Citizenship/Residency Questions in the ‘Personal Information’ Section

1. **Social Security number.** The application will ask you to enter your Social Security number (SSN). If you have qualified for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and have been issued a SSN, you are NOT required to enter that number on your application.
   - If you do not have a SSN, you can leave that item blank on the application and the campus you are applying to will assign you a temporary number.
2. **Residency.** Answer all questions about residency (where you live). If you meet AB 540 / AB 2000 / SB 68 guidelines and are being charged nonresident tuition, contact your campus and submit a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form.
3. Once you have been accepted to a CSU campus, you should file a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form with the school. You will need to submit a separate request to each campus you plan to attend. You do not need to submit a new request if you are continuously enrolled at the same campus.

For campus-specific information, visit AB 540 / AB 2000 / SB 68 Resources for Students.

The law requires that the information you share on the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form be kept confidential. (See California Education Code §68130.5(d): "Student information obtained in the implementation of this section is confidential.") Student information is also protected by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**AB 540/2000/SB 68 Eligibility**

Certain nonresident students (including U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented individuals) who have attended, graduated, or achieved the equivalent from a California school may be exempted from paying nonresident tuition. Such students must remain classified as “nonresidents” for residence classification and financial aid eligibility purposes.

Students seeking exemption from nonresident tuition must satisfy attendance requirements and graduation/transfer requirements. Students must also complete and submit the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form, along with supporting documents (i.e., transcripts, proof of attendance) to the campus Admissions and Records Office.

**Attendance Requirements**

California Education Code Section 68130.5 states a student shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if the student meets the following requirements:

**Section A**

A total attendance of – or attainment of credits earned while in California equivalent to – three or more years of full-time attendance or attainment of credits at any of the following:

i. California high schools.
ii. California high schools established by the State Board of Education.
iii. California adult schools established by any of the following entities:
• A county office of education.
• A unified school district or high school district.
• The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

iv. Campuses of the California Community Colleges*
v. A combination of those schools set forth in (i) to (iv), inclusive.

Please note that only two (2) years of community college attendance can be used to satisfy this requirement. A third year must be taken from attendance at one of the schools listed above (i-iii).

*A year’s equivalence at a California Community College is either a minimum of 24 semester units of credit or 36 quarter units. Only two (2) years of full time attendance in credit courses at the California Community Colleges will count towards the three (3) or more years of attendance. Full-time attendance at a California adult school is a minimum of 420 hours of attendance for each school year.

Section B

Three or more years of full-time high school coursework, and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of California elementary and secondary schools.

Graduation/Transfer Requirement

Students must satisfy the graduation/transfer requirement by fulfilling any of the following:

A. Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof; or
B. Attainment of an associate degree from a campus of the California Community Colleges; or
C. Fulfillment of the minimum transfer requirements established for the CSU for students transferring from a campus of the California Community Colleges.

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request

Remember: Students will not be considered for this exemption unless the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form is completed and submitted along with supporting documents (i.e., transcripts, proof of attendance at a California school) to the campus Admissions and Records Office.

Other Non-resident Tuition Exemptions: T and U Visa Holders

Students who are not immigrants and who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes who have been granted T or U visa status under Title 8 of the United States Code sections 1101(a)(15)(T) or (U) are eligible for this exemption as well. The student must file an exemption request including a signed affidavit with the college that indicates the student has met all applicable conditions described above. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law.

PART II: APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid:

The Cal State Apply Admissions Application Fee Waiver is available to students who qualify for an AB540/2000/SB68 nonresident tuition exemption and meet the income guidelines.
The California Dream Act (CA Assembly Bills 130 and 131) made it possible for students who meet AB540/2000/SB68 criteria to apply for state funded financial aid such as, Cal Grants, Middle Class Scholarship, California State University Grant, and EOP Grant.

The California Dream Loan Program (CA Senate Bill 1210) was approved starting in 2015-2016 and currently UC and CSU campuses offer Dream Loans to eligible AB-540 students. Students should contact their campus for more information.

**To be eligible for CA state financial aid, undocumented students who meet the AB540/2000/SB68 criteria must complete the CA Dream Act Application by the March the 2nd, 2018 priority deadline:** [https://dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)

*Note - Undocumented/AB540/DACA students are still not eligible for Federal Financial Aid and should NOT complete the FAFSA Application.*

**Scholarships:**

Students can also apply for institutional scholarships (campus specific) and private scholarships

Great scholarship resources for Dreamers:

- [https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/](https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/)
- [https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/](https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/)
- [https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-undergraduate-scholarships/](https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-undergraduate-scholarships/)

**PART III: RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AT THE CSU**

Please visit the CSU ‘Resources for Undocumented Students’ website at: [https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students](https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students)

This website has comprehensive information about resources at the CSU for undocumented students including DACA updates, applying to the CSU, financial aid, student support services and resources, and legal support services.

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The Chabot Dream Center mission is to provide support, resources, information and referrals for undocumented (including AB 540 and DACA) students and allies in a safe and confidential environment.

**Dream Center Contact Information:**
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Phone: (510) 723-6957 | email: cc-dreamcenter@chabotcollege.edu | website: [www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers)