

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? You still may qualify for financial aid due to recent changes in California law. You could be eligible if:

- You attended a California high school for at least three* years, and
- You graduated or will graduate from a high school (or the equivalent) in California

Students holding most nonimmigrant visas (e.g., F or J) are not eligible.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

- Privately funded UC scholarships
- Other UC scholarships and grants
- Cal Grants
- California Dream Loan

More good news: Grants and scholarships don't have to be repaid like a loan. They're simply cash awards you receive to pay for college—as long as you meet eligibility requirements.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Submit the 2017-18 California Dream Act Application at www.caldreamact.org starting October 1, 2016 and no later than March 2, 2017.
2. Make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission to be considered for a Cal Grant by March 2, 2017.
3. Respond to all UC campus requests for additional information.

*You also maybe be eligible if you completed three years of high school academic credit in fewer than three years, provided you can document having been enrolled in school in California for at least three academic years during K-12th grades.

WHAT YOU NEED TO FILL OUT THE DREAM ACT APPLICATION:

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

You'll be asked to enter personal identification information such as your name, permanent mailing address, citizenship status, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (if you have one), Statewide Student Identification number (if you have one), Social Security number (if you have one) or Alien Registration number (if you have one). Note: Most males between 18-25 must be registered with the Selective Service to receive state aid. Visit <http://ucal.us/dream> for more information.

GRADE LEVEL IN 2017-18

If you applied to UC as a freshman, select "Never attended college/1st year."

COLLEGE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

Select "1st bachelor degree" even if you plan to earn advanced degrees in the future.

SCHOOL SELECTION

This section must be completed accurately to ensure that the colleges and universities you have applied to will receive your California Dream Act application information. You must indicate at least one California college or university to be considered for a Cal Grant.

To help the California Student Aid Commission determine your Cal Grant eligibility, it's best to list a UC campus or other California four-year college or university first.

List each UC campus that you have applied to, entering the federal school code from the list below.

UC CAMPUS**FED. SCHOOL CODE**

Berkeley	001312
Davis	001313
Irvine	001314
Los Angeles	001315
Merced	041271
Riverside	001316
San Diego	001317
Santa Barbara	001320
Santa Cruz	001321

DEPENDENCY DETERMINATION

If you answer “No” to each question, at least one of your parents must complete the parent information questions and sign the form. You will be considered dependent even if another college or university determined previously that you were independent.

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS

Include yourself, your parents and any other members of the household who receive more than half of their support from your parents.

NUMBER OF COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Include yourself (regardless of how many units you plan to take), plus any other household members (excluding your parents) who will be enrolled in college at least half time in 2017-18.

PARENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provide your parents' income/tax information from 2015. If your parents filed taxes in 2015, you should use the information they submitted on their tax forms. If they didn't file taxes, your parents can use information from their W-2 forms.

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SIGNATURES

You (and either parent, if you're a dependent student) may sign electronically using a State Student Aid PIN, or print, sign and mail the signature page. The Dream Act application includes the prompts for setting up these PINs when you choose to sign electronically.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SUBMIT FOR A CAL GRANT:

If you're a California resident or you graduated from a California high school, you may be eligible for a Cal Grant. To be considered, in addition to filling out the Dream Act application, make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2, 2017.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Immediately after submitting your Dream Act application with your student signature (and parent signature for dependent students), you'll be able to review your application confirmation page. The confirmation page will explain any additional steps to take to finalize your Dream Act application. You also will be able to access and print your California Student Aid Report (look for the “Cal SAR” tab in your online Dream Act application). If any information is incorrect, or if you want to add to or change your school selections, make the changes on your Dream Act application.

If you are selected to receive a Cal Grant, you also will get a California Aid Report. You can check the status of your Cal Grant application at WebGrants for Students: (www.webgrants4students.org).

After you're admitted to a UC campus, you will receive a financial aid notice (most likely through the campus portal) with a summary of the estimated costs of attendance and the financial aid options for which you are eligible.