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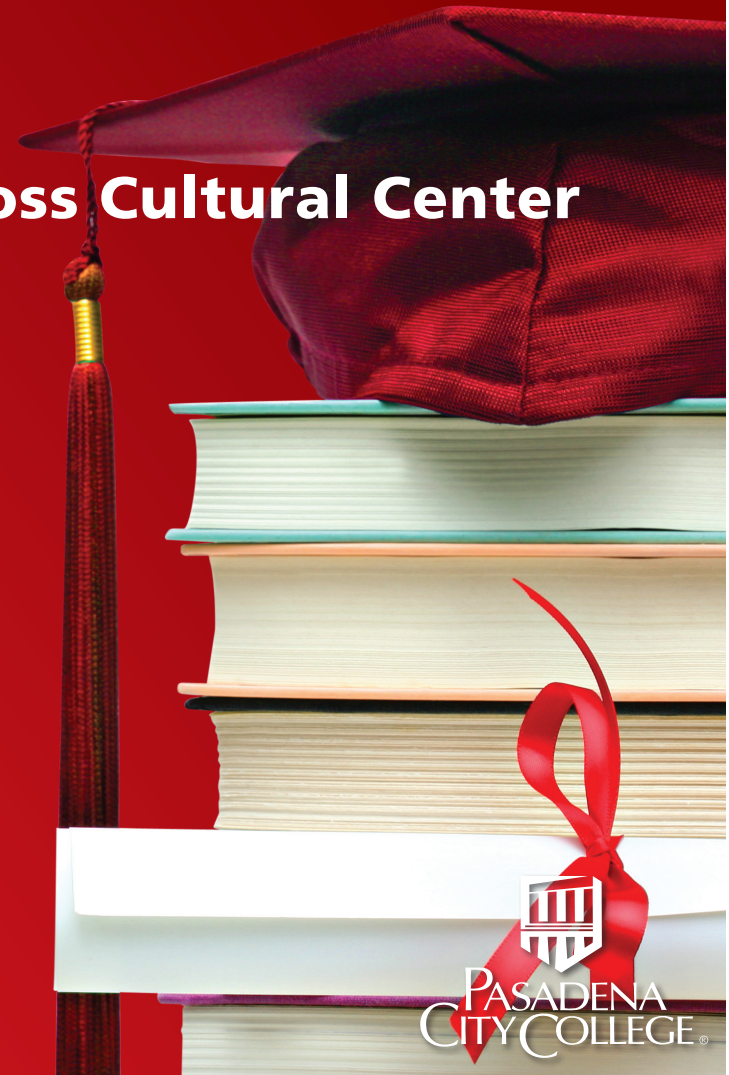
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United We Progress for Student Success

An AB540/ Undocumented
Student Handbook

Cross Cultural Center





Pasadena City College Allies on Campus

At Pasadena City College, you are not alone. There are many helpful and friendly Faculty and Staff members who are allies that can be contacted for advice, support, or general questions. In addition, there are many clubs and organizations that can provide information and support.

For more information visit the Cross Cultural Center in the Office of Student Affairs

CC105-G
626-585-7117

Look for us on Facebook: Pasadena City College Cross Cultural Center

Resources for this Handbook:

- [1] "AB540/ Undocumented Student Resource Guide," Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis (CHEPA) at the University of Southern California and the Salvadorian American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF). 2010-2011.
- [2] Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE) at the University of California Berkeley.
- [3] Maldef.org

Some Useful Support Centers and Websites

MALDEF

(Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund)

634 S. Spring St. 11th Floor

Los Angeles CA, 90014

(213) 629-2512

www.maldef.org

CHIRLA

Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles

2533 W. 3rd St. Suite 101

Los Angeles CA, 90057

213) 353-1333

www.chirla.org

SALEF

Salvadorian American Leadership & Educational Fund

1625 W. Olympic Blvd. Suite 718

Los Angeles CA, 90015

213) 980-1052

www.salef.org

CARECEN

Central American Resource Center

2845 W. 7th St.

Los Angeles CA, 90005

213) 385-7800

www.carecen-la.org

APAIC

Asian Pacific American Legal Center

1145 Wilshire Blvd

Los Angeles CA, 90017

213) 977-7500

www.apalc.org

NAKASEC

National Korean American Service & Educational Consortium

900 S. Crenshaw Blvd

Los Angeles CA, 90019

323) 937-3703

www.nakasec.org

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Who are Undocumented Students? ^[1]

Undocumented students include those students born outside of the United States, many of whom have lived in this country for a significant portion of their lives, and who reside here without the legal permission of the federal government. Many undocumented students and their families entered the country legally on tourist or work visas and chose to stay in the US after their visas expired. Others entered without any form of documentation.

