

UNDOCU-TRANSFER

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Applying to CSU & UC

1) CAN I TRANSFER AS AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT?

YES! There is no federal law that prohibits an undocumented person from attending a college or university. Each state has its own laws and policies which determine how undocumented students can qualify for in-state tuition and state financial aid. Keep reading below to learn more about qualifying for in-state tuition and state financial aid!

2) HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER WHEN SUBMITTING MY CSU OR UC APPLICATION?

When filling out the CSU and UC application, all applicants are asked to report family income. All applicants are automatically considered for a fee waiver based on the family income reported. Those who meet the income criteria to qualify for a fee waiver can apply to four campuses (per system, ex: four UC campuses and four CSU campuses) at no cost.

AB 540 eligible students who meet the income criteria for a fee waiver to each system can apply to four UC campuses and four CSU campuses at no cost.

3) WILL I HAVE TO REPORT MY PARENTS' IMMIGRATION STATUS ON THE APPLICATIONS?

If applying to a CSU campus you will not be asked this question. However, when you apply to a UC campus, under the *Statement of Legal Residence* section, you may be asked the following questions:

- “Is your parent a U.S. citizen?”
- “Has your parent been physically present in CA for the last 3 years?”

Please note: Information you provide will not affect your admission decision. This information is used only to help UC determine your residency for tuition purposes.

4) HOW WILL I KNOW IF I QUALIFY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AT A CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

In 2001, the state of California authored Assembly Bill (AB) 540. This law allowed students (including undocumented students) who met certain criteria to qualify for in-state tuition. In 2014, AB 2000 expanded the criteria to qualify for AB 540. Similarly, in 2018, SB 68 also expanded eligibility requirements.

- Review the criteria to qualify for AB 540 [here](#).
- Take a closer look at SB 68 and expanded eligibility criteria [here](#).
- You may also use the Immigrants Rising In-State Tuition Tool, which is a confidential and trusted resource, to see if you qualify for AB 540 [here](#).



Please Note: If you meet the criteria to qualify for AB 540, you must submit the AB 540 form (formally called the “Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form”) to the campus you are currently attending or will be attending.

This form is typically submitted to the Admissions and Records office and only needs to be submitted once if you maintain continuous enrollment at that same institution.

5) WILL I BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

YES! AB 540 eligible students can apply for California based financial aid programs by completing the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). To learn more, visit the Fullerton College Financial Aid webpage [here](#).

Apply at
dream.csac.ca.gov

6) IS IT TRUE THAT IF MY TOTAL FAMILY INCOME IS LESS THAN \$80,000 A YEAR AND I QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID, THAT THE UC SYSTEM WILL COVER MY SYSTEMWIDE TUITION AND FEES?

YES! AB 540 eligible students who meet the income criteria stated above can also qualify for this program called **UC Blue and Gold**. To learn more, visit the UC Blue and Gold webpage [here](#).

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7) HOW WILL I FIND SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AT MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

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Fullerton College is proud to serve undocumented students and students in mixed status families through the Grads to Be Program! Learn more about the Grads to Be Program [here](#).

Many CSU and UC campuses also have centers dedicated to supporting, guiding, and mentoring undocumented students. Use the interactive map below to find which universities have campus centers for undocumented students [here](#).

8) HOW DO I KNOW WHAT CLASSES I NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER?

All universities have a minimum set of requirements that need to be completed to be eligible for transfer.

- Review transfer requirements for the UC [here](#).
- Review transfer requirements for the CSU [here](#).



Make sure to meet with an academic counselor to ensure you complete the requirements for the universities you're interested in transferring to! You can meet with a Grads to Be Counselor **OR** a Transfer Center Counselor.

- Schedule an appointment with a Grads to Be Counselor [here](#).
- Schedule an appointment with a Transfer Center Counselor [here](#).

9) WHERE CAN I FIND SPECIAL TRANSFER PROGRAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN?

Special transfer programs are created with community college students in mind and are intended to connect you with their campus, support programs, and academic departments.

Some of these programs may even grant you special advantages when you submit your transfer applications!

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To view the list of special transfer programs offered by various universities, visit the Transfer Center webpage [here](#).



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CSU Websites

- <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
- <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students>
- <http://www.calstate.edu/residency>
- <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/financial-aid/Documents/csu-nonresident-tuition-exemption-request-form-ab-540.pdf>

UC Websites

- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>
- <https://undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/applying-to-uc.html>
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/ab-540-nonresident-tuition-exemption.html#:~:text=Under%20California%20law%20AB%20540,supplementa%20tuition%20charged%20to%20nonresidents>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/slr-instructions-for-undocumented-students-august-2022.pdf
- [statement-of-legal-residence-on-application-q-and-a-august-2022.pdf](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/statement-of-legal-residence-on-application-q-and-a-august-2022.pdf)
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