# Cal Grant Regional Training AB 540 and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

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On the application, you'll need to create your:

- ✓ User ID
- ✓ Password
- ✓ Security Questions

## Recommendations

- Consistency of CSAC branding, CADAA login page
- Add CADAA training video to login/registration page
- Add notification of skip logic as FYI to students
- Update AB 540 criteria, requirements to qualify
- Re-word grade level question
- Make Help & Hints button more visible or display automatically
- Consistency with use of capitalization and pronouns throughout the form
- Embed AB 540 affidavit within online CADAA (AB 1540)
- Supplemental Help & Hints on all tax return questions with visual aids
- Build parental signature into original submission, eliminate separate PIN creation process
- Create a CADAA Demo/Simulator
- Improve account registration process

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Removal of CADAA Questions?
- Dislocated worker
- ITIN or SSN (perhaps just SSID)
- Driver License Number and DL State

Addition of CADAA Questions?
- Depending on AB 1540, collection of answers to AB 540 determination questions
- Race/Ethnicity
- Expansion of college selection, 10 to 20 schools
- Interested in DSIG?

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# AB 540 Requirements

Time and Coursework

### Option A:

3 years high school credits and 3 years total attendance at any of these schools in California:

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

### Option B (SB 68/SB 1141):

3 years attendance (or equivalent) at any of these schools in California:

- High School
- Adult School
- Community College*

*SB 1141 amended SB 68 and allows more than two years of full time attendance at a CCC to be counted.

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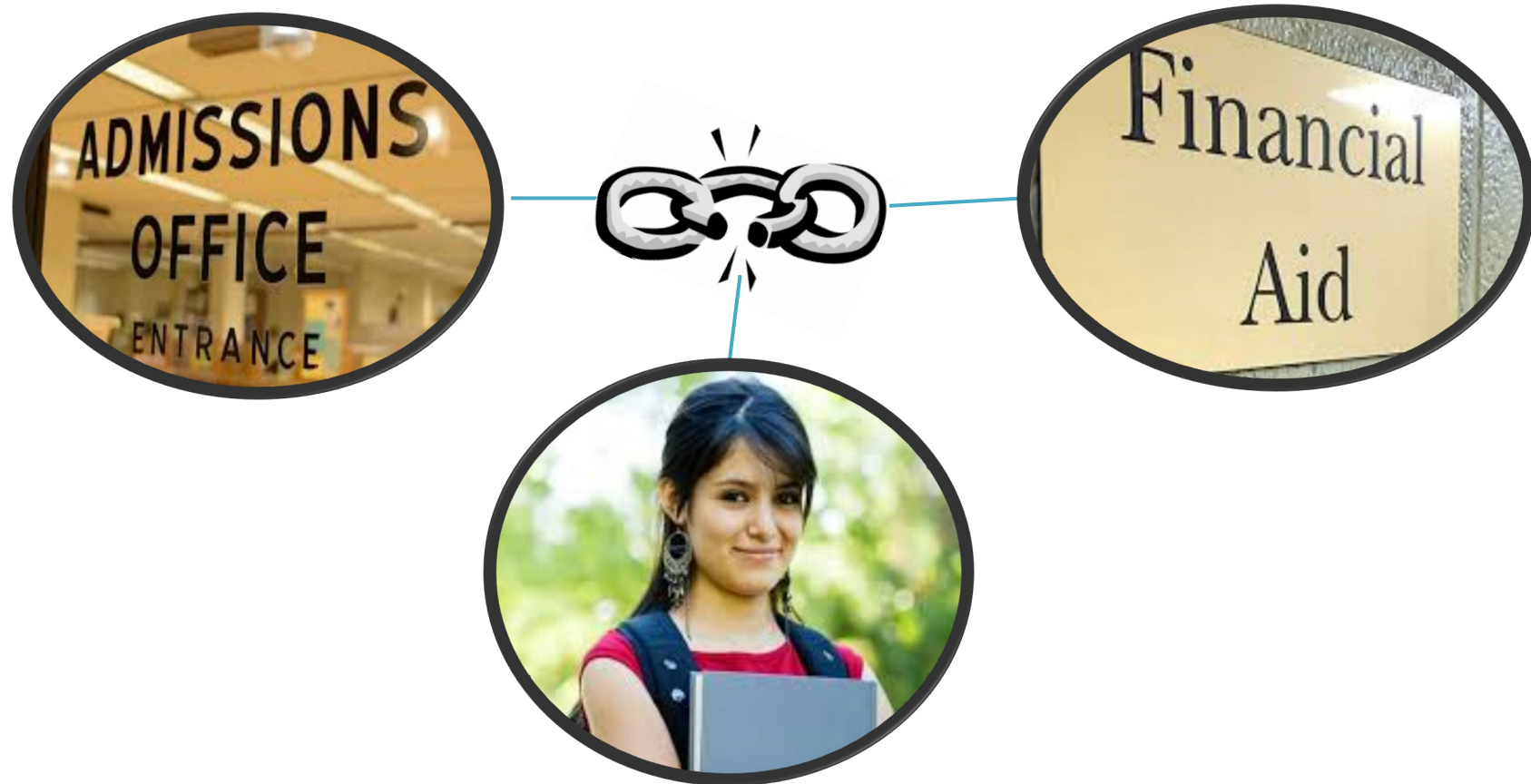
2.  Degree or Transfer Eligibility

    - Graduation from a California High School (or the equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) <u>or</u>
    - Earned an associate's degree from a California Community College <u>or</u>
    - Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

3.  Non -resident Tuition Exemption

    - Student files waiver (AB 540 affidavit) with the college or university

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# AB 540 Affidavit



Undocumented students who are eligible for a non-resident tuition exception must complete and submit the AB 540 Affidavit to the admissions office at their college of attendance.



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# Best Practices



Home > Cal Grant > Roster/Reconciliation > Customize Roster

- The following is a list of your roster formats.
- The CSAC Standard Roster format can not be changed or deleted.
- Existing roster formats can be copied, edited and renamed to create new customized rosters.

School ID | Acad Year | 2022-2023 | Month | All
Report | All | Media Type | All | Search

Home > Cal Grant > Data Transfer > Report Download

Customizing your roster
is one way to find your CADAA
applicants.

- Ensure collection and distribution of non-resident tuition exemption form between Financial Aid Office and Admissions & Records, <u>prior</u> to disbursement.

- Train all staff on AB 540 eligibility, including proper state residency determination.

- Confirm your Financial Aid Management System (FAMS) codes AB 540 students appropriately.

- Update AB 540 verification policies & procedures as needed when state and federal regulations change.

- Remember that most CADAA filers do not realize they are required to have an AB 540 Affidavit on file (or even know what it is).

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# California Dream Act ISIRs



School ID [ ] Acad Year [2021 - 2022 ▾] Month [All ▾]
Report [All ▾] Media Type [All ▾] [Search]

Home > Cal Grant > Data Transfer > Report Download          📖 Close Page Instructions

- To download a report or data file click on the Download File button.
- All data columns can be sorted either ascending or descending order by clicking on the column headings.
- To compare two roster files, select Grant Roster for Report and Data File for Media Type.
- To delete uploaded Audit Files, select Audit File for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.
- To delete uploaded Secure File Transfer, select Secure File Transfer for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.

## Cal Grant Section
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## Data Transfer
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## Report Download

The raw data may be imported to your school's financial management system to use with your software

School ID [00123300] Acad Year [2020 - 2021 ▾] Month [All ▾]
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### Report Download                                          ⌃

| | SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE | | | |

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| Report Date | Description | File Type | Month | Download File |
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| 22-MAY-2021 | California Dream Act ISIRs | Data File | MAY | ⬇ |
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| 15-MAY-2021 | California Dream Act ISIRs | Data File | MAY | ⬇ |

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# Non-Immigrant Visas and TPS

Only Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders or U Visa holders are eligible for AB 540:

- ✓ TPS or U Visa holders should file CADAA

- ✓ T Visa holders should file FAFSA

- ✓ Countries with TPS status can change

A-1  B-1  C-1  D-1  E-1  F-1  H-1B1  H-1C  H-2A  H-2B  I  J-1  M-1
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# California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant

## California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant

Started in **2021–2022**

- Cal Grant B recipients who completed the California Dream Act Application or *Cal Grant A recipients that met Cal Grant B eligibility*

- 1,667 Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grants of up to $4,500 per year

- Must complete 300 community or volunteer service hours during the academic year (7/1-6/30).

- Attend a California public or independent institution

- Removed the "proration" of awards, and now provides stipend awards without regards to a student's part-time or full-time status.

# Qualifying Organizations

What is a qualifying community or volunteer service organization?

- Any business on the List of Service Organizations
- Any school on the Cal Grant Eligible Schools List
- Nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Any federal, state, or local government entity
- Organization shall have been established for a minimum of 2 years before student begins volunteering
- Work performed is not advocacy of a political, social, or religious nature
- Volunteer service is related to the participating student's field of study or is in furtherance of community service or a community need

How do businesses register as a Qualifying Service Organization?

Organizations submit the Service Organization Registration form. CSAC will verify that the organization meets the criteria above.

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https://www.csac.ca.gov/dsig/forms

## California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program

### List of Service Organizations
*Nonprofits & Federal, State, or Local Government Entities*

Students can volunteer with any of the organization(s) on the List of Service Organizations or any organization not on the list if it meets the criteria for a qualifying community or volunteer organization. Organizations not on the List of Service Organizations, can complete and submit the Service Organization Registration form found in DSIG Forms.