- The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that in the year 2000, approximately 2.5 million undocumented youth under the age 18 were living in the U.S.
- Each year, over 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools.
- 40% of all undocumented students live in California.
- In 2001, between 5,000-8,000 students in California were eligible for AB540.
- In 2004, 17 California high school Valedictorians were undocumented.
- Many undocumented students were brought to the U.S. at a very young age.
- Many undocumented students have aspirations to attend college.
- Many undocumented students have excelled as honor students, class valedictorians, and active members of their communities.

UC Davis

Dream Scholarship

AB 540 Students, currently attending UCD with min 2.0 GPA
(530) 752-4287

Pepperdine University

BECA Latino Scholarship Foundation

Must be admitted to Pepperdine University
(760) 741-8246

UC Riverside

MEChA de UC Riverside Alumni Scholarship

Minimum 3.0 GPA
(909) 787-3821

Rio Hondo College

Rio Hondo College Scholarships

Currently Enrolled Student
www.riohondo.edu

CSU Dominguez Hills

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity: Tau Chapter Scholarship

First Time CSUDH student, accepted for Fall Term
www.tauchapter.com
cchambers@csudh.edu

Internship

Lena Chang Internship Awards

Internship, \$2,500 stipend for 10 weeks
www.wagingpeace.org

Scholarships for Women

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc, Latino Scholarship Award
www.lambdathetanu.org

Chicana/ Latina Foundation
www.chicanalatina.org

Latin American Professional Women's Foundation
(323) 227-9060

Scholarships for Athletes

National Minority Junior Golf Scholarship Association
Golf
www.nmjgsa.org

SAMMY Award
Scholar Athletes
www.whymilk.com

University Specific Scholarships

UCLA
Latino Alumni Association Scholarship
Must be continuing UCLA students, first year students, or transfer students
www.uclalatinolumni.net

Cal State Fullerton
Chicano/ Latino Faculty & Staff Association Scholarship
Full time Cal State Fullerton Student with minimum 2.5 GPA
(714) 278-4391

Cal State Northridge
Muniz Family Scholarship
Preference given to AB 540 Students, who will/ continue to attend CSUN
(818) 677- 2351

California Assembly Bill 540^[1]

AB540, signed into law on October 12, 2001, authorizes undocumented students who meet specific criteria to pay in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities (e.g., California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California). Any student, except a person in nonimmigrant status(holding a visa listed below), who meets the requirements, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at all public colleges and universities in California.

AB 540 Eligibility Requirements

- The student must have attended a California high school for 3 or more years
- The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained a G.E.D.
- The student must have registered or currently be enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education in California.
- The student must have filed or will an affidavit as required by individual institutions, stating that you will file apply for legal residency as soon as you are eligible to do so.

Non-immigrant students are not eligible for this exemption. Non-immigrant students, as defined by federal immigration law, may hold one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD and V, and TROV and NATO.

AB540 Affidavit “California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request” ^{[1][2]}

Students must obtain, complete, and submit the AB540 Affidavit at the appropriate office of the college they will attend in order to receive the exemption from nonresident tuition.

California Community Colleges:

Request and submit the completed affidavit at the Admissions Office. You will be required to submit additional documentation such as high school transcripts and appropriate records of high school graduation or the equivalent.

California State University:

Request and submit the affidavit with the Office of Admissions and Records. You will be required to submit additional documentation such as high school transcripts and appropriate records of high school graduation or the equivalent.

University of California:

Request and submit the affidavit with the Office of the Registrar at the UC campus. The affidavit will need to be submitted once you have been admitted to the UC campus. Check with your campus for more specific instructions.

For additional information visit the following websites:

- **University of California** www.ucop.edu
- **California Community Colleges** www.cccco.edu
- **Los Angeles Community Colleges** www.laccd.edu
- **California State University** www.csumentor.edu

Institute for Humane Studies-Humane Studies Fellowship

Classical Liberal Tradition

www.theihs.org

Mexican American Grocers’ Association Fund Scholarship Education

www.pdkintl.org

Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarship for Ethnic People of Color Nursing

www.nsna.org

The Duracell/National Urban League Scholarship

Engineering, Sales, Marketing, Finance and Business
(888) 839- 0467, Thomas Jordan

