

## California Dream Act vs. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Jurisdiction	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		FEDERAL (US)
Law or Policy Title	AB 540 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption	AB 130 California Dream Act	AB 131 DACA
Effective Date	2001	January 2012	January 2013
What It Does	Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees	Allows scholarships administered by public institutions available	Allows state funded grants & programs available (including Cal grants & institutional grants; EOP & EOP&S eligibility & grants)
What It Does Not Do	Does not change their residency status	Does not make them available for federal grants or funds	Does not change their citizenship status
Eligibility Requirements	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend three full years of high school in CA or the equivalency*</li> <li>• Graduate from a CA high school</li> <li>• Not hold a valid visa</li> </ul>	Student must meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 540 requirements</li> <li>• Individual Scholarship Requirements</li> </ul>	Student must meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 540 requirements</li> <li>• Priority Filing Deadline</li> <li>• Income Guidelines</li> <li>• GPA for Cal grants</li> <li>• Program Requirements (EOP)</li> </ul>
Beneficiaries	U.S. citizens & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria	U.S. citizens & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria, as well as U Visa Holders	Undocumented individuals who meet eligibility criteria

\*includes GED or  
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