

AB 540 INFORMATION

Educator guide: Top 10 ways to support Undocumented students

In this simple two-page guide, we've assembled our top recommendations for how educators and allies can support undocumented students and where they can find up-to-date information and resources.

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/educatorguides.html>

2012-2013 Financial Aid Guide

This 21-page guide contains detailed information about AB540 and in-state tuition, the California Dream Act (AB130 & AB131), privacy concerns, applying to private colleges, and other sources of financial aid available to undocumented students.

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/studentguides.html>

AB 540 CSUF Online Resource Guide

This web page is intended to provide information to faculty and staff seeking to advise "AB 540 Students" and for undocumented nonresident high school and college students seeking information about their eligibility for AB 540 and resources.

<http://www.fullerton.edu/ab540/>

AB 540 Makes Higher Education More Affordable for California's Undocumented Students

http://www.maldef.org/education/public_policy/6.2.4_AB540TuitionCostFactsheet.pdf

AB 540: Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.maldef.org/education/public_policy/6.2.4_AB540_FAQ.pdf

Are You An Undocumented Immigrant Student and Want to go to College?

Several years ago, many undocumented immigrant students were unable to afford the out-of-state tuition costs that they were required to pay to attend public universities and colleges in California. As a result, many could not attend college. However, higher education became more affordable for undocumented students in California on January 1, 2002, because California's AB540 law allows qualifying students, including undocumented immigrant students, to pay in-state tuition fees at public colleges and universities (Community Colleges, CSUs, and UCs).

LEARN MORE visit this site!

http://www.maldef.org/education/public_policy/ab540/index.html

CAC Educational Scholarship Foundation

The Educational Scholarship Foundation was founded in 2005 by the California Association of Collectors (CAC). The scholarship requires a simple one-page application and an essay on "The Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Financial Credit During Your College Years". The scholarship is available to any California high school senior for their use at any accredited college, university, or trade school.

<http://cacesf.org/>

California Dream act of 2011

The California Dream Act of 2011, authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo (Los Angeles), became law through the passage of two Assembly Bills, AB 130 and AB 131.

AB 130 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria (California Education Code 68130.5(a)) to apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities.

AB 131 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, community college fee waivers, Cal Grant and Chafee Grant.

http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp

California Dream Network

The California Dream Network is a statewide network of existing and emerging college campus organizations who actively address undocumented student issues and who work to create broader social change around immigration reform and access to higher education. The CA Dream Network's work is carried out through:

- College campus organizing
- Youth Empowerment Trainings
- College Presentations

- High School Presentations
- Community Outreach
- Statewide conference calls
- Regional conference calls
- Regional Dream Network meetings
- Regional summits
- Bi-annual statewide conferences

<http://www.cadreamnetwork.org/>

College Board- Resources for Undocumented Students

http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/Repository-Resources-Undocumented-Students_2012.pdf

College Sense: How to Pay for College

Scholarship Guide for Undocumented Students

These scholarships are designated for those students who do not have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.

http://www.nygearup.org/collegesense/students/scholar_undoc.htm

COFEM Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamerica

Link to the 2012-13 Mexican American Dream Scholarship

<http://cofem.org/prorams/scholarships.html>

Como Apoyar a Estudiantes Idocumentados en su Camino a la Universidad: Consejos para los padres

Esta guía contiene información esencial para ayudar a los padres a apoyar a sus hijos indocumentados en prepararse para la universidad, matricularse en la universidad, pagar por la universidad, aprovechar en lo máximo la vida universitaria, y buscar oportunidades después de la universidad. Disponible en Inglés y Español.

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/parentguides.html>

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)

Founded in 2006, Educators for Fair Consideration supports undocumented students in realizing their academic and career goals and actively contributing to society. We offer holistic programming that addresses the financial, legal, career, and emotional health needs of undocumented students. Specifically, we provide scholarships, legal services, professional and personal development workshops, and a strong peer network for undocumented students.

<http://www.e4fc.org>

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) Scholarship List

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

This carefully researched list contains 32 pages of up-to-date information about scholarships available for Bay Area immigrant students plus advice and tips for writing winning scholarship applications. Many scholarships have just been added in 2012.

<http://www.e4fc.org/studentresources/scholarshiplists.html>

FinAid The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

This page contains information about financial aid and scholarships for undocumented students and illegal aliens. (The terms "undocumented student", "illegal alien", and "illegal immigrant" are used interchangeably and intentionally in this page to enable this page to be found by students who are trying to find information about scholarships for undocumented students.) This page provides a neutral, objective and comprehensive summary of this topic.

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml>

Fondo Futuro Scholarship

Fondo Futuro was founded on three basic principals; to enable, educate, and empower the Hispanic youth of the United States through providing informative bilingual content on college admissions and the student loan process. Fondo Futuro's partner in this program, The Hispanic Communications Network, has extensive experience in creating bilingual media and developing educational content. Our bilingual platform offers the most user friendly experience on the web and our loan products contain the most competitive rates in the industry.

<http://www.fondofuturo.com>

Futuros Educational Services

Promoting College Access for Low-Income and Immigrant Communities

<http://futuros-california.org/resources.html>

Got Papers? Got Dreams?

Know that you can go to college regardless of your immigration status.

(This website was developed in part by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation. The New Partnership Foundation)

<http://www.ab540.com/>

How to Support College-Bound Undocumented Students: Advice for Parents

This guide contains valuable information to help parents support their undocumented children prepare for college, apply to college, pay for college, make the most of life on campus, and pursue opportunities post-college. Available in English and Spanish.

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/parentguides.html>

L.A. Cash for College

A CAMPAIGN COMPOSED OF ANNUAL EVENTS TO INFORM AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS ABOUT COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

<http://www.lacashforcollege.org>

Latino College Dollars

Scholarships for Latino Students

<http://www.latinocollegedollars.org>

Life After College Guide

This 73-page guide contains valuable information, tips, and resources to help undocumented students navigate life after graduation. While initially it may seem as though undocumented students have limited options upon graduating from college, this guide is intended to shed light on the possibilities that do exist. The guide has been written to be as inclusive and comprehensive as possible by including personal narratives, student testimonials and advice from experts. We hope that undocumented students and allies read this guide and feel encouraged and unafraid of the next steps.

http://e4fc.org/images/E4FC_LifeAfterCollegeGuide.pdf

MALDEF Scholarship List

http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/2010_Scholarship_List.pdf

- **Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund**

SALEF's mission is to promote the civic participation and representation of the Salvadoran and other Latino communities in the U.S., promote the economic development and democracy in El Salvador, as well as to advocate for its economic, educational, and political advancement and growth.

<http://www.salef.org/>

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations

There is perhaps no greater challenge facing our country than increasing understanding and cooperation among people of different racial backgrounds. It is a challenge that every new generation encounters. We therefore believe that young people have a particularly important role to play, and hope, through the Princeton Prize, to recognize and encourage young people who have made or are making efforts to improve racial harmony.

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations consists of regionally awarded \$1,000 cash awards as well as an annual symposium on race.

<http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/>

The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute

Founded in 1985, the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) advances informed policy on key issues affecting Latino communities through objective and timely research contributing to the betterment of the nation.

The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI), a freestanding, nonprofit, policy research organization, helps shape public policy by providing elected officials and community leaders with non-partisan research. The Institute has published 200 research reports and policy briefs addressing a wide range of topics – from immigration and education to technology and employment.

<http://www.trpi.org>

Career planning links

- **ASVAB Program**

Helps students learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize their goals.

<http://www.asvabprogram.com/>

- **Auto Careers Today**

Automotive Careers Today is your comprehensive online resource for careers auto dealerships offer.

<http://www.autocareertoday.net/>

- **Building California Construction Careers**

A career in the building and construction trades can be a rewarding experience. In addition to excellent pay and benefits, construction offers an opportunity to work outside, to work with your hands and to work as part of a team. The first step toward a construction career is to determine if this type of work is a good fit with you and your life goals. The next step is to educate yourself about each skilled craft to learn what type of career you want to pursue. This website provides specific information to help you decide which craft you might enjoy, if a career in construction is right for you, and how to find an apprenticeship program in your area.

