

ELIGIBILITY

The CSU Nonresident Tuition Exemption is open to CSU students enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students who

MUST MEET THE EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

Attendance requirement (must meet one)

*A year's equivalence at a California community college is either a minimum of 24 semester units of credit or 36 quarter units. Full-time attendance at a California adult school is a minimum of 420 hours of attendance for each school year.

Graduation/Degree Requirement (must meet one)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION

DEADLINES

Students must submit their application for nonresident tuition exemption by the deadline for each semester. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for that semester. The deadline for the fall semester is typically in late August, and for the spring semester is typically in late February. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Where to submit:

Applications should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at the campus where you are enrolled. For a list of campus Financial Aid Offices, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a California State University campus should submit their application to the Financial Aid Office at that campus. Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a community college should submit their application to the Financial Aid Office at that community college. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a California State University campus and are also enrolled in a program at a community college should submit their application to the Financial Aid Office at the community college. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a California State University campus and are also enrolled in a program at another California State University campus should submit their application to the Financial Aid Office at the campus where they are currently enrolled. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a California State University campus and are also enrolled in a program at a community college and another California State University campus should submit their application to the Financial Aid Office at the community college. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

FINANCIAL AID

California Dream Act (California Financial Aid for those Granted AB 540)

Students who are currently enrolled in a program at a California State University campus and are also enrolled in a program at a community college and another California State University campus are eligible for the California Dream Act. For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Contacting your Campus Financial Aid Office

For more information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid or contact your campus Financial Aid Office. For a list of campus Financial Aid Offices, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can a student who has 3 years of attendance at a California school but left California and obtained a high school diploma from another state, take courses to obtain a California high school diploma or equivalent to meet AB540 requirements?

Yes, a student who has 3 years of attendance at a California school but left California and obtained a high school diploma from another state, can take courses to obtain a California high school diploma or equivalent to meet AB540 requirements.

If a student attends a California Community College for 3 years is that attendance alone sufficient to fulfill the attendance requirements for the exemption?

Yes, attending a California Community College for 3 years is sufficient to fulfill the attendance requirements for the exemption.

After enrolling at a CSU should a student take adult school courses to meet exemption attendance requirements in order to qualify for an exemption for the next term of enrollment at a CSU?

Yes, a student should take adult school courses to meet exemption attendance requirements in order to qualify for an exemption for the next term of enrollment at a CSU.

If I have the AB 540 nonresident status can I apply for financial aid?

Yes, a student with AB 540 nonresident status can apply for financial aid.

I have been attending the CSU and didn't know about the AB540 exemption. Can I submit a retroactive request to have my nonresident fees refunded?

Yes, a student can submit a retroactive request to have their nonresident fees refunded.

CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION REQUEST

Education Code § 68130.5, as amended, commonly known as AB 540
Effective January 1, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION

1.) Check one box only:

I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T or U visa) as defined by federal law.

Nonimmigrants have been admitted to the U.S. on a temporary visa and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (holding F visas) (holding J visas).

I am a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, DACA recipient, or individual without a current or valid immigration status.

This includes, among others, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, and individuals without a current or valid immigration status.

2.) Select all items that apply to you from Columns A and B (must select at least one from each column):

Column A (Attendance Requirement)

Column B (Graduation Requirement)

- I am currently attending a college or university in California.
- I am currently attending a college or university in another state.
- I am currently attending a college or university in a foreign country.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California and another state.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California and a foreign country.
- I am currently attending a college or university in another state and a foreign country.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California, another state, and a foreign country.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California and another state, but not currently attending a college or university in a foreign country.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California, another state, and a foreign country, but not currently attending a college or university in another state.
- I am currently attending a college or university in California, another state, and a foreign country, but not currently attending a college or university in California.

- I am currently completing a degree program in California.
- I am currently completing a degree program in another state.
- I am currently completing a degree program in a foreign country.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California and another state.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California and a foreign country.
- I am currently completing a degree program in another state and a foreign country.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California, another state, and a foreign country.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California and another state, but not currently completing a degree program in a foreign country.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California, another state, and a foreign country, but not currently completing a degree program in another state.
- I am currently completing a degree program in California, another state, and a foreign country, but not currently completing a degree program in California.

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