

SANTA
MONICA
COLLEGE

An aerial photograph of Santa Monica College at dusk. The main building is illuminated with colorful lights (purple, blue, green) and has a distinctive roof structure. The campus is surrounded by palm trees and other vegetation. A large monarch butterfly is superimposed on the left side of the image. In the background, the city of Los Angeles is visible under a twilight sky.

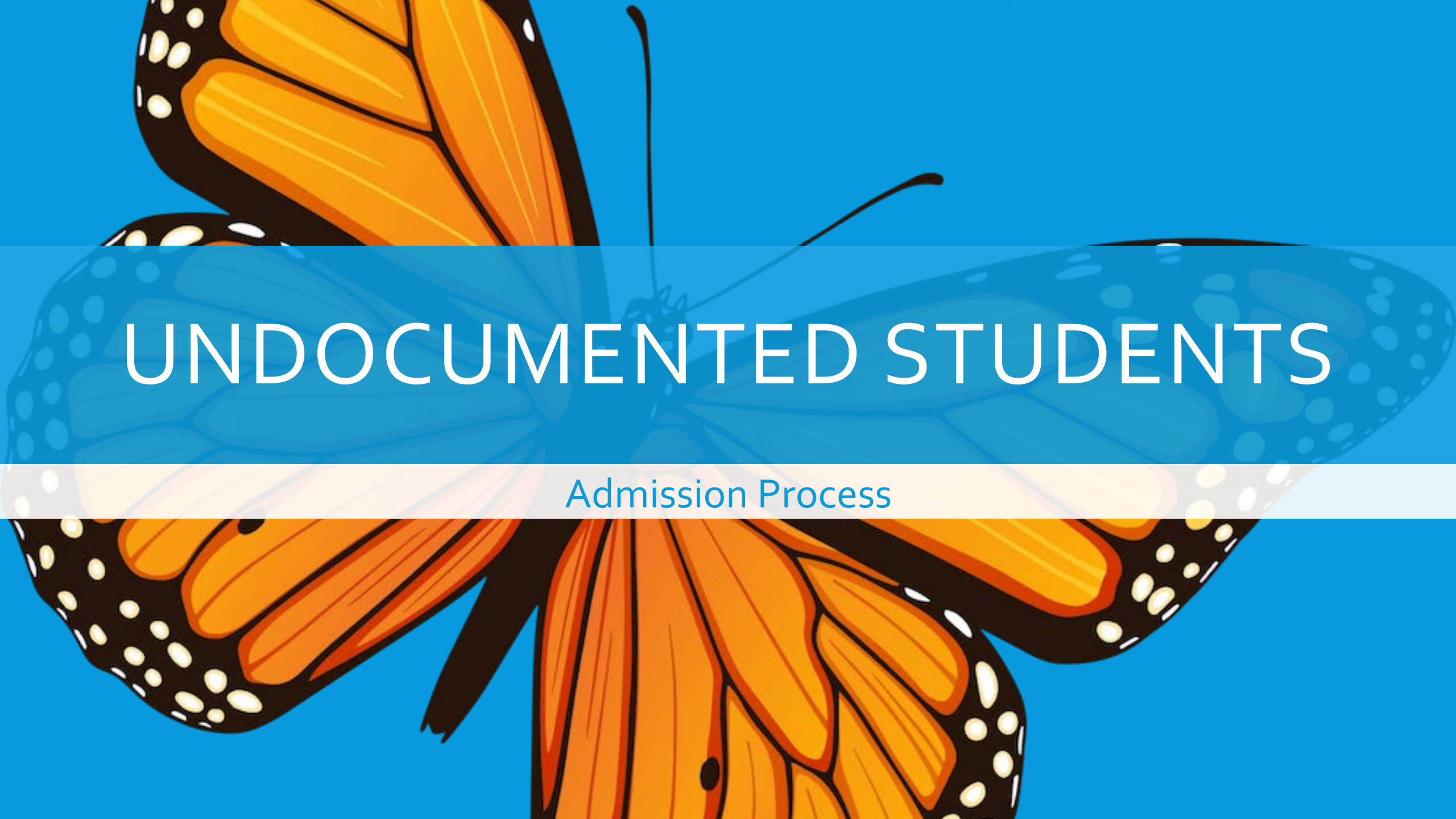
NAVIGATING YOUR PATH TO SMC

Undocumented Students

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The background of the slide features a vibrant blue sky with several monarch butterflies in flight. The butterflies are depicted with bright orange wings, black veins, and white spots along the edges. One butterfly is prominently shown in the foreground, with its wings spread wide, while others are visible in the background, creating a sense of movement and depth.

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Admission Process

ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

Admissions Requirements



18 years of age or older

If under 18, you must provide proof that you have completed high school (high school diploma, CHSPE, GED, HiSET, etc.)



Students currently attending high school can also attend with permission from their parents/counselor/principal as a H.S. Concurrent Enrollment student



Individuals in the US on an active tourist visa (B1 or B2) are not able to enroll

Application & Enrollment Periods

- SMC has 4 semesters annually – Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall.
 - Spring & Fall are full length semesters, Winter & Summer are short term sessions
- We link the Winter & Spring as well as the Summer & Fall semesters for application and enrollment purposes, which means you can apply and enroll for multiple terms with just one application!

HOW TO APPLY

SMC uses CCCApply

- A statewide application system used by all California Community Colleges

Application is FREE

Apply at www.smc.edu/Apply

- The very first step of the application process is to create an account with CCCApply.
- If you have previously applied for, or attended, another California Community College you may already have an account with CCCApply.

CCC APPLY – BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- The CCCApply application will ask for your personal information such as contact info, your educational history, the amount of time you have lived in California, and your citizenship status.
 - It is best to gather documents such as passports, visas, and school transcripts before starting the application to ensure you have all you need.
- The application does save your progress as you complete each section
 - If you reach a point where you do not have the information you need to proceed, you can return to complete your in-progress application later.

NAVIGATING THE APPLICATION - SSN

- Social Security, or Taxpayer Identification numbers are optional!

Social Security Number

The Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN/iTIN) is used by the college as a means of matching student records, facilitating federal financial aid, and reporting tax-related information to the Internal Revenue System (IRS). However, it is not required for admission.

Why am I being asked for my social security number? [?](#)

Do you have a social security number or taxpayer identification number?

- ☐ Yes, I have a social security number or taxpayer identification number.
- ☐ No, I do not have a social security number or taxpayer identification number, or I decline to provide one at this time.

NAVIGATING THE APPLICATION – CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship & Immigration

Citizenship & Immigration Status [?](#)

Other ▼

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please enter the following:

Visa Type [?](#)

-- Select Visa -- ▼

☒ No documents

Tip For Undocumented Students!

- The application will ask for your current citizenship status.
- Select "Other" on the "Citizenship & Immigration" question. Then, click the "No Documents" checkbox.

NAVIGATING THE APPLICATION – RESIDENCY



The application will classify you as either a California Resident, or a California Non-Resident.

This is based on a variety of factors such as the time you have lived in California, your citizenship status, your age & parental status.



Note: As an undocumented student, you will be admitted as a California Non-Resident, however that does not automatically mean you will be required to pay non-resident fees.



California has a law that allows **qualified Non-Residents to be exempted from paying non-resident tuition**, provided they qualify for an AB 540 tuition exemption (based on school attendance and HS graduation).

ADMISSION & ONBOARDING

Once you submit your application

- You will receive an Application Confirmation Number
 - Take note of this number in case you need to follow up.
- Most applications are received and processed within an hour of submission, however there can be delays in that process.
- There are various validations within the CCCApply system, as well as at SMC, that are intended to filter out fraudulent and spam applications.
- If you do not receive an email from SMC with your Student ID Number within 24-hours, contact SMC Admissions & Records with your Application Confirmation Number at admissions@smc.edu.

SETTING UP YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

Once you have been admitted

- You will receive some emails with your next steps, so you may set up your SMC account:
 - Verify Your Email – Within your first admissions email there is a link embedded to verify your personal email, click that to continue the process.
- Set-Up Your Password – Once you have verified your email you will receive a follow up message with a link to set up your account. This will require to create a personalized password, security questions, and designate a preferred recovery method in case you ever forget your password.
- You will receive another email with "Your SMC Tasks": any outstanding issues, placement, orientation, counseling, financial aid, enrollment.

SUBMITTING THE AB-540

Once you have been admitted

- ...and have set up your Student Account, submit your AB 540 affidavit.
- **If you qualify, you will pay in-state fees and qualify for California-based financial aid options. To qualify, we need to see that you have attended at least 3 years of school in California and graduated from a California based school (HS Diploma, AA, IGETC, or CSU GE)**
- Submit the AB 540 form online at www.smc.edu/Forms
- you will be required to sign-in to your SMC account so be sure to set everything up first.
- You will be asked to upload your high school transcripts showing at least 3 years of attendance, and a graduation date, at a California based school. If you have recently graduated please verify with your counselor that the transcripts have been updated to display the graduation date!

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

Noncredit Initiatives



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What is Noncredit?

- Noncredit classes are free no risk classes for adults 18 and over.* These classes help you build fundamental skills that will support your college and career goals.
- We are committed to supporting you every step of the way. In this commitment we offer free quality instruction, caring student support services including access to noncredit counselors and we partner with community agencies that can connect you to resources you might need while you are receiving your education.

