

CAL STATE APPLY RESOURCE GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Part 1: Completing the Cal State Apply Application for Transfer

Citizenship/Residency Questions in the 'Personal Information' Section

On the **U.S. Citizenship Status** question, Undocumented/AB540/DACA applications select "None."

of study? Yes No

U.S. Military Status
Indicate your anticipated U.S. Military Status at time of enrollment

U.S. Citizenship Status
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**AB540 applicants select "None"
International applicants select Non Resident**

On the **Residency** question, answer all questions about residency (where you live) according to your own residency. **Note, this question is NOT asking about legal residency status, but rather whether or not you regard CA as your permanent home, if you claim CA residency, and how long you have lived in CA.** If you are an undocumented/AB540/DACA applicant and you regard CA as your permanent home and have lived in CA for at least 1 year and 1 day, the CSU system suggests you answer the residency question as follows, including when your present stay in CA began:

Residency

What U.S. State/Possession do you regard as your permanent home?

Do you claim California Residency?

Yes No

Have you lived in California continuously since birth?

Yes No

When did your present stay in California begin?

NOTE - 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](#).

Once you have been accepted to a CSU campus, you should **file a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form** with the school. The request requires that students without legal immigration status state they have filed or will file an application to legalize their immigration status as soon as they are eligible to do so. 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 \(FERPA\)](#).

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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:

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- 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

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Social Security Number in the 'Other Information' section of 'Personal Information'

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.

Part II: Applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial Aid:

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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/>

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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>

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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UC APPLICATION GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Tips for filling out the undergraduate application

Social security number

- If you have a valid **Social Security Number (SSN)** — for instance, because of immigration proceedings — enter that on the application.
- If you have an **SSN for work purposes** (usually through DACA), use that where the application asks for an SSN.
- If you don't have a valid SSN or SSN for work purposes, but do have an **Individual Tax Payer Identification Number (ITIN)**, use the ITIN in place of an SSN on the application.
- If you don't have a valid SSN, SSN for work purposes, or ITIN, leave this item blank.

Make sure that the number you use on this item in the application is the same as the SSN or ITIN you enter on your Cal Dream Act Application.

Country of citizenship

As an undocumented student, you have the option to choose “No Selection.” This option is considered a valid response and we recommend this choice for undocumented applicants, including those with DACA status. By choosing “No Selection,” you'll avoid being asked other questions about permanent residency and visa status that are not applicable to you.

California residency

You'll be asked the following questions to determine if you are a California resident for admissions purposes:

- Have you attended a California high school for three or more years and will graduate or have graduated from a California high school?
- How long have you lived in California?
- Is your parent or legal guardian a legal permanent resident of California? [if you're under 18]
- Is your parent, legal guardian, spouse or registered domestic partner an employee of UC or a UC-affiliated national laboratory?

Application fee waivers

If you're considered a California resident for admissions purposes, you may be eligible for our application fee waiver and you'll be considered for admission using the 3.0 minimum GPA (rather than the 3.4 GPA for nonresident applicants).

You can apply for a fee waiver within the online application and be notified immediately whether you have qualified. You will get the option of applying for a fee waiver based on how you fill out these questions:

- Citizenship status: If you choose “No selection” (see the tips for filling out this section below)
- California residency: If you attended a California high school for three or more years and will graduate or have graduated from a California high school
- Your family's income and the number of people supported by that income

Fee waivers can't be applied to more than four campuses, regardless of their source (for instance, you wouldn't be able to use a College Board/SAT fee waiver *and* a UC fee waiver to apply to more than four UC campuses). If you qualify for a fee waiver and select more than four campuses, you'll need to pay \$70 for each additional choice.

Keep in mind: Being a California resident for admissions purposes does not necessarily mean you'll be considered a resident for tuition purposes.

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Personal insight questions

It's up to you if you want to use one of the personal insight question responses or the additional comments section to discuss your undocumented status. It isn't required, but it can provide more context for your application by helping reviewers understand your circumstance and resources. This information may also be used during the scholarship screening process. It will not be used outside the application process.

Parent citizenship information

When you submit your application, you'll be asked questions about your parents' citizenship status. For example: *Is your parent a U.S. citizen? Has your parent been physically present in CA for the last 3 years?* These questions are optional and you don't have to answer them, but if you do, we encourage you to answer them truthfully — any information you provide will not affect your admission decision. This information is used only to help UC determine residency.

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