

## Services

- Academic counseling, legal support, financial aid resources, and extensive campus referral network
- Curriculum and training for students, faculty, and staff on institutional support for Undocumented students
- Programs and organizations, and internships specifically for undocumented students
- Providing targeted counseling and psychological services; career and graduate school advising
- Emergency funds and resources
- Centralized Undocumented Student Center
- Institutional grants or scholarships



## Informational Events

- Studying Abroad as a DACA Recipient
- Applying to Graduate, Law, Medical Schools as Undocumented Students
- Know Your Rights
- DACA and Other Types of Relief
- Life After DACA
- Career Options After College
- Financial Aid and Support
- Time and Money Management Workshops
- Health Options for Undocumented Immigrants
- And more!

### Other resources

[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov>

<http://www.catrustact.org>

<http://driveca.org>



## Services for Undocumented Students & Special Populations

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# Bills, laws, and programs related to undocumented students

Currently, **17 states** allow for **in-state tuition** for undocumented students (updated as of Oct, 2014). Under Assembly Bill 540, **California** is one of them. What are the requirements?

- Attend a CA high school for three years
- Graduate from a CA high school
- Fill out an affidavit that says you will apply for US residency as soon as possible



## ***CA Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131):***

**AB 130** allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive non-state funded institutional aid.

**AB 131** allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, community college fee waivers, Cal Grant and Chafee Grant.

***Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):*** DACA is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. If eligible, DACA provides temporary relief from deportation and work authorization for a period of two years, subject to renewal. The total filing fee is **\$465**.

**You may request consideration for DACA if you:**

- 1) Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- 2) Came to the United States before reaching your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- 3) Have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- 4) Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- 5) Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012 or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
- 6) Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S.; and
- 7) Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

## **Other laws related to undocumented immigrants**

***Driver's License (AB 60):*** Beginning January 1, 2015, any eligible California resident will be able to receive a driver's license, regardless of immigration status. An applicant who does not have proof of lawful presence will receive an AB 60 license, which will have a visible distinguishing feature.

***Trust Act (AB 4):*** The TRUST Act (AB 4) went into effect on Jan. 1, 2014. It limits the collaboration between the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and local police. All counties in California must follow this law, which limits immigration "hold" requests in local jails.

***SB 1159:*** Effective, Jan. 1, 2016. SB 1159 requires all 40 licensing boards under the California Department of Consumer Affairs to consider applicants regardless of immigration status by 2016. These licensing boards include licensing needed to practice medicine, accounting, law, etc.

***CA Dream Loan Program (SB 1210):*** Effective for the 2015-2016 academic year, students attending a participating campus of UC or CSU may receive a loan, referred to as a DREAM loan, through the program if the student satisfies specified requirements.

