

# Completing the CA Dream Act App.

## **DREAM.CSAC.CA.GOV**

Students must complete the CA Dream Act App. (CADAA) each year. The CADAA opens up on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**! Cal Grant Priority Deadline is **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**!

## **Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veterans**

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### **YOU MUST SUBMIT THE CADAA IF YOU:**

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- Attended a California high school for at least three years, **or**
- Attained credits in California from a California high school equivalent to at least three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, California adult school or a combination of those schools, **or**
- Have Credits earned at a California Community College, **or**
- Have a combination of the school listed above
- Graduated or will graduate from a California high school or attained a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), CA High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), **or**
- Attained an associate degree from a California Community College, **or**
- Fulfilled minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a University of California or California State University, **and**
- Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, **and**
- If applicable, complete an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **and**
- Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)\*

\* If you have Temporary Protected Status or are a U Visa holder, file the CADAA. T Visa holders should file the FAFSA.

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### **GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS** – Gather this information before you go to **DREAM.CSAC.CA.GOV** to complete your CADAA:

- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (if you have either one of them)
- Driver's license (if you have one)
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned for the specified year
  - For the 2022-2023 CADAA you will be using 2020 tax and income information.
- Current bank account balances and records of investments and untaxed income
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent(s)' information

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### **FILL IT OUT** – After you start your application at **DREAM.CSAC.CA.GOV**, you will complete the sections below:

#### **Student Demographics** – When entering your personal information, **read directions carefully** and enter information accurately.

- Male students must be registered with Selective Service to receive financial aid.
- Double-check your name and date of birth. Even one small error could cause delays.

#### **School Selection** – Select the college, university or career technology center you plan to attend. You can select up to 10 schools. You will also need to indicate whether you plan to live on campus, off campus or with a parent.

#### **Dependency Status** – A list of questions will determine whether you are considered dependent or independent on the CADAA. Dependent students will be required to provide parental information.

#### **Parent Demographics** – Dependent students must enter information about their legal parent(s).

- If your parents are legally separated or divorced, list the parent you lived with the most during the last 12 months.
- If your parents are legally separated or divorced and you lived with them equally, list the parent who provided the most financial support in the last 12 months.
- If your divorced parent is remarried, list both your parent and step-parent.
- If your parents are unmarried but living together, list information for both parents.
- If your parent is undocumented, use 000-00-0000 as his/her Social Security Number.

#### **Financial Information** – You can enter the specified income tax information.

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### **SIGN AND SUBMIT** – Review your answers. If you are considered dependent, your legal parent is also required to sign your CADAA by creating a PIN.