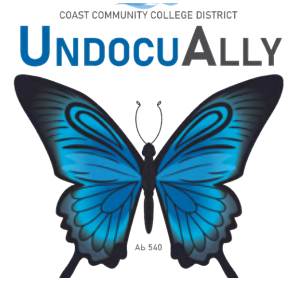




What is the difference between DACA, CA Dream Act, & AB540?



DACA

(Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

- Allows temporary relief from removal and obtain work permit (if granted)
- Executive order, not law
- Must meet qualifications and apply with USCIS, www.uscis.gov (must pay application fee to USCIS)
- Does not equate to permanent legal status
- DACA's rescindment is currently being challenged in courts. As of October 5th, 2022 renewals for existing DACA recipients will remain open. This means:
 - Renewals are still being accepted: This could change, which is why we urge you to renew as soon as possible while the courts are still allowing these applications to be processed.
 - First-time DACA filings will not be processed
- Update: Visit USCIS website, www.uscis.gov for recent changes.

CA Dream Act (College Financial Aid)

- Allows students enrolled in eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid
- CA State Law
- Must meet qualifications and apply at dream.csac.ca.gov (free application)
- CA Dream Act applications are reviewed by the state of California. Information from this application is not shared with the federal government.
- This application is unrelated to DACA
- State Aid: (qualifications vary)
 - CA College Promise Grant (tuition fee waiver), Cal Grants, Chafee Grant, Institutional grants
 - Private scholarships for public colleges and universities

AB540

(Assembly Bill 540)

- Allows qualified students to pay resident fees at California colleges and universities
- This is **NOT** the same as the California Dream Act.
- Students who wish to be considered for the California Dream Act, must apply separately at: dream.csac.ca.gov

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