#### 2015/16 CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

### FALL '15, SPRING '16, and SUMMER '16 APPLY ONLINE AT:

# https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

1. Can I get help with filing Dream Act Application?
Yes, visit the Welcome Center in Student Center Room 107A. Bring any 2014 Federal Tax Returns, Tax ID Number, & Social Security Number.

## 2. What financial aid programs am I considered for with California Dream Act Application?

At Community Colleges:

• **BOG Tuition Waiver**: Waives \$46 per unit fee at California Community Colleges beginning with Fall 2015 term.



• Cal Grants: To help with cost of books and supplies.

#### 3. Who should file CA Dream Act Application?

- Students who cannot file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) AND
- > Students who attended at least 3 full years in a California public or private high school AND
- Students who graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the college term: a high school equivalency certificate from the CA GED Office or Certificate of Proficiency resulting from the CA High School Exit Exam AND
- > Students who, if they are without lawful immigration status, have or will file an affidavit with the college or university they are attending stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible to do so. This is filed with the college they attend.



#### 4. What are the document deadlines?

Document deadlines are in place for Cal Grant payment processing. After you file Dream Application, Gavilan Financial Aid will require documents. The following are document deadlines for Cal Grant awards.

Fall 2015 Document Deadline 12/7/2015

Spring 2016 Document Deadline 5/9/2016

Summer 2016 Document Deadline 7/11/2016

#### 5. What's the deadline to file 15/16 Dream App?

Students who want to be considered for 15/16 Cal Grant must submit their Dream Application by March 2, 2015. If you'd like to be considered for a Board of Governor's Tuition Waiver, submit Cal Dream Application no later than 6/30/2016.

#### 6. What happens after I submit Dream App?

- You'll receive email from California Student Aid Commission a few days after you submit your online Dream Application. Review your California Aid Report for accuracy, make corrections if necessary.
- Gavilan Financial Aid will email you once we receive your Dream Application! This usually happens about 2 weeks after you submit application.
- If you do not have a BOG Tuition Waiver, but would like to be considered for one, you
  may bring your California Aid Report to Financial Aid so that we can determine if you
  qualify for BOG Fee Waiver.

#### 7. Should I be checking "MyGav" portal?

- Yes! That's how Gavilan Financial Aid communicates with thousands of students!!
- Check MyGav account for most current updates, including Dream Application status.
- ➤ All Dream applicants will be required to submit documents to Gavilan Financial Aid, so check MyGav regularly. Submit documents by document deadlines listed on page 1.
- ➤ If you qualify for Cal Grant award, it will be posted on My Gav after all documents are reviewed and accepted.