**What is a qualifying community or volunteer service organization?**
- A nonprofit as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Any federal, state, or local government entity.
- Any school on the Cal Grant Eligible Schools list on the CSAC website.
- Organization shall have been established for a minimum of two years before the first date on which a participating student begins performing service hours to qualify for this program.
- Community or volunteer service performed by the participating student is not advocacy of a political, social, or religious nature.
- Community or volunteer service is related to the participating student's field of study or is in furtherance of community service or a community need.

| 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Organization Name | Location(s) | Service Org Description | Point of Contact(s) | Website(s) |
| **Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League** | | | | |
| **Animal Protection League** | | | | |
| **California Families in Focus** | | | | |
| **Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW)** | Montebello, CA | The Center For Restorative Justice Works (CRJW) re-weaves the web of relationships that have been torn apart by crime and the policies of the criminal justice system. CRJW serves as a conduit to assist and accompany children, families and communities in crossing over the barriers that separate them from people in prison. | **Name:** Claudia Aguilar **Title:** Administrative Coordinator **Phone:** (818) 980-7714 **Email:** Caguilar@crjw.org | https://crjw.org/ |
| **Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative** | | | | |
| **City Heights Community Development Corp** | | | | |
| **Days Long Beach** | | | | |
| **Dreams for Change** | | | | |
| **East of Eden K9 Rescue** | | | | |
| **El Camino Homeless Organization - ECHO** | 6370 Atascadero Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422 | ECHO's mission since 2001 is to empower people in SLO County to make positive change by providing food, shelter, and supportive services. | **Name:** Miranda Lomeli-O'Reilly **Email:** mlomelioreilly@echoshelter.org **Phone:** (805) 539-7858 | https://www.echoshelter.org/ |
| **Father Joe's Villages** | 1501 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92101 | As San Diego's largest homeless services provider, FJV offers a variety of services from housing, rental assistance, healthcare, food, clothing, education, job training, mental health services, addiction treatment, and therapeutic childcare. Our mission is to end homelessness one life at a time. | **Names:** Liza Heredia **Title:** Volunteer Services Coordinator **Name:** Emily Montgomery **Title:** Volunteer Services Coordinator **Phone:** (619) 645-6411 **Email:** Volunteer@neighbor.org | https://my.neighbor.org/ |

For list of approved service organizations, click here

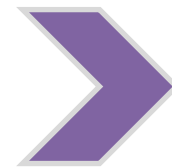# California DREAM Loan Program for Graduate Degree Programs

**Eligibility Requirements** >

- Must be AB 540 Eligible
- Must attend a CSU or a UC
- Complete a DREAM Act Application
- Determined to have financial need
- Academic Program must qualify as an eligible program under Cal Grant guidelines
- Must be enrolled in programs leading to a professional or graduate degree

**DREAM Loan Terms** >

- Annual loan maximum $4,000 (even if enrollment at multiple institutions)
- Aggregate maximum $20,000 at any one institution
- Annual promissory note
- Interest rate matches Subsidized Direct Loan rate for that same year

# Application Corrections



G-55 Form

Application corrections are necessary when students:

- Complete the FAFSA instead of the CADAA
- Complete the CADAA instead of the FAFSA
- Complete an application for the wrong year
- Submit duplicate applications
- Gain permanent residency or citizenship

Student must first complete and successfully submit the correct financial aid application.

School then submits the Application Conversion Form G-55 with the corresponding documentation.

Selective Service registration verification is no longer required for males between the age of 18 and 25

**LATEST NEWS**

SB 169 removed the requirement for colleges to verify Selective Service registration



UPDATE!

# CADAA Verification

~20% of CADAA applicants are randomly chosen for verification.

- ❖ Federal V1- Standard Verification Group
- ❖ AB 540 eligibility
- ❖ Students/parents residing in the United States file US tax returns, if they meet earning threshold

Complete verification <u>prior</u> to disbursing funds.

Update: Dept of Education waiver was not extended into the 23/24 AY and because of this, CSAC will not apply any V1 waiver for CADAA applicants in 23/24.

Reference: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/08/2022-14511/free-application-for-federal-student-aid-fafsa-information-to-be-verified-for-the-2023-2024-award

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Identify and reach out to students with incomplete applications:
- No Dream ID
- No EFC
- Submit Flag blank

*WebGrants Home > CADAA > Dream Act ISIR Search*

Dependency override:
- Functionality available to System Administrators at each campus

Professional Judgement:
- Check "Professional Judgement"
- Submit Grant Record Change (G-21)
- Function available to all users with access to the CADAA menu

Verification Required:
- Check box after verifying application information

UPDATE!



Home > CA Dream Act > ISIR Search > Dream Act Correction Screen (2022 - 2023)        Close Page Instructions

This screen is designed for schools to submit corrections to the most recent Cal ISIR data. Request will be updated real time.
- Data corrections, Verification, and Dependency Overrides can be submitted at the same time.
- Verification Required - Financial Aid Administrator ( FAA) marks the box when application is verified. Field only appears when student is selected for verification.
- Dependency Override - FAA marks the box when performing a dependency override. Overrides can be made in one direction only from dependent to independent.
- EFC Simulator - FAA can preview EFC changes prior to submitting a correction.
- Schools will be notified of processed corrections on the subsequent Cal ISIR Report.
- Students may review corrections by retrieving their CA Dream Act application.

Institution Selections

| Institution Name | USDE Code | Housing Program | Remove |
|---|---|---|---|
| CSU FULLERTON | 00113700 | With parent | ✗ |

☑ Dependency Override     ← System Admin

☑ Professional Judgement     ← Submit G-21

*Date the application was initially received     10/28/2021
Enter the month, day, and year (MM/DD/YYYY)

Submit    Exit    Simulate

**UPDATE:** The Commission will follow the recent federal **V1 verification waiver** for **2021-22** CADAA/FAFSA applicants

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# CADAA Confirmation Page



**Issues which need to be resolved:**

**Next steps student should consider:**

Signature | **Confirmation** | CalSAR

**2023-2024** CA Dream Act Application Confirmation Page

✎ Parent Signature

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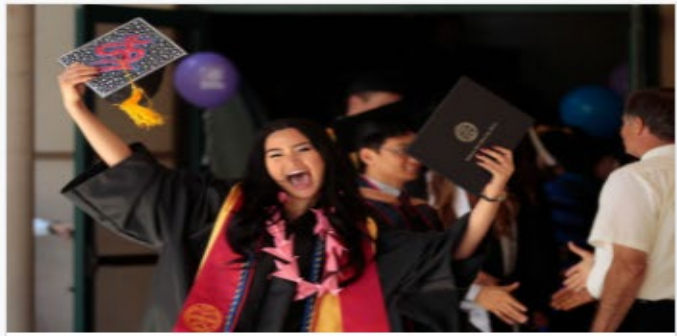| Section | | Comment Codes |
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| | Resolve the following issue(s); if these issue(s) remain unresolved, you may be unable to receive financial aid consideration. | 001 |
| | Males, between ages of 18 and 25, are required to register for Selective Service prior to receiving financial aid for college. | 020 |
| | **There are issues with your CA Dream Act Application that need to be resolved before your eligibility can be determined. Be sure to read all the comment codes listed on this page, review your application and make any necessary corrections to your CA Dream Act Application.** | **047** |
| III-Next Steps | Corrections can be made 24 hours after submitting your application by logging back into your application at **www.caldreamact.org**. You must use your User ID and password to retrieve your CA Dream Act Application. If you need additional help with your application, contact the Customer Relations Branch at the California Student Aid Commission Mon-Fri from 8:00 am to 4:45 pm at 1-888-224-7268 or by email at **studentsupport@csac.ca.gov**. If your mailing address or email address changes, you must make the correction on your CA Dream Act Application. **Click here** for more information regarding Cal Grant application process. | 006 |
| | Your college is responsible for verifying your AB 540 eligibility. Check with your colleges Admissions office before the term starts. | 280 |

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# Cal SAR Report

# Dreamer Resource Centers (DRC)



**Programs and Services**

The Dream Success Center is completely dedicated to serving our students with holistic services for their academic success

**List of Programs and Services** >

**Financial Aid for Dreamers**

Learn about your options to pay for college. We are here to provide guidance and support.

**Financial Aid Resources** >

**Immigration Legal Services**

In collaboration with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) we provide legal services to our Fresno State community.

**Make a Consultation** >

DRCs are a fantastic resource for undocumented students looking for advice, suggestions, and resources from the university itself. DRCs serve students with AB540 status, undocumented/DACA, and students with mixed immigration status

The Campaign for College Opportunity created an interactive map of campuses with DRCs/DRLs- and even provides contact information of campus allies and liaisons



The Campaign for College Opportunity

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California Undocumented Higher Education Coalition

**CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

University of California campuses        California State University campuses        California Community College campuses

https://collegecampaign.org/undoc-student-resources/

**Connect your students to a Dreamer Resource Center or Liaison**

Date Issued: May 2023

**Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ**

California Community Colleges • UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA • IMMIGRANTS RISING

Tuesday, May 9th was the release of this groundbreaking intersegmental AB 540 FAQ. This first-of-its-kind tool will allow more effective implementation of this important tuition equity policy. Immigrants Rising, the California Community Colleges, and the University of California hope it will become a central reference point for practitioners at colleges, universities, high schools, adult schools, non-credit programs, and college access organizations.

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Championing Equity: Systemwide AB 540 FAQ – IMMIGRANTS RISING