

# Welcome to the World of Financial Aid!



# Assembly Bill 540

- **The Law:** Signed into law on October 12, 2001
- AB 540 affirms that undocumented students pay resident fees versus out-of-state fees.
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - 1. Attend California high school for at least three consecutive years.
  - 2. High school diploma or GED.
  - 3. Higher education.
  - 4. File an affidavit

# *Cost Difference*



<b>California Colleges</b>	<b>In-State Enrollment Fees</b>	<b>Out of State Enrollment Fees</b>
California Community College	<b>\$36.00/ unit</b>	\$226.00/ unit
California State University (Cal State's)	<b>\$7,552/ year</b>	\$11,160/ year
University of California (UC's)	<b>\$13,200/ year</b>	\$36,078/ year



AB 130 and AB 131 opens up the door to state financial aid sources for AB 540 students

# What is financial aid?

- \$ that comes from state or federal governments via taxes, state /federal budgets, grants, waivers, legislation, institutions (such as colleges & universities) by completing the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application
- \*AB540 students do **not** fill out the FAFSA!
- \$ that comes from private sources—scholarships based on merit (GPA, community service plus financial need)
  - For example: SMC Scholarships (Due every year February 1<sup>st</sup>), MALDEF and SALEF scholarships, scholarships through community organizations, high schools

# How is eligibility determined?

- Financial aid forms are filled out for every academic year!
- Financial aid is based on income from previous year, for example:
  - 2012-2013 academic year is based on your and your parents' income from 2011
  - 2013-2014 academic year based on 2012 income

# What is financial aid for AB540 students?

- \$ from state funds as stated in the AB 130 and AB 131 laws by completing the Dream Act application on the **CSAC** (California Student Aid Commission) website, a fee waiver application, or scholarship application.
- BOG (Board of Governors) Fee Waiver for CCC (Calif Community College) students

# Types of Financial Aid for AB540 Students

## WHAT

- BOG (Board of Governors) Fee Waiver, available Jan 2013 (Spring 2013)

Cal Grants A, B, C,  
available 2013-14

## HOW AND WHEN

- BOG Fee Waiver Form available on SMC Corsair Connect website, available October 2012
- CSAC (Calif Student Aid Commission) Dream Act Application  
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- 24 units at CCC or high school GPA + financial need

