

FILLING OUT THE CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: MARCH 2ND



Check your eligibility.

STEP 1

You are eligible to complete the CADAA if you: are undocumented, are a U Visa holder, have Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB540 (CA high school attendance 3+ years OR credits for 3+ years and 3+ years in elementary/secondary attendance).



Gather important documents.

STEP 2

Before you start, gather your parents' 2018 income tax returns and W-2s. If your parents did not file an income tax return, enter the total of the wages they have earned from working during 2018. Have your and your parents' personal and contact information ready too.



Fill out the CA Dream Act Application.

STEP 3

As you fill out the application, you will fill out your (the student) information first, then your dependency status. Next, your parent will enter their personal information, followed by their income information. Finally, you will add which colleges you want to send the application to.



Submit your application.

STEP 4

Carefully review your application to make sure everything is correct before you sign and submit it. After you submit it, you will receive an email with a nine-digit Dream ID number; you will need this ID to create a WebGrants 4 Students account, when you talk to your college, or the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).



The next steps.

STEP 5

After you complete the CADAA, the CSAC will send your application data to all the colleges you listed. After 8-10 business days, you can follow up with colleges to find out if you are eligible for campus aid. To apply for a Cal Grant, your GPA must be submitted to the CSAC by March 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID.