

CA DREAM ACT LEGISLATION

AB 540:

- Allows undocumented students to attend CA colleges and universities and pay resident fees.
- **Requirements:**
 - Must attend at least three years and graduate from a California high school.
 - Students must sign an affidavit stating their California residency.
 - The law requires that all information must be handled in a confidential manner.

AB130:

- Allows eligible AB 540 Students to apply for and receive **scholarships** at California public colleges and universities derived from non-state funds.

AB131

- Allows eligible AB 540 student to apply for and receive **financial aid** at California public colleges and universities partially derived from state funds beginning in the spring 2013 semester.

SB 1159: California To Begin Granting Professional Licenses for Undocumented Young People Sponsored by Senator Lara (D-Bell Gardens),

- This bill removes barriers for undocumented young people as they seek career and professional licenses. SB 1159 allows an applicant to provide, and a licensing board to accept, an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) in lieu of a social security number in the application for a professional license; it ensures that otherwise eligible individuals are not denied based solely on their immigration status.

SB 1210: CALIFORNIA DREAM LOAN PROGRAM

- This bill just signed on Sept. 28, 2014 establishes the Dream Loan Program, which will allow eligible undocumented students attending the University of California or California State University to receive an educational loan of up to \$4,000 per semester and not more than an aggregate of \$20,000 from any one participating institution. The bill closes the financial aid gap that undocumented students face when funding their higher education.

AB 2000: BRIDGING THE GAP TO EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR EARLY GRADUATES

- This bill ensures that students who graduate early from high school are not later penalized and deemed ineligible for AB 540 benefits. Specifically, the bill clarifies that a student who secures three years of high school credit and has a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools, is eligible for AB 540, allowed to pay in-state tuition at the California Community Colleges and California State University, and eligible for benefits under the California DREAM Act.

AB 2160: CAL GRANT PROGRAM: GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- This bill removes a barrier to state financial aid and significantly improves access to higher education for all students in California. Specifically, **the bill requires all public high schools to electronically submit the grade point averages for 12th graders to the California Student Aid Commission for the purposes of the Cal Grant application**, except for students who have opted out, as specified.