# Understand the Differences

## In-State Tuition vs. CA Dream Act vs. DACA

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### What It Does

- **In-State Tuition (AB 540):** Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees
- **In-State Tuition (AB 2000):** Expands AB 540 to exempt students from out-of-state tuition fees
- **In-State Tuition (SB 68):** Expands AB 540/AB 2000 to exempt students from out-of-state tuition fees
- **CA Dream Act (AB 130):** Opens certain scholarships administered by public institutions to AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68 students
- **CA Dream Act (AB 131):** Opens state-funded grants (including Cal grants, State grants, UC Grants & the CA College Promise Grant) and state programs (EOP & EOPS) to AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68 students

### What It Does Not Do

- **Does not change their state residency status.**
- **Does not include eligibility for federal grants or funds**
- **Should not be confused with the Federal Dream Act or DACA**

### Who Can Apply

- **Undocumented & DACAmmented individuals, T and U visa holders, US citizens, & lawfully present immigrants that meet eligibility criteria.**
- **AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68 eligible individuals who are undocumented, DACAmmented individuals, T and U Visa holders, US citizens, and lawfully present immigrants that meet eligibility criteria.**

### Eligibility Requirements

- **Student must:**
  - Attend three full years of high school in CA or the equivalent for GED
  - Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a Certificate of Completion or a GED in CA
  - Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U visa)
  - Does not require DACA

- **Student must:**
  - Attend CA high school or graduate early with the equivalent of three or more years of credits
  - Have attended CA elementary or secondary school for cumulative total of three or more years
  - Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U visa)
  - Does not require DACA

- **Student must:**
  - Attend three years full-time or the equivalent credits at a CA High School, Adult School, Community College (credit or noncredit), or any combination of the above; OR meet eligibility for AB 2000.
  - Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a GED in CA, attain an Associates degree from a CCC or fulfill their minimum transfer requirements for UC or CSU
  - Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or U visa)
  - Does not require DACA

- **Student must meet:**
  - AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68 eligibility
  - Individual scholarship requirements
  - Does not require DACA

- **Student must meet:**
  - AB 540/AB 2000/SB 68 eligibility
  - Priority filing deadline income guidelines
  - GPA & other Cal grant eligibility
  - Program requirements for EOP or EOPS
  - Does not require DACA

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