



AB 540 Student Information

Welcome to El Camino College!

We are happy that you have chosen El Camino College to help meet your educational needs. We hope that you will find this information to be helpful as you continue your educational journey.

AB 540 Information

- California Dream Act Application information is not shared with federal databases. Student and parent information is protected by the same privacy and information security laws and safeguards as all other state financial aid applicants.
- California students who have applied for or received approval for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) should complete the California Dream Act Application, NOT the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn more about DACA at www.uscis.gov.
- California State Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) allows any student who meets all of the following requirements to be exempt from paying non-resident tuition at California Community Colleges, the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC).

AB 540 Eligibility Requirements:

1. The student must have attended a California high school for a minimum of three years (public or private); or attain credits equivalent to three or more years of high school coursework and a combination of three or more years at a California elementary or secondary school (public or private);
2. The student must be a graduate from a California high school or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) or get a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
3. The student must enroll in an accredited and qualified California college or university; and
4. The student must fill out an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as eligible.

A student who meets the above requirements must file an affidavit with the Admissions & Records Office at El Camino College stating that he/she has an application to legalize his/her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he/she is eligible to do so. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law. Students who meet the criteria will be exempted from the payment of non-resident tuition but will not be classified as "California Residents." Students will continue to be classified as "Nonresidents." Students who are in the United States under a student or visitor visa are not eligible.

AB 130 Information

California State Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) allows for any student who meets AB 540 eligibility criteria to apply and receive, if eligible, non-state funded scholarships at all California public colleges and universities.

AB 131 Information

California State Assembly Bill 131 (AB 131) allows for any student who meets AB 540 eligibility criteria to apply and receive, if eligible, state-based financial aid at all California public colleges and universities. State-based financial aid includes the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW), Cal Grants, and Chafee Grants. Students are also eligible to apply for state categorically funded programs including the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs). Program eligibility requirements must be met prior to admittance and is contingent on program funding.

For more information, please contact the El Camino College Admissions Office – SSVC, 310-660-3414