Microsoft Minority Scholarship

Computer Science and Technical Disciplines

www.microsoft.com/college/ss_overview.mspx

Davis Putter Scholarship Fund

Expanding Civil Rights, economic justice, and international Solidarity

www.davisputter.org

PRSSA-Multicultural Affairs Scholarship Program

Public Relations

www.prssa.org

A.W. Bodine-Sunkist Memorial Scholarships

Personal, or Family History of Agriculture required

www.sunkist.com/about/bodine_scholarships.asp

Transportation Clubs International Scholarships

Logistics, Civil Engineering, Transportation

www.transportationclubsinternational.com/scholarships.html

RTNDF Scholarships

Television or Radio News

www.rtnfd.org/asfi/index.asp

NAHJ General Scholarships Ruben Salazar Fund

English, Spanish, Broadcast Journalism

www.nahj.org

ADA Foundation-Minority Dental Student Scholarship Program

2nd Year Dental Student

www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog_scholarships_prog.asp

The Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship
www.theihs.org/ContentDetails.aspx?id=178

League of United Latin American Citizens
www.sacramentolulac.com

Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce
lajcc.org/Foundation

TELACU Education Foundation
www.telacu.com/english/graphic_version/application_form

Tylenol Scholarship
www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc

MALDEF
www.maldef.org/education

Career/Major Based Scholarships

American Chemical Society-Scholars Program
Chemical Technology
www.arcs.org/scholars

Mike Corona Foundation: Law Enforcement Scholarship
Law Enforcement
www.heef.org
www.oc-cf.org

Scholastic Art & Writing Award
Art & Writing Categories
www.scholastic.com

CCNMA
California Latino Students interested in Journalism
www.ccnma.org

Justicia en Diversidad Scholarship Fund
Latino Students interested in Law
www.jdfoundation.org/scholarship

Hispanic Higher Education Scholarship Fund
Bilingual Undergrad. interested in Social Work at a NJ School
(609) 838-5489, Henry Acosta

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request

For Eligible California High School Graduates

Note: This form is accepted by all California Community Colleges and Universities in the both the University of California and California State University systems.

Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the college or university (for example, proof of high school attendance in California). Contact the California Community College, University of California, or California State University campus where you intend to enroll (or are enrolled) for instructions on documentation, additional procedures and application deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY:

I, the undersigned, am applying for a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible California high school graduates at (specify the college or university) _____ and I declare the following:

Check YES or NO boxes:

☐ Yes ☐ No I have graduated from a California high school or have attained the equivalent thereof, such as a High School Equivalency Certificate, issued by the California State GED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

☐ Yes ☐ No I have attended high school in California for three or more years.

Provide information on all school(s) you attended in grades 9 – 12:

School	City	State	Dates:	
			From: Month/Year	To: Month/Year

Documentation of high school attendance and graduation (or its equivalent) is required by the University of California, the California State University, and some California Community Colleges. Follow campus instructions.

Check the box that applies to you – check only one box:

☐ I am a nonimmigrant alien as defined by federal law. [Nonimmigrant aliens have been admitted to the University States temporarily and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (persons holding F visas) and exchange visitors (persons holding J visas)].

OR

☐ I am NOT a nonimmigrant alien. [U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or aliens without lawful immigration status, among others, should check this box.]

AFFIDAVIT:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the nonresident tuition exemption for eligible California high school graduates. I hereby declare that, if I am an alien without lawful immigration status, I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file an application as soon as I am eligible to do so. I further understand that if any of the above information is untrue, I will be liable for payment of all nonresident charges from which I was exempted and may be subject to disciplinary action by the college or university.

Print Full Name (as it appears on your campus student records)	Campus/Student Identification Number
Print Full Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip)	Email address (optional) Phone Number (optional)
Signature	Date

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Know Your Rights ^{[1][2][3]}

As an undocumented student it is important for you to know your rights:

You cannot be denied admission to a California college or university based on your immigration status.

You are not required to show a state issued ID and social security card to apply for admission to a California college or university.

You are not required to pay out-of state, international, capital outlay, or penalty fees (which may be charged to out-of-state and or international students) to enroll at a California college or university if you qualify for AB 540.

You are not required to show proof of legal residency status or proof of application for legal residency status.

IF YOU NEED HELP: Some college/university staff may be unaware of AB 540 or may interpret the law incorrectly. If you feel that your rights under AB 540 have been denied, contact any of the support centers listed on page 19, "Some Useful Support Centers and Websites."

Scholarships for Non U.S. Citizens General ^[3]

AAJA-Asian American Journalists Association
www.aaja.org/programs/for_students

Academy of Motion Pictures Students Academy Awards
www.oscars.org/saa/2008

AlChe-American Institute of Chemical Engineers Scholarships
www.alche.org/Students

Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarships
www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships.php

Barbara Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Peace Scholarship
www.grandmothersforpeace.org/scholarships

CCNMA-Latio Journalists of California
www.conma.org

Collegiate Inventors Competition
www.invent.org/collegiate/enter.html

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
www.davisputter.org

Fountain Head Essay Contest
www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_tf

Fulfilling Our Dreams Scholarship Fund
www.salef.org/salef/fulfilling.html

HACU- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Scholarships
Scholarships.hacu.net/applications/applicants

Hellenic Times Scholarships
www.htsfund.org/guidelines.html

HENAAC Scholars Program and Scholarships
www.henaac.org/scholars/index.php#application

The Hitachi Foundation- Yoshiyama Award
www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshiyama/criteria

Holland+Knight Charitable Foundation Inc.
Foundation.hklaw.com

The California DREAM Act ^{[1][2][3]}

Authored by California State Senator Gil Cedillo

AB 130 was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown on July 25, 2011, allowing for limited privately-funded financial aid.

