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IN-STATE TUITION VS. CA DREAM ACT VS. DACA

Jurisdiction	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
Law or Policy	In-State Tuition (AB 540)	In-State Tuition (AB 2000)	CA Dream Act (AB 130)	CA Dream Act (AB 131)	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) This information is subject to change. Check e4fc.org for updates.
Status	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	People who have never had DACA are not able to submit a DACA application. Only those who have had DACA at some point may submit a renewal application.
What It Does	Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees	Expands AB 540 to include students who graduate early from high school with 3 years or HS credit	Opens certain scholarships administered by public institutions to AB 540 students	Opens state-funded grants (including Cal grants, State grants, UC Grants & the BOG Fee waiver) and state programs (EOP & EOPS) to AB 540 students	Allowed individuals to receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment authorization card and valid Social Security Number • Temporary Relief from Deportation • Permission to travel abroad with Advance Parole, in some cases
What It Does Not Do	Does not change their state residency status	Does not change their state residency status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not include eligibility for federal grants or funds • Should not be confused with the Federal Dream Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not provide a path to lawful permanent residence or citizenship • Did not give eligibility for federal financial aid awarded through the FAFSA 	
Who Can Apply	U.S. citizens, lawfully present immigrants, T and U visa holders & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria		U.S. citizens, lawfully present immigrants, T and U visa holders & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria		People who have had DACA in the past may submit a DACA renewal application. DACA renewals can be submitted even if a person's DACA has not yet expired. People should speak with a legal services provider if their DACA is more than six months from expiring.
Eligibility Requirements	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend three full years of high school in CA or the equivalent for GED • Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a Certificate of Completion or a GED in CA • Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T visa or TPS status) 	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend CA high school or graduate early with the equivalent of three or more years of credits • Have attended CA elementary or secondary school for cumulative total of three or more years • Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U) 	Student must meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 540 eligibility • Individual scholarship requirements 	Student must meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 540 eligibility • Priority filing deadline • Income guidelines • GPA & other Cal grant eligibility • Program requirements for EOP or EOPS 	For DACA eligibility requirements, go to ilrc.org/daca or uscis.gov . Up-to-Date Resources can be found at: http://www.e4fc.org