

DREAM ACT INFORMATION

The **California Dream Act of 2011** allows students who meet AB540 criteria to apply for and receive certain state and institutional financial assistance programs.

What are the AB540 requirements?

- The student must have attended a high school in California for three or more years / or attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school course work and attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years.

AND

- The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the semester.

AND

- Enrolled in an accredited and qualified Community College or University.

AND

- A student who is without lawful immigration status must file an AB540 Affidavit (California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request form) with the college stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so
- Complete and submit the affidavit to the Admissions and Records Office.

What assistance is available to AB540 students?

AB130 (scholarships)

AB130 allows students who qualify under AB540 to apply for non-state funded scholarships. This law took effect on January 1, 2012. Please check our website for scholarship information under "Useful References" and the scholarship website at:

<http://www.norcocollege.edu/services/studentfinancialservices/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

AB 131 allows student who qualify under the AB540 to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, community college fee waivers, Cal Grant, and Chafee Grant. **This law was effective on January 1, 2013.** As such, eligible AB540 students at Norco College who complete the Dream Application will be considered for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG).