

## DREAMER FAQ'S

### Does an undocumented student qualify for Federal financial aid?

No, undocumented students are not eligible for federal financial aid, therefore, they should not complete the FAFSA.

### Does an undocumented student qualify for CA state financial aid?

Yes, Undocumented students who meet **AB540** criteria in the state of CA are eligible to apply for state financial aid through the **CA Dream Act**.

### What is AB540?

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) is a California state law that allows students who meet specific requirements to pay in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities. You must meet the following criteria to apply for AB 540:

- Attended a California high school for three or more years
- Graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent of a high school diploma
- Register or be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of public higher education in California
- Must file an affidavit at enrolled institution



## RESOURCES

### Financial Aid

California Dream Act  
[dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)

### AB540

California Dream Network  
[Cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540](http://Cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540)

### Scholarships

MALDEF  
[maldef.org](http://maldef.org)

My Undocumented Life  
[myundocumentedlife.org](http://myundocumentedlife.org)

### Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

USCIS  
<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian>

Undocumedia  
[Undocumedia.org](http://Undocumedia.org)

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# What is DREAMERS at LAHC?

DREAMERS, is a program committed to creating access and increasing retention of undocumented students at Los Angeles Harbor Community College.

The goal is to increase awareness of programs and resources available to undocumented students, which are vital to their academic success. We work collaboratively with different campus departments to establish a supportive network.



## College Mission

Los Angeles Harbor College promotes access and student success through associate and transfer degrees, certificates, economic and workforce development, and basic skills instruction. Our educational programs and support services meet the needs of diverse communities as measured by campus institutional learning outcomes.

## Our Services

- Academic and Career Counseling
- Development of Educational Plans
- California Dream Act assistance
- Student Organization Support (Creando Nuevo Futuro)
- Workshops that cover a multitude of topics: Transfer, Resume, DACA.
- Safe and Supportive Environment
- Staff and Faculty Training

## Program Requirements

- Be a DREAMER/AB540 student at LAHC
- Complete a DREAMER contract
- Meet with a Counselor at least three times a semester
- Complete a Comprehensive Student Education Plan
- Attend 2 workshops/events per semester

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

**-Nelson Mandela**



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