Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to be in the legalization process to qualify for AB 540?
NO, both students that are already in the process and those that are not yet in the process qualify for AB 540. However, the affidavit that you sign says that you will start the process as soon as you are eligible to do so.

Q: Is the AB 540 Affidavit confidential?
YES, the AB 540 Affidavit will be filed with the college or university you attend, not the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Service).

Q: Where can I find the Oxnard College AB 540 Affidavit?
The form is available online at www.oxnardcollege.edu/forms or in Admissions and Records. Documentation may be required.

Q: Is the CA Dream Act financial aid the same as the Deferred Action (DACA)?
NO, California students who have applied for or received approval for DACA should complete the CA Dream Act Application and NOT the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Q: Where can I receive assistance to complete the Dream Act Application?
The Oxnard College Financial Aid Office offers FREE Dream Act workshops from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, in the Oxnard College Student Services Building. Walk-ins welcome.
AB 540 authorizes any student, including undocumented students who meet specific criteria to pay in-state tuition at California public colleges and universities (e.g. California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California).

To qualify, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Attend a California high school for at least three years.
- Graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), or obtain a Certificate of General Education (GED) in California.
- Enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university.
- File an affidavit as required by individual institutions, stating that you will apply for legal residency as soon as possible.

**Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGFW):**

The BOGFW permits enrollment fees to be waived at a community college. The application may be found at your financial aid office or at www.cccapply.org. You may also use the Dream Act Application for BOGFW Method C.

**Cal Grants:**

- Cal Grant A assists with tuition and fees at a public and independent colleges. If you attend a California Community College first, your award will be reserved for up to three years until you transfer to a four-year college.
- Cal Grant B provides a living allowance and tuition assistance for low-income students. The award provides up to $1,473 for books and living expenses.
- Cal Grant C assists with tuition and training costs for occupational, technical, and vocational programs. The award includes up to $547 for books, tools, and equipment.

**California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth:**

If you are or were in foster care and have financial need, you may qualify for up to $5,000 a year for college or technical training.

**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS):** Provides services to low income and educationally disadvantaged students.

**Scholarships:** AB 540 students can apply for private scholarship aid administered by public and private colleges and universities. Check with your campus for program details and application information.

---

**Steps at Oxnard College**

1. Apply for admissions to Oxnard College at www.oxnardcollege.edu/apply.
2. Complete and submit the AB 540 Affidavit (California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request Form) with Oxnard College Admissions and Records.
4. Ask your high school counselor about your school-verified GPA (GPA Verification Form). You may need to give them permission to submit your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
5. Contact the Oxnard College Financial Aid Office regarding your BOGFW status.
6. Take the Math and English assessment and attend orientation.
7. Plan your class schedule and register.
8. Apply for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) (recommended).