid and other critical information you need to know

For assistance or additional questions/resources please contact us at the Dream Success Center. We are happy to help.

Dream Success Center

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