<http://www.buildingc3.com>

- **Bureau of Labor Statistics for High School Students**

Explore various career fields.

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

- **California Careers.info**

Welcome to CaliforniaCareers.Info, the web home of the California Career Resource Network. This website contains resources for students, counselors, parents, teachers, in short, anyone interested in developing the career self-management skills necessary in today's world of work. Feel free to stay a while and come back often, we hope you enjoy the journey.

<http://www.californiacareers.info/>

- **California Colleges: Career Self-Assessment**

Explore your values, interests, personality, and skills, and find careers you will enjoy.

http://www.californiacolleges.edu/career/careercenter/career_self_assessment.asp

- **California Direct Connect--Links to Your Future**

A place to create your life and match it with your goals and aspirations. The Web pages are designed to help students and workers find jobs, explore careers, investigate opportunities to continue their education, and access resources to overcome barriers for success in the workplace.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/dc/index.asp>

- **Career Advantage**

The Internet's most comprehensive resource for information on vocational schools and adult trade schools and colleges in the fields of business, culinary arts, information technology (IT), graphic design, web design, fashion design, interior design and more.

<http://www.careeradvantage.org>

- **Career Converter**

Brought to you by Monster Trak. Choose a major and the monster will show you a related career.

<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/tools/careerconverter/>

- **Career Cruising**

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by students to explore career and college options and develop a career plan.
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<http://www.careercruising.com>

- **Career Key**

Career planning, job skills, and choosing a college major or educational program.

<http://www.careerkey.org/>

- **Career One Stop: Pathways to Career Success**

Identify career interests, explore careers, find education options, pay for education, and get experience.

<http://www.careeronestop.org/Audience/Students/Students.aspx>

- **Careers**

Navigate and research various career subcategories.

<http://www.education-online-search.com/articles/careers/>

- **Directory of Trade, Career, and Technical Schools**

Browse technical, vocational and trade school listings organized by specific trade, craft or career path.

<http://www.khake.com/page4.html>

- **Guide to Trade Schools & Vocational Schools**

Information on top vocational and trade schools

<http://www.tradevocationalschool.com>

- **Job Corps**

Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 get a better job, make more money, and take control of their lives. At Job Corps, students enroll to learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED and get help finding a good job. When you join the program, you will be paid a monthly allowance; the longer you stay with the program, the more your allowance will be. Job Corps provides career counseling and transition support to its students for up to 12 months after they graduate from the program.

<http://www.jobcorps.dol.gov/>

- **Mapping Your Future**

High school year-by-year planning tips.

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org>

- **Military Careers**

Detailed information about the various service branches of the military and military funding for college.

<http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public?topicID=104&operation=maintopic>

- **My Future**

Military Opportunities, Work Interest Quiz, Tools and Resources.

<http://www.myfuture.com/>

- **O*Net**

Explore your skills and see what careers may be a good fit for you.

<http://online.onetcenter.org/skills/>

- **Occupational Outlook Handbook**

Explore careers and learn about working conditions, job outlook, salary, and education required.

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

- **Trade Schools Guide**

Comprehensive list of trade and vocational schools. Specifically in the areas of automotive, business, culinary arts, art and design, cosmetology, education, healthcare, legal and criminal justice, media arts, real estate, technology, and travel and tourism.

<http://www.trade-schools.net>

- **What Can I Do With A Major In...?**

A website developed by the university of North Carolina at Wilmington that links college majors to careers.

<http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/>

- **Who Do You Want to Be?**

Information on California high school and community college courses, career options, and financial assistance are at your fingertips. This site will help you make decisions about the right courses to take in high school and community college so that you have the opportunity to turn that passion of yours into a great job and a great future.

<http://www.whodouwant2b.com/>

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

SAT ACT

What tests do you need to take?

University of California Exam Requirement

- SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT with Writing
- SAT Subject Tests - Two Subjects of Choice*

**Starting with the Class of 2012, the UC's will no longer be requiring SAT Subject Tests.*

For more information:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/california-residents/statewide-path/examination-requirement/index.html>

California State University Exam Requirement

- SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT

For more information:

http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/grades_tests.asp

Private or Out-of-State Schools

- Contact those schools directly or research on the Internet

Community College Exam Requirement

- No SAT or ACT required, but the community college will have its own placement tests.

[Click here for information regarding SAT vs. ACT](#)

To Register for each test:

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

<http://www.actstudent.org>

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For additional test preparation:

(MHHS does not endorse any one particular company)

[Click here for a list of Test Prep Companies](#)

[Click here for a list of Test Prep Apps \(for Android and Apple\)](#)

www.sdcoe.net/sat.asp

www.number2.com

www.free-test-online.com

www.revolutionprep.com

www.kaptest.com/college

www.grockit.com/tv/sat

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/sattest.htm>

<http://www.testdatescentral.com>

[SAT Test Study Guide](#)

www.inneedapencil.com

[ACT Help Booklet from Revolution Prep](#)

[SAT Help Booklet from Revolution Prep](#)

Recommended Testing Schedule:

9th Grade: October PSAT (practice SAT)

9th Grade: November PLAN (practice ACT)

10th Grade: October PSAT

10th Grade: November PLAN

11th Grade: October PSAT

April ACT

May SAT

***(June SAT Subject Tests)- * Please consult with each university you are**

interested in to see if they

require SAT Subject Tests.

12th Grade: October Re-Test as Needed

November Re-Test as Needed

December Re-Test as Needed

By following the schedule listed above, students will have completed all required and recommended

exams prior to the college application process that occurs during the fall semester of senior year.

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College planning links

Adapster SAT Math App for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch

This is an application that diagnosis your problem areas for the Math portion of the SAT. This diagnostic test allows you to purchase only the parts of the test prep app that you need based on a number of subject areas and sub-topics relating to the math portion of the SAT exam.

<http://itunes.apple.com/app/adapster-flex/id349628138?mt=8>

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<http://www.careercruising.com>

- **A Major Mystery**

Once again, the Princeton Review comes to the rescue with excellent information and advice to assist you in choosing a college major.

<http://princetonreview.com/college/research/articles/majors/choosmajor.asp>

- **ACT**

The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

- The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

<http://www.actstudent.org>

- **Adventures in Education (AIE)**

From college planning advice to financial aid information to career guidance, AIE has the reliable information students and parents need to make the right decisions for the future. Get FAFSA help and financial aid assistance, learn about college admissions, and search scholarships for free.

<http://www.adventuresineducation.org/>

- **Assist.org**

ASSIST is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another. ASSIST is the official repository of articulation for California's public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California.

<http://www.assist.org>

- **Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education**

Department of Consumer Affairs Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Information.

<http://www.bppve.ca.gov/>

- **California Colleges**

The official source for college and career planning in California. This site includes information on all the public and private colleges and universities in California, including community colleges.

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>

- **California's Community Colleges**

Information regarding the California Community College system.

<http://www.cccco.edu/>

- **California Postsecondary Education Commission**

Search the guide to California Colleges and Universities.

<http://www.cpec.ca.gov/ErrorPages/404Error.asp?404;http://www.cpec.ca.gov/collegeguide/collegeguide.asp/>

- **Cal-SOAP**

The mission of Cal-SOAP is to provide information about postsecondary education and financial aid to elementary through high school students while raising their academic achievement levels. In particular, Cal-SOAP is committed to providing services to students from any of the following backgrounds:

- Students from low-income families
- Students from families in which they would be the first to attend college
- Students from schools with documented low college eligibility or participation rates
- Students from geographic areas with documented low college eligibility or participation rates

<http://www.sandiegocalsoap.com/star/>

- **College Board**

Get on track to finding an education and career track that matches your skills and preferences. Learn about all your options—and how you can achieve them.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/index.html>

- **college.gov**

college.gov is being built by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) in collaboration with students. This site is intended to be the go-to source for information and resources about planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education (such as 2- or 4-year colleges and universities, and vocational or career schools).

<http://www.college.gov/>

- **College View**

College search, financial aid, application process, campus life, and careers and majors.

<http://www.collegeview.com/>

- **Common Application for Seniors Applying to Selective Colleges**

The Common Application is the recommended form of 255 selective colleges and universities for admission to their undergraduate programs. Experience with the Common Application has demonstrated its advantages to students, counselors, and teachers. The concept is simple: Students complete one Common Application form, photocopy it, and send the form to any of the participating colleges. The procedure simplifies the college application process and eliminates duplication of effort.

<http://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>

- **CSU Mentor**

How to plan for admission and apply to a school within the California State University (CSU) system.

<http://www.csumentor.edu>

- **GEAR UP at MHHS**

The Palomar College GEAR UP Partnership Program is devoted to enhancing a college-going culture that will increase the number of students from San Marcos and Vista Unified School Districts who are prepared for and admitted to post-secondary institutions.

<http://www.palomar.edu/gearup/mhhs/index.htm>

- **MyMajors.com**

Do you need to find a college major? MyMajors.com provides useful advice on college majors that a high school student or college freshman with your interests and achievements might enjoy and excel in. Take the short MyMajors quiz and receive five majors matching your interests and academic experience. You can obtain an advisement report summarizing your inputs and ten ranked major recommendations. Review this report with your counselor, your teachers, and your parents.

<http://www.mymajors.com/>

- **PACE Promise**

The PACE Promise is a guaranteed admissions program and an educational reform partnership between California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) and the San Marcos Unified School District.

<http://pace.smusd.org/>

- **Peterson's College Planning**

Planning for college can be a whirlwind, but it is important to find the right college or study abroad program, study for the SAT and ACT, and explore financial aid. Through every step, Peterson's is here to help.

<http://www.petersons.com/>

- **Students.gov**

Students.gov is an official U.S. government web site designed for college students and their families. Our mission is to provide you with easy access to information and resources from the U.S. government – all the info you need, in one place, from all parts of the government.

Check out our topic areas! You might be surprised at what you find. Through students.gov, you can link to government (and selected non-government) web sites to help you:

- Choose the right college
- Apply online for financial aid and scholarships
- Find summer internships or jobs
- Learn about careers that interest you
- Tap into government research databases
- Get a passport
- Find rewarding volunteer opportunities
- And much more!

<http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public>

- **Student's Review**

Get honest, uncensored, and informative college reviews straight from students who attend/attended a particular school.

<http://www.studentsreview.com/>

- **Undergrad Zone**

Attending college to obtain an undergraduate college degree will entail a serious investment of time and money, so it's important to learn as much as possible about your school and program of study before the first semester begins. Consider your strengths, interests, financial and career goals, and the current job market while making this decision. Career aptitude tests, guidance counselors, and individuals currently employed in potential fields of interest can be an invaluable resource during this process. Check out this website for college planning ideas.

<http://www.undergradzone.com/>

- **University of California**

Guide to the University of California (UC) system.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

- **University of California Pathways**

Find information about the University of California (UC) admissions policy and financial aid, determine your eligibility for admission, and apply for admission online.

<http://www.ucop.edu/pathways/>

- **Vocational Schools Database**

This site provides a database of private postsecondary vocational schools in all 50 states. It is organized first by state, then by training occupation.

<http://www.rwm.org/rwm/>

College Resources

We believe every student has the opportunity and the ability to attend college. At the College and Career Center we provide students with information from a variety of colleges and universities throughout the United States. We provide our students with catalogs, brochures, videos, and college rep visits from different campuses in order to help guide them through the exploration of colleges. Below are some links that can answer questions you or your student may have in pursuit of finding the best college!

CSUMentor.edu - How to plan for and apply to the California State University. Learn more about a CSU campus, compare campuses and much more!

[University of California \(UC\)](http://University of California (UC)) - How to plan for and apply to the University of California. Learn more about a UC campus, take an on-line campus tour and much more.

CaliforniaColleges.edu - The official source for college and career planning in California.

College Board - Get on track to finding an education and career track that matches your skills and preferences. Learn about all your options – and how you can achieve them.

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