* with the exception of International F1 Student Visa holders.



Noncredit Offerings



Currently SMC offers 19 free College and Career Preparation Certificate programs including our free ESL classes, and Citizenship test preparation.

Career Development & College Preparation

Certificate Programs

Bicycle Maintenance

This program will introduce you to the basics of bicycle maintenance and provide a pathway to jobs as entry-level mechanics, bicycle sales positions, or bicycle shop management. *36 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Bicycle Maintenance Level 1
- Bicycle Maintenance Level 2



Business Essentials, Level 1

This program will help you develop a better understanding of how businesses operate and function, and an overview of the entrepreneurial mindset. *18 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Introduction to Business Basic
- Introduction to Business Mindset



Customer Service

This program provides you with marketable business knowledge and professional skills to seek employment in various customer-driven industries. *18 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Customer Service Level 1
- Customer Service Level 2



Introduction to Early Care and Education

This program will introduce you to the stages of child development while discovering new strategies to develop a culturally relevant curriculum. *12.5 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Introduction to Early Care and Education
- Culturally Relevant Curriculum
- Early Care and Education Licensing and Workforce Readiness



Introduction to Working with Older Adults

This program prepares you for entry-level careers working with older adults. Completion of this program may qualify you for entry to high-demand occupations such as caregivers, companions, social and human service assistants, direct support professionals, and resident care providers. *18 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Providing Care to Older Adults
- Communication with Older Adults
- Wellness in Older Adults



Receptionist

This program prepares you for work in a fast paced office setting. Build your computer skills and apply customer service techniques to help you qualify for positions such as front desk receptionist, customer service associate, and front desk coordinator.

COURSES

- Customer Service 1 18 hours
- Basic Computer Skills 27 hours
- Fundamentals of Microsoft Office 27 hours



Rehabilitation Therapy Aide

This program will prepare you to maintain treatment areas, prepare and aid therapy sessions, transport immobile patients, and the proper methods of body mechanics for patient assistance. *18 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Introduction to the Career of a Rehabilitation Therapy Aide
- Clinical Practice for a Rehabilitation Therapy Aide
- Kinesiology for a Rehabilitation Therapy Aide

Sustainability Assistant

This program will help you become qualified for careers as a community engagement representative, sustainability assistant or coordinator, environmental researchers, customer service representative, project management assistant. *32 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Fundamentals of Sustainability
- Sustainability Outreach
- Impacts of Policy on Sustainability



Sustainability In Organics Aide

This program will teach you about the world of sustainability and the principles of organics. *32 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Fundamentals of Sustainability
- Organics Recycling
- Sustainable Food Systems

Sustainability Services Technician

This program will help you become qualified for careers as a recycling coordinator, waste management technician, resource recovery assistant, environmental assessor, sales & operations, and management assistant. *32 hours to complete each course.*

COURSES

- Fundamentals of Sustainability
- Sustainability Assessment
- Introduction to Clean Technologies

Transition to College and Career

This program is designed to help you transition from noncredit to credit courses, obtain a certificate, degree, or prepare for a career.

COURSES

- Transition to College 36 hours
- Career and Workforce Readiness 18 hours



English as a Second Language (ESL) & Citizenship

Continuous Enrollment

English as a Second Language (ESL)

This program will help you to read, write, and speak English.

COURSES

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced



Citizenship

This program will help you prepare for the USIS citizenship exam and oral interview, and offers you help with the N-400 application.



New CNA & HHA Programs

Certified Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification

This program will teach you the knowledge, skills and abilities that are essential to work as an entry-level nurse assistant caring for patients in hospitals, assisted living and long-term care settings. After completion you will be eligible to take the California Nurse Assistant Competency exam to become a Certified Nurse Assistant.

Required Courses:

1. HEALTH 985, Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification Foundational Training
2. HEALTH NC 986, Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification Training Clinical Labs

Home Health Aide Pre-Certification

This program prepares you for a career as an entry-level home health aide administering in-home health and hospice care and services. This program focuses on essential aspects of patient care, such as the medical and social needs of people being served in a non-clinical setting.

Required Courses:

1. HEALTH 987, Home Health Aide Foundational Training
2. HEALTH 987, Home Health Aide Training Clinical Lab



Free Noncredit ESL and Citizenship Preparation- Enroll Anytime!



Citizenship Preparation

This class helps students prepare for US citizenship Exam and interview. Students receive help with the N-400 application. Students can enroll at any time! Students must register with Noncredit Staff.



English as a Second Language- New Certificate Options Available!

- Beginning
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- ESL for College and Career Pathways- Health



Contact Us!

Noncredit Office Contact

- www.smc.edu/noncredit
- NoncreditRegistration@smc.edu
- Phone - (310) 434-3399
- M-Th 8:30am to 4:30pm
 - Friday – Services available remotely

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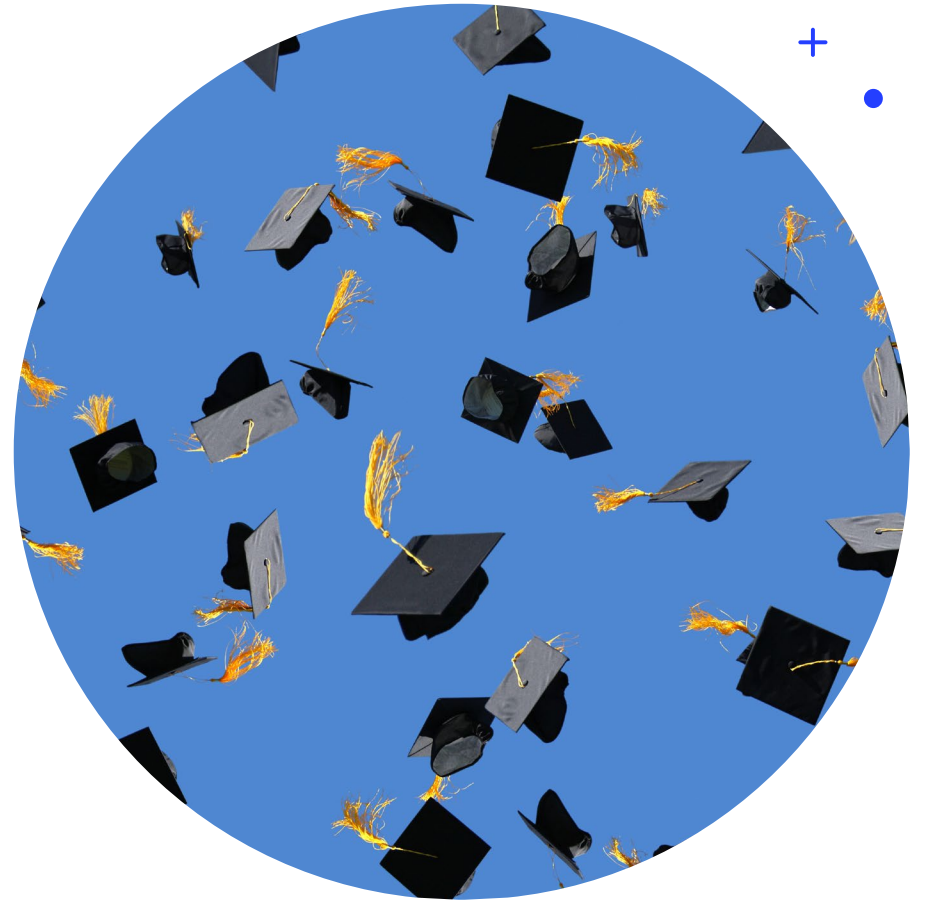
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The 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA)



CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION THE CHALLENGES

- More than half of California's undocumented students in postsecondary education (53%) do not fill out a California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
- Among undocumented students in postsecondary education who do fill out a CADAA, only 30% ultimately enroll and receive state financial aid.
- Only 14% of California's estimated undocumented student population in postsecondary education receives financial aid to support their higher education goals.

About the California Dream Act Application

The California Dream Act Application allows students interested in attending eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education/Vocational Programs to apply for state and campus financial aid.

The State Financial Aid programs available at SMC are CA College Promise Grant (CCPG), Cal Grant, Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG), and Chafee Grant.

CA State Aid at SMC: CA College Promise Grant (CCPG)

The CCPG, waives the enrollment fees and tuition for eligible California residents attending a California Community College. The CCPG Fee Waiver will waive your per-unit enrollment fee for the entire academic year if you apply and qualify.



You may apply for the CCPG via the CADAA, student portal, or form.



**Satisfactory
Academic Progress
Requirements:**

-2.0 GPA
-Greater than
50% Completion
Rate (CR)

CA College Promise Grant (CCPG) Application Form



California College Promise Grant Application



2022-2023 APPLICATION

Get the most aid available.

Millions of dollars of financial aid go unused every year because students don't think they will qualify, which in many cases isn't true. The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) waives community college enrollment fees if you're eligible. Fill out the **FAFSA** or the **California Dream Act** application for additional financial aid to help with other costs of attendance (books, food, rent, etc.).

YOU SHOULD APPLY IF:

☒ You've lived in California for at least one year, or

☒ You've been determined a California resident homeless youth by the Financial Aid Office, or

☒ You're eligible for non-resident tuition as an AB 540 or AB 1899 student, or with a "T" or "U" visa.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

☒ Your or your parent's/guardian's 2020 tax information. We'll walk you through which one you'll need.

START HERE ▶ This should take about 10 minutes. Answer all questions to determine your eligibility.

About you

Email

Full Name

Student ID

Phone Number

Date of Birth (Format 00/00/0000)

Are you independent or dependent?

Answer all questions to determine who's income you'll provide.

Q1. Were you claimed on one of your parent's/guardian's 2020 tax return?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A (Didn't file)

Q2. Do you live with one or both of your parent(s)/guardian(s)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q3. Were you born before January 1, 1999?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q4. Are you married or in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q6. Do you have children or dependents who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q7. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q8. At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court, or an emancipated minor?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q9. Since July 1, 2021, were you determined an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by a high school, district, or college homeless liaison, or a director of an emergency shelter, or a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered no or didn't file to both Q1 and Q2, or yes to any in Q3-Q9, you're considered **INDEPENDENT**. Use your income in the next section.

Otherwise, you're considered **DEPENDENT**: use your parent(s)/guardian's income in the next section.

Income

Your income and household size may qualify you for the CCPG.

Q10. **Dependent Student:** How many people are in your parent(s)/RDP household?
(Include yourself, your parent(s)/RDP, and anyone who lives with your parent(s)/RDP and receives more than 50% of their support from your parents/RDP, now and through June 30, 2023.)

Q11. **Independent Student:** How many people are in your household?
(Include yourself, your spouse/RDP, and anyone who lives with you and receives more than 50% of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2023.)

Q12. **2020 Adjusted Gross Income**
If 2020 U.S. Income Tax Return was filed, enter the amount from Form 1040, line 7.

Q13. **Other Income**
All other income received in 2020 including disability, child support, military living allowance, workers' compensation, untaxed pensions.

Q14. **Total 2020 Income**
Sum of the two boxes above.

Q15. **The information in the table above is:**
☐ my (or my and my spouse's/RDP's) income
☐ parent(s)/guardian(s)' income

Do any of these apply to you?

If you don't qualify by income, see If you qualify through a special classification. **Check all that apply.**

☐ Q16. I currently receive monthly cash assistance for myself or my dependents from:
☐ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)/CalWORKs
☐ SSI/SSP (Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program)
☐ General Assistance

☐ Q17. My parent(s)/RDP receive monthly cash assistance from TANF/CalWORKs or SSI/SSP as their sole source of income (if you're a dependent).

☐ Q18. I have certification from the CA Department of Veterans Affairs that I'm eligible for a dependent's fee waiver.

☐ Q19. I have certification from the National Guard Adjutant General that I'm eligible for a dependent's fee waiver.

☐ Q20. I have documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs that I received the Congressional Medal of Honor or I'm the child of a recipient.

☐ Q21. I have documentation from the CA Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board that I'm a dependent of a September 11, 2001 terrorist attack victim.

☐ Q22. I have documentation from the public agency employer of record that I'm a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty.

☐ Q23. I have documentation from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that I've been exonerated of a crime by writ of habeas corpus or pardon.

☐ Q24. I have documentation of record that I'm a dependent/spouse/Registered Domestic Partner of a deceased physician, nurse, or first responder who died of COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency in California.

Signature

☐ I certify the information provided here is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☐ I will provide proof of the information I provided here if asked by a college official. I acknowledge that any false statement or failure to provide proof when asked may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of my enrollment fee waiver.

☐ I understand any false statement or failure to give proof when asked may be cause for the denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of my enrollment fee waiver.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent Signature (Dependent Students Only)

Date

HOW TO SUBMIT

Each community college is different. Follow the submission instructions posted below.

DROP-OFF LOCATION
1900 Pico Blvd SSC 133, Santa Monica CA 90405

EMAIL FORM TO ADDRESS BELOW AS A PDF ATTACHMENT AND AWAIT CONFIRMATION REPLY
californiapromise@smc.edu

YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT TO US

You've trusted us with personal information and we take that seriously. The only reason we ask is to determine your financial aid eligibility. In some cases, we may ask for documentation about information you've provided here. Please respond quickly to prevent delays.

The California Community Colleges, in compliance with federal and state laws, do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, domestic partnership, immigration status, citizenship, primary language, or any other legally protected basis. Talk to the financial aid office if you have questions about these policies. You have the right to access any records established from information in this form. This form's information may be transmitted to other state agencies and the federal government if required by law.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ CCPG-A
☐ TANF/CalWORKs
☐ GA
☐ SSI/SSP

☐ CCPG-B
☐ CCPG-C
☐ CCPG-Homeless

☐ Special Classification
☐ Medal of Honor
☐ Dept. of deceased/disabled law enforcement or fire personnel

☐ National Guard Dependent
☐ Veteran
☐ 9/11 Dependent

☐ Student is not eligible

Comments: Certified by: Date:

WHAT TO EXPECT



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Most fee waivers are processed within 1 week, check your college email after submission. Remember, if awarded, you must **reapply** for CCPG each academic year you are enrolled.

CONTACT

Email: californiapromise@smc.edu

Address: Financial Aid Office
1900 Pico Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Phone:

[HTTPS://WWW.SMC.EDU/ADMISSION-AID/FINANCIAL-AID-SCHOLARSHIPS/DOCUMENTS/2022-23-PROMISE-GRANT-APPLICATION-ENGLISH-A11Y.PDF](https://www.smc.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid-scholarships/documents/2022-23-promise-grant-application-english-a11y.pdf)

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CA STATE AID AT SMC: CAL GRANT



PRESENTATION TITLE

- Students receive Cal Grants for a maximum of 4 years/400% except for mandatory 5-year programs or teacher credential programs
- Cal Grants are only for undergraduate programs
- Must be used at a Cal Grant eligible college in California
- Cal Grants can be put “on hold” for up to 2 years
- Cal Grant C is for an occupational or technical program and does not require a GPA.

	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Total
Cal Grant B	\$824.00	\$824.00	\$1,648.00
Cal Grant C	\$547.00	\$547.00	\$1,094.00

CA STATE AID AT SMC: CAL GRANT B



- Cal Grant B requirement is 2.0 GPA
- Recent high school graduates who have not earned 16 units of degree applicable coursework at the college level need to have their GPA verified by their high school.
- If you attended SMC in the last 10 years, and completed 16 or more-degree applicable units, SMC will submit your GPA to CA Student Aid Commission

CA STATE AID AT SMC: STUDENT SUCCESS COMPLETION GRANT (SSCG)



PRESENTATION TITLE

- The SSCG is a supplemental grant with the purpose of providing students with additional financial aid to help offset the total cost of community college and to encourage full-time attendance and successful on-time completion. Students must be receiving a Cal Grant B or C and is enrolled at least full-time per term.

	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Total
12 – 14 units per semester	\$1,268.00	\$1,268.00	\$2,536.00
15+ units per semester	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00

CA STATE AID AT SMC: STUDENT SUCCESS COMPLETION GRANT (SSCG),



- The Chaffe Grant provides financial assistance to former and current foster youth for college and vocational training. Awards range up to \$5,000 per academic year.
- Be a current or former foster youth, not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year and have financial need.
- Must Submit a CA Dream Act Application and a California Chafee Grant Program Application.
 - <https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/>

California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training



WHO CAN APPLY?

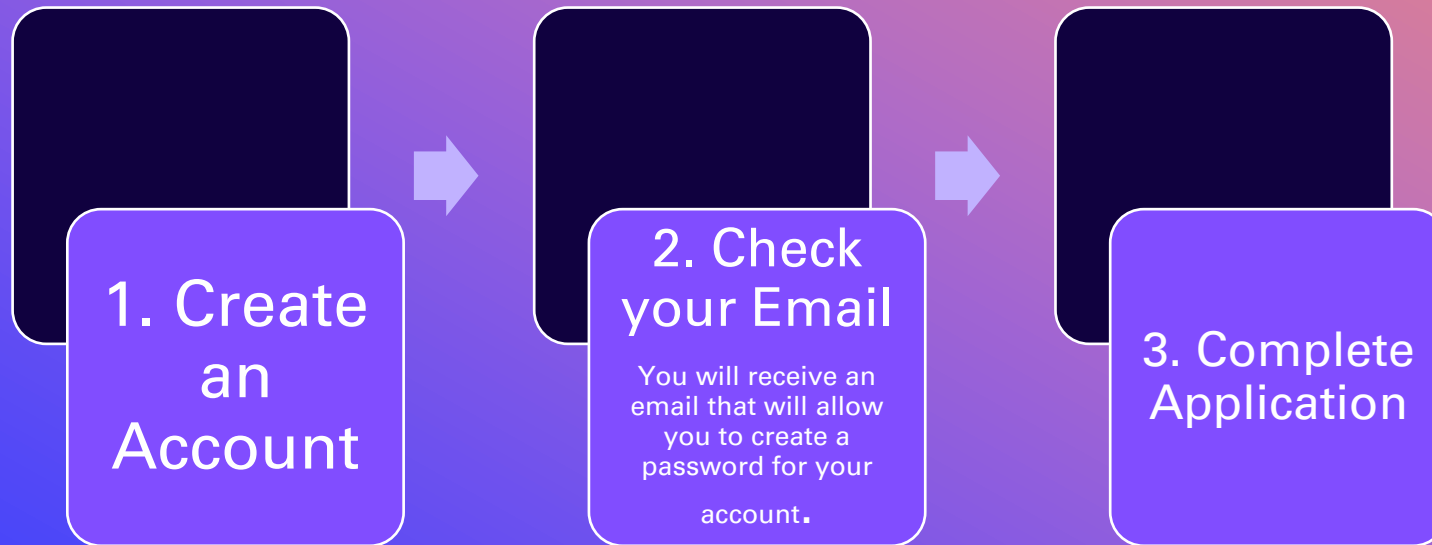
PRESENTATION TITLE



- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- U Visa Holders

CREATING A NEW ACCOUNT

PRESENTATION TITLE



 FIRST TIME USER	 RETURNING USER	 PARENT SIGNATURE
▪ New to the CA Dream Act? ▪ Start a New application ▪ Do not submit multiple applications	▪ Renew your application ▪ Submit a saved application ▪ Make a correction or add a school to your application	▪ Request a parent PIN ▪ Forgot your parent PIN? ▪ Sign the student application
Start	Login	Submit

Student Parent Sign & Submit

Auto Hint ☐

Demographics ! School ! Dependency ! Financial !

Section I - Personal information for student

1) * Your Last Name TESTING

2) * Your First Name JUST

3) Your Middle Initial

8) Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

9) * Your Date of Birth 01/01/2002

Section 1 of 8

Next

Save Application Save & Logout Logout

Completing the CADA A

- Complete the sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen.
- Click “Save Application” at the bottom of the page to save your responses. Click “Next” at the bottom of the page to go to the next section
- For detailed instructions and information about each question, click the information icon
- The answers to some questions will be prefilled with your registration information
- It is critical that students complete the application with their correct name and date of birth to avoid any unnecessary delays

Dependency Questions:

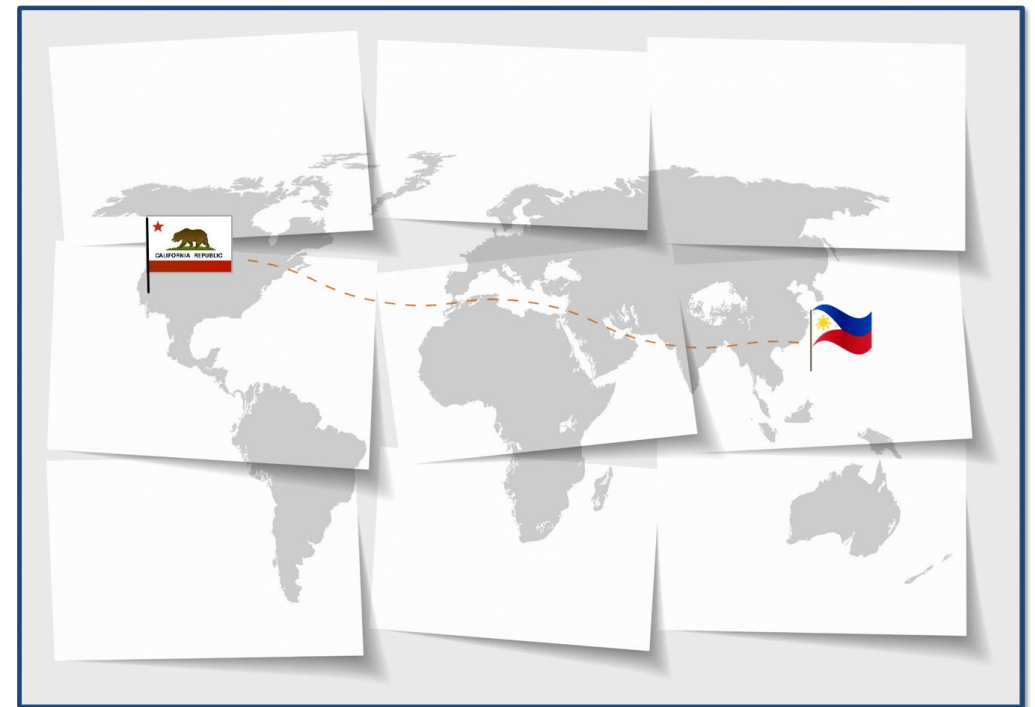
This section is to determine if you will need to provide parental information. Here are the following questions:

- Were you born before January 1, 2000?
- As of today, are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions you will be considered independent. If you answered "No", initially you will be considered dependent and asked to submit parent information.

What if a Student's Parent(s) Live in Another Country?

- Even if a parent/contributor lives in another country, they are required to provide their income and assets
- When that is not possible because there is no contact with the parents, students should complete the application as much as they can and then contact their college's financial aid office as soon as possible
- The college financial aid office will evaluate the situation and inform the student if they can override the need for parent information



Resources for the CADAA

California Dream Act Application
for AB 540 Eligible Students
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov>

This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2022-23 school year. The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) will process this application. Any aid offered can only be used at eligible California institutions. The information on this form will be used to determine eligibility in the Cal Grant program. Ask your college whether they will be using this application for financial aid.

Section A: Student Questions For questions 1-30, leave blank any answers that do not apply to you (the student).
Your full name (exactly as it appears on school records). If your name has a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between your last name and suffix.

* Indicates a required field

1. Last name
2. First name
3. Middle initial

4. Number and street (include apt. number)
5. City
6. State
7. Zip Code

8. Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
(Complete only if you have one of these. Otherwise, leave blank)

9. Your date of birth
10. Your permanent phone number
11. Your statewide Student Identification Number (SID)
(You will have the 10-digit SID only if you attended a California public high school; otherwise leave blank)

12. Your cell phone or alternate phone number
13. Driver's license number
14. Driver's license state (if you have one)

15. Your e-mail address. We need your e-mail address to communicate with you electronically. For example, if we need additional information from you. Your e-mail address will also be shared with the colleges listed on your application to allow them to communicate with you. Do not leave this field blank.

16. Citizenship status. Mark only one.
See Notes page 9
I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). STOP! Complete FAFSA
I am an eligible noncitizen. STOP! Complete FAFSA
I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen. Skip to question 18

17. What is your marital status as of today?
I am single
I am married/remarried
I am divorced or widowed
I am separated

18. Month and year you were married/remarried, separated, divorced or widowed.
MONTH YEAR

19. In what state do you live?
STATE

20. Did you start living in this state before January 1, 2017?
YES NO

21. If the answer to question 20 is "No," give the month and year you began living here.
MONTH YEAR

22. Are you male or female?
MALE FEMALE

23. Highest school completed by Parent 1
Middle school/Jr. high High school College or beyond Other/unknown

24. Highest school completed by Parent 2
Middle school/Jr. high High school College or beyond Other/unknown

25. What was your high school completion status when you began college in the 2022-2023 school year?
High school diploma Answer question 26 Home schooled Skip to question 27
General Educational Development (GED) certificate Skip to question 27 None of the above Skip to question 27

For help - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> or StudentSupport@csac.ca.gov or 888-224-7268 Page 3 Section A CONTINUED on page 4

RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED/DREAMER STUDENTS FILLING OUT THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

CADAA Video Trainings

Accessing the Application →

Students and Parents

2023-24

- 2023-24 English Paper Application
- 2023-24 Spanish Paper Application

2022-23

- 2022-23 English Paper Application
- 2022-23 Spanish Paper Application
- 2022-23 Dream Application Worksheet

CADAA Resources

- CDE and CSAC Joint Statement on the CADAA in Spanish
- California Dream Act FAQ's
- Parental Signature Form
- California Dream Act Application – Common Issues
- CA Dream Act Application Name/Date of Birth Change Request (G-19)



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THANK YOU

- Financial Aid Office

SMC DREAM PROGRAM



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The Santa Monica College DREAM Program provides support services to undocumented students and students from mixed status households.

Goals for the program are to:

Increase personal growth, development, and retention of DREAM students through academic, career, and personal counseling

Assist in applying for the California Dream Act/Financial Aid & Scholarships

Provide workshops relative to undocumented students and their families

DREAM Program Services

- Academic Counseling
- Immigration Legal Services
- Workshops
- University Field Trips
- AB 540/ Cal Dream Act
Application Assistance



The Dream Program can help with Financial Aid:



California Dream Act application assistance & troubleshooting



Understanding financial aid eligibility



Assistance with Cal Grant planning and management



Available Scholarships for undocumented students



Assistance with completing AB 540 Affidavit



Who or what is Carecen?

CARECEN is the largest Central American immigrant rights organization in the country, empowering immigrants by defending human and civil rights, working for social and economic justice, and promoting cultural diversity.

- DACA Renewals
- Citizenship Applications
- General Consultations
 - U-Visa
- Family Petitions
 - And more!

Services are FREE and available to SMC students, faculty, and staff

Social Events

Play games, eat food, hang out!



We know that navigating higher education is no walk in the park, which is why we take pride in helping you build and find your community.

We plan and host several social gatherings throughout the school year, so you can get to know your fellow undocumented peers and build your network.

Field Trips

Join us!

The SMC DREAM Program takes several trips throughout the academic school year.

We take you to visit college campuses so you can make an informed decision on which four-year schools you plan on applying to. We also partner with EOPS and take trips to museums, art galleries, and amusement parks!

So if you see an invite, make sure to RSVP!