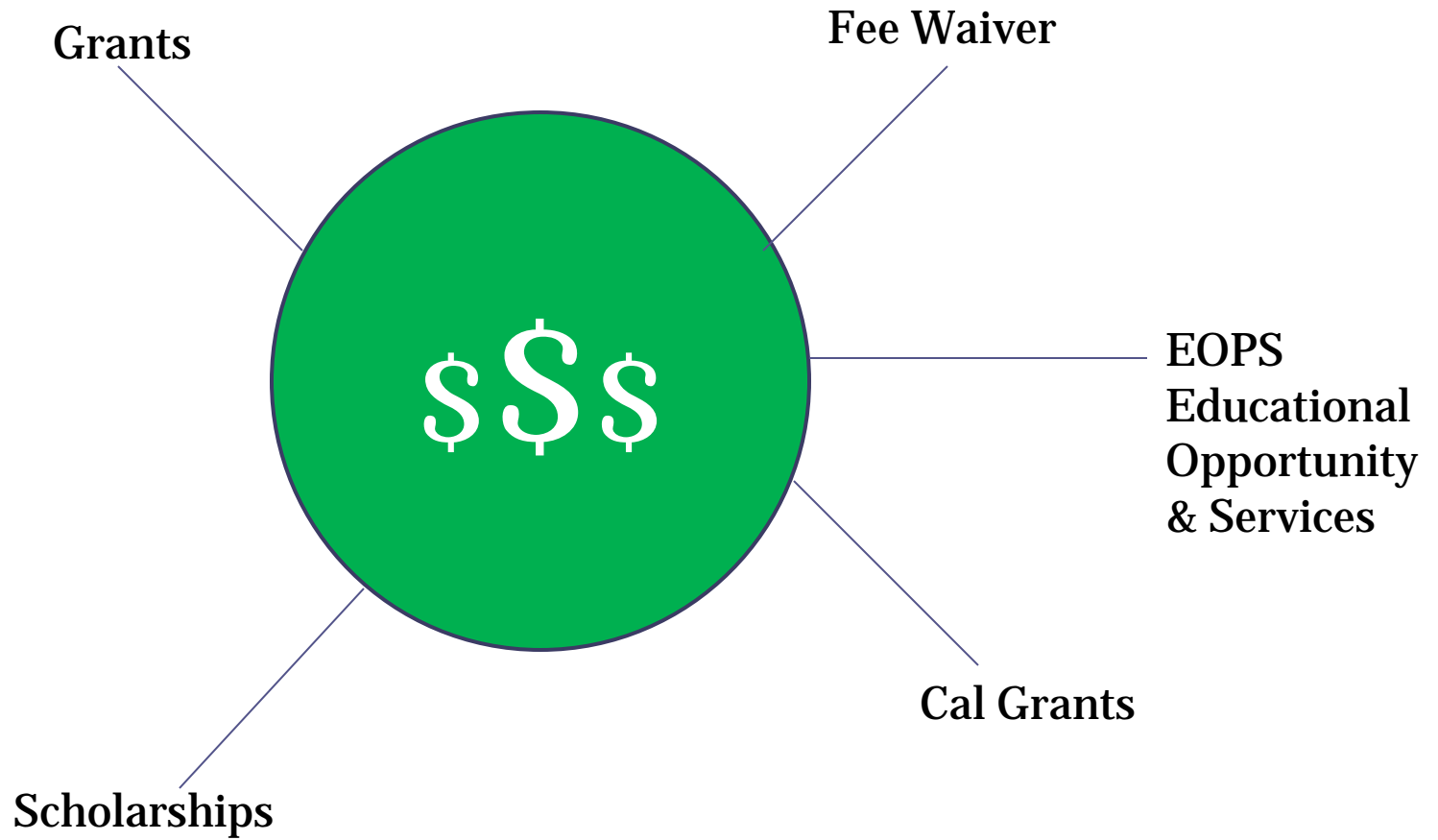


# Assembly Bill- 130

- The law was signed July 25, 2011
- Becomes effective January 1, 2012
- Allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for & receive private scholarships administered by the public colleges and universities, including
  - scholarships funded through private donors
  - alumni contributions
  - individual departmental efforts
- For information about how and when to apply, AB 540 students must contact their financial aid offices
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - Be classified as AB540
  - Meet each scholarship's requirements (this will be implemented by campus)

# Assembly Bill-131

- The Law: signed on October 8, 2011
- Becomes effective January 1, 2013
- Allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to
  - Apply for & receive **Board of Governors fee** waivers at the California Community Colleges
  - Apply for & receive institutional grants like UC Grant, State University Grant, **Educational Opportunity Program and Educational Opportunity Program & Services fee waivers**
  - Apply for & receive state financial aid, including **Cal Grants and Chafee Foster Youth Grants** for use at eligible public and private institutions



# Cal Grant A

- **Low to middle income students** (Average family income of new Cal Grant A recipients is \$44,100)
- **Associate and Bachelor degree programs only**
- **Can be used for tuition and fees only**
- **Maximum annual award amounts:**
  - CCC - Not paid, but held in reserve until transfer
  - CSU - up to \$5,472
  - UC - up to \$12,192
  - Independent or private for-profit - up to \$9,708
  - (Current policy provides that Cal Grant awards are increased to meet fee increases at the public universities)

# Types of Cal Grant A Awards

- **High School Entitlement Cal A**
  - Students applying in their senior year of HS or in the year after they graduate or
  - Students applying within one year of passing the GED
  - Uses HS GPA only (minimum 3.00)
- **CCC Transfer Entitlement Cal A**
  - Students transferring from a CCC into a bachelor's degree program
  - Must have graduated from a CA high school after 7/1/00 and not yet be age 28
  - Uses CCC GPA only (minimum 2.40)

# Cal Grant B

- **Very low income students** (Average family income of new Cal Grant B recipients is \$17,200)
- **AA, BA and Certificate programs of at least 1 year**
- **Can be used for any school expenses including tuition and fees\***
  - **All Cal Grant B recipients, at all schools get a \$1,551 “Access” payment each academic year**
  - **Students beyond their first year also get a tuition benefit equal to the Cal Grant A tuition and fee amount if attending a school other than a community college**

*\*first time freshmen are not eligible for tuition & fee component of award*

# Cal Grant C

- **Low income students** (Average family income of new Cal Grant C recipients is \$18,700)
- **Can be used for tuition & fees and books & supplies**
- **AA and certificate career technical programs only**
- **Maximum annual award amounts**
  - **Tuition and Fees - \$2,592**
    - At private vocational schools
  - **Books and Supplies - \$576**
    - At private vocational schools and
    - Community colleges
- **Scored based on occupational factors and educational history**
- **7,761 awards per year**

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[Commissioner Keene announces the 2011-12 Arthur Marmaduke Award nomination period, submit forms by 3/30/12](#)

[CSAC To Examine Impact of "Wild West" Online Degrees on Cal Grants](#)

[Retired Senator Barry Keene issued the following statement on behalf of the Commission...](#)

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DIANA FUENTES-MICHEL

→ [Executive Director Fuentes-Michel's testimony before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee for Education Finance March 7, 2012](#)



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## Dream Act Timeline

**January 1, 2012**  
 AB 130 private scholarships become available at public colleges and universities.  
*Check with your institution's financial aid office ASAP about application information.*

**April 2, 2012**  
 2012-13 California Dream Act Application becomes available for AB 131 Institutional grants and community college fee waivers payable starting January 2013.  
*See your institution's financial aid office ASAP about application information.*

**January 1, 2013**  
 AB 131 Institutional grants and community college fee waivers become available.

## Links

- [College and Financial Aid Guide for AB 540](#)

# WORKSHEET FOR THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

- <http://www.csac.ca.gov>
- For help with getting answers for this workshop, go to [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) or call 888-224-7268, 10:00am to 4:45pm Monday through Friday