



Keeping the Dream Alive

DREAMers Guide



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Inspiration

Undocumented
Students
You can go to
college!

START HERE

Gavilan College
Welcome Center

Student Center 107A

(in Student Center across from Administration)

(408) 848-4800 x5108

Undocumented students are successfully
completing their higher education goals
and fighting for inclusion.
You are not alone.
Change is happening!
Read all about it here: www.e4fc.org/



Paying for College



AB 540 Eligible Students

Pay In-state Tuition

Fill out an **AB 540 Affidavit Form** and return it to the Admissions and Records office.

You can find the form here:

<http://www.gavilan.edu/admit/forms.php>

**Please see page 8 of this resource guide for AB 540 eligibility*

Complete the **California Dream Act Application** between October 1st and March 2nd by visiting:

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

We advise that after March 2nd to complete the Board of Governors Fee Waiver, which can be found here:

<http://www.gavilan.edu/finaid/forms.php>

Get a social security #, work permit, and driver's license

You can find the **DACA Application** here:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

Access the step-by-step guide to complete the DACA Application at the Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) website:

<http://www.e4fc.org/dacaguide.html>

**Please see page 10 of this resource guide for DACA eligibility*

Access Resources

Students participating in these activities may receive scholarships and other resources.

- Associated Student Union
- Rho Alpha Mu Honors Society
- Pride Club
- Communications Club
- Gavilan Democratic Club
- And many more!

<http://www.gavilan.edu/student/asgc/clubs.php>

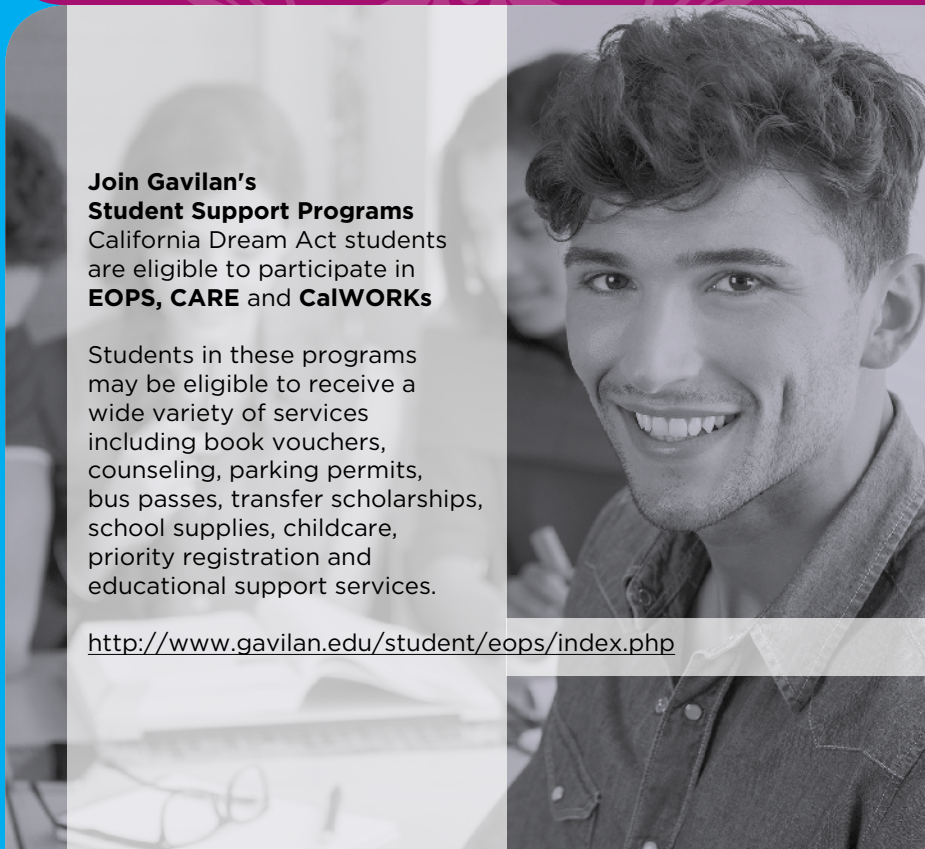
Join Gavilan's

Student Support Programs

California Dream Act students are eligible to participate in **EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs**

Students in these programs may be eligible to receive a wide variety of services including book vouchers, counseling, parking permits, bus passes, transfer scholarships, school supplies, childcare, priority registration and educational support services.

<http://www.gavilan.edu/student/eops/index.php>



Join Gavilan College's Learning Communities



Learning communities may offer book loans, school supplies, and other academic resources.

- Puente Project
- MESA Program

<http://www.gavilan.edu/student/puente/index.php>

<http://www.gavilan.edu/student/mesa/index.php>



Paying for College even if you don't qualify for AB540



Everyone can apply for scholarships!

Gavilan Scholarships

Undocumented students are encouraged to apply for our Gavilan College Scholarships.

For more information please visit us online at:

<http://www.gavilan.edu/finaid/apply-scholarships.php>

External Scholarships for Undocumented Students

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) provides several useful tools for undocumented students to find and apply for scholarships. Visit them online at:

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources.html>

Scholarships for First Time College Students and Community College Graduates. For more Info:

www.TheDream.US



Find a support system on campus
Have more questions? Ask Us!



Find an ally at any location displaying this sticker.

Being Undocumented is Not a Latino Story

There's an estimate of 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. from all over the world. Being undocumented is not a Latino issue, and there are organizations supporting all undocumented groups.

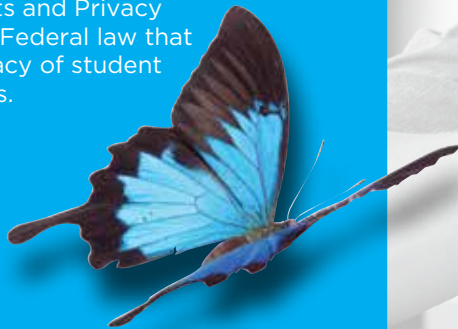
- **ASPIRE** empowers the undocumented Asian Pacific Islander communities <http://sfbay.aspireforjustice.org>
- **UndocuBlack Network** provides support and resources to the black undocumented community <http://undocublack.org/>



Have No Fear!

Any information that an undocumented student shares with a college or university is protected by FERPA.

It is important for students to know that application advisors financial aid counselors and other college support staff are not required to report undocumented students to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.



Learn about the laws and programs created to help you!

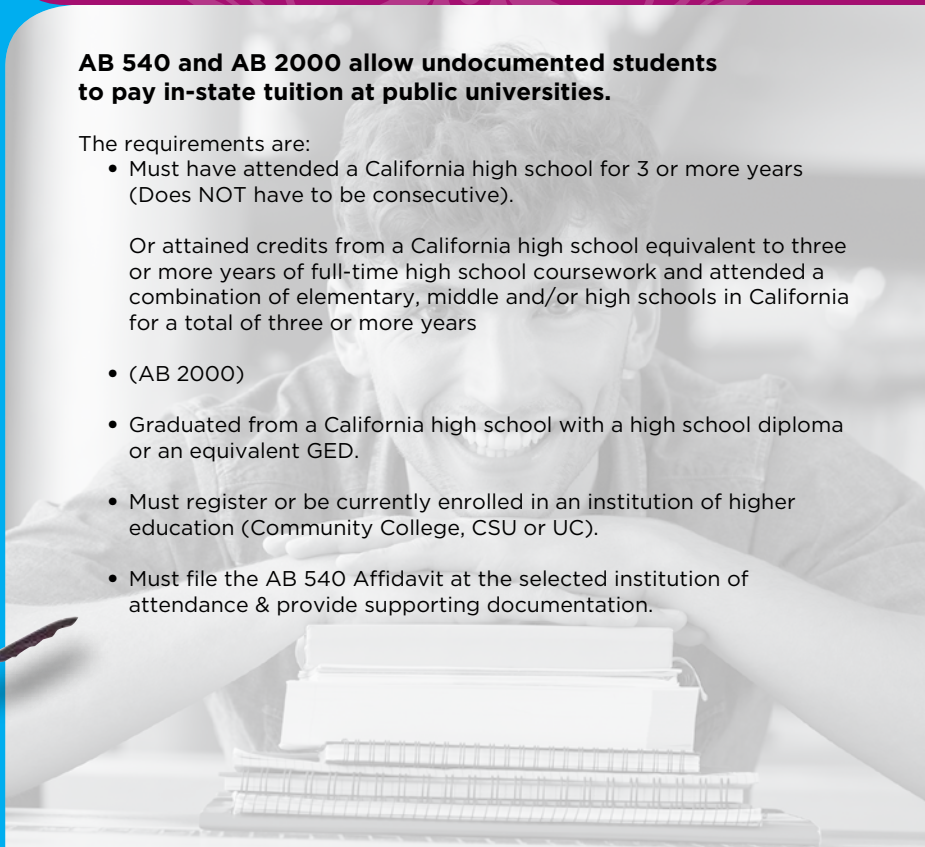
AB 540 and AB 2000 allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at public universities.

The requirements are:

- Must have attended a California high school for 3 or more years (Does NOT have to be consecutive).

Or attained credits from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years

- (AB 2000)
- Graduated from a California high school with a high school diploma or an equivalent GED.
- Must register or be currently enrolled in an institution of higher education (Community College, CSU or UC).
- Must file the AB 540 Affidavit at the selected institution of attendance & provide supporting documentation.



The California DREAM Act is a state law that allows undocumented students that qualify to receive aid from the state and our institution.



Requirements:

- Qualify for AB 540
- Be undocumented, have DACA or U-visa (T-visa holders apply to FAFSA)
- Successfully submit a Non-SSN GPA Verification to CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC) (it's recommended to mail this form to CSAC)
- Male students must register with Selective Service
- Must be enrolled in college at least half time (6 units or more)
- Must submit tax information or estimates if not yet filed
- Application to CA Dream Act and GPA verification must be submitted to be eligible for Cal Grants A, B & C
- Apply by March 2nd (same deadline as FAFSA)

More information available at the California Student Aid Commission

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

Thanks to SB 150 high school students enrolled in college classes pay in-state tuition

SB 150 allows undocumented high school students enrolled in college classes to waive the nonresident fees. Students must be enrolled in 11 units or less and complete the California Residency Reclassification Request form found here:

<http://www.gavilan.edu/admit/forms.php>

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals



Former President Barack Obama released this program as an executive action; therefore, it isn't a law. DACA grants a working Social Security Number, a work permit, a driver's license and protection from deportation among other benefits. For guidelines please see:

www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca

You may request DACA if you:

- were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- 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;
- had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- 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 United States; and
- have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Have Questions?

Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN) is an immigrant rights organization that provides immigration legal services, application assistance and information free and/or low cost. For more information, please call their information hotline: Span/Eng: (408) 453-3017

Additional Resources



College Board offers undocumented students advice about applying to and paying for college:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students>

Travel abroad with Advanced Parole, if you qualify for DACA:

www.e4fc.org/travelingabroadguide.html

The Dream Loan Program (SB 1210)

is available for eligible undergraduate students that have financial need, qualify for AB 540 and are enrolled at least half time at UC or CSU:

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/dream-loan-program/>

Life after College Guide

shares information with undocumented students about obtaining internships, applying to graduate school, and earning income:

<http://www.e4fc.org/lifeaftercollegeguide.html>



A Poem

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It's difficult to cut the roots from something grown
so thick below my feet.

I cannot erase nor do I desire to remove myself. As I am,
in my entirety, in a place that has required major changes to
accommodate me.

I can see it on the faces of my parents, my friends, the little lady that
sells fruta en la esquina trying to make it.

I don't remember the place I came from, but I know my dirt is sacred.
I know the sun is hot and the food is good.

That familiar sense of solidarity.

Left my Mexico and everything that was there.

I am an entity of what is fair.

And whatever is unfair to my people living in despair, living scared
and unaware, can take the first elevator down to hell.

Because providing comfort for those who make us feel uncomfortable
is not our job.

Because when they silence our voices and take away our power there
is no second guessing.

But I'm not here to create nor to promote violence. My thoughts, my
mind, my vibes will not be silenced.

Mujer de color, sin documentos. No peso nada para el viento.
Pero si no hoy, cuando será mi tiempo?

Your Time is now!

**Let us help you make your
College dreams a reality.**



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Disclaimer

The information in this booklet is general in nature and serves as a guide. The campus, state and/or federal information is subject to change. Immigration laws are also complex, subject to change, and broad in their interpretation. This is not an immigration guide. Immigration questions should be referred to immigration attorneys.