AB 131 would provide public scholarships for undocumented students who meet criteria for in-state tuition. It was held in suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee until August 25. The legislature has until September 9 to pass AB 131, and the governor has until September 30 to sign the bill into law.

AGE

- Student must have entered the U.S. before the age of 16

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENT

- Student must have a High School diploma or GED at time of application for relief and otherwise meets in-state tuition requirements
- Be accepted into a two or four year institution of higher education

LONG-TERM US RESIDENCE

- Reside in US when law is enacted
- Must have lived in the US for at least 5 years prior to the date of enactment

GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

- Must demonstrate good moral character as defined currently by immigration law
- Must have no criminal record

Frequently Asked Questions for AB540 Students ^{[1][2]}

Q: What does it mean to be undocumented?

A: If you are not a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident and do not currently possess a green card, visa, or other legal documentation, you are considered an undocumented immigrant.

Q: If I am undocumented and interested in applying for residency, what should I do?

A: In order to find out if you are eligible to apply for legal permanent residency, contact a licensed immigration attorney. DO NOT give your money to a "notario." In the U.S., a notario is not an attorney and cannot help you establish residency.

Q: If I am undocumented, can I go to college?

A: YES. Undocumented students can go to any college or university in California if they meet admissions requirements.

Q: If I am undocumented, can I apply for financial aid?

A: Undocumented students are not eligible for state (CalGrant) and federal (FAFSA) financial aid. Some colleges may offer financial aid to undocumented students, so visit your college's financial aid office to find out.

Q: Where can I go to find out about scholarships for undocumented students?

A: See the listed Scholarships in this pamphlet, and visit websites like MALDEF.

Q: How do I qualify to pay in-state tuition?

A: In order to qualify for in-state tuition under AB 540, you must have completed 3 years of high school in California and graduate. You must also complete an AB 540 affidavit at the college/university that you will attend, stating that you meet AB 540 eligibility requirements.

Q: Do I need to be in the legalization process to qualify for AB 540?

A: NO, both students that are already in the process and those that are not yet in the process qualify for AB 540. But remember that the affidavit that students sign says that they will start the process as soon as they are eligible to do so.

Q: Can I utilize AB 540 at a private university or technical college like USC, Stanford, Heald College, Bryman College, etc?

A: NO, AB 540 is utilized only by the PUBLIC community colleges and universities in California (CSU/UC), therefore students attending a private institution may be charged the non-resident tuition.

Q: Do adult school students qualify for AB 540?

A: Students who have completed 3 years of adult school or finished their GED through an adult school MAY qualify for AB 540 if the community college they wish to attend considers it equivalent to high school. Check with a representative at your college who is knowledgeable about AB 540 to find out about your college's requirements.

Q: What is the process for applying to college and the university for immigrant students?

A: Students should speak with a college/university representative to receive accurate information about the specific campus. For all UC and most CSU, the student must apply in November of the year before they wish to begin. Two sections must be left blank:

- 1) Social Security Number Slot Should be Left BLANK
- 2) Immigration Status Slot Should be Left BLANK

Everything else should be filled out completely and truthfully. Students should contact a UC representative for specific instructions for completing the UC application as these change from year to year. Additional materials should NOT be sent with the application. Once the student is accepted by the university, then they should fill out and send the AB540 affidavit. For community colleges, the student must turn in the AB 540 affidavit the when they register for classes.

Q: What happens if I have already given the school a false SS# or stated citizenship?

A: Students who qualify for AB 540 but have falsified information in the past will have to address this issue with the CIS when they apply for LPR. At the school, they should meet with a counselor they trust and change their classification to AB 540. Some campuses penalize the student financially so the student needs to work with a trusted counselor. If transferring from a CC to a CSU or UC, the student should apply under AB 540 even if at the CC they falsified information.

The United States DREAM Act ^{[1][2][3]}

Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (S. 2075)

Introduced by

Senator Durbin (D-IL), Hagel (R-NE), Lugar (R-IN)

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ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS

- Will be granted "conditional status" during six years during which one of the following options must be completed.
- Earn a degree from a institution of higher education or;
- Serve in the US Armed Forces for at least 2 years