

Special Application for 540 Students Under the California Dream Act

California Community Colleges 2012-2013 Board of Governors Fee Waiver Application

Under the provisions of AB 131, students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Education Code Section 68130.5 (AB 540) are eligible to participate in the BOG Fee Waiver program for terms beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

If you have not had your AB 540 status determined by Admissions or the Registrar please see one of those offices to obtain the valid determination. Fee Waiver eligibility cannot be determined until your AB540 status is verified.

Has the Admissions or Registrar's Office determined that you are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Education Code Section 68130.5 (AB 540)? Yes No

*This is an application to have your **ENROLLMENT FEES WAIVED**. Please see the financial aid office or scholarship office for details on what additional aid may be available.*

Name: _____ Student ID # _____
 Last First Middle Initial

Email (if available): _____ Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Home Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
 Street City Zip Code

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT

The California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act extends rights, benefits, responsibilities and obligations to individuals in domestic partnerships registered with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code. If **you** are in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP), you will be treated as an Independent married student to determine eligibility for this Enrollment Fee Waiver and will need to provide income and household information for your domestic partner. If you are a dependent student and your parent is in a Registered Domestic Partnership, you will be treated the same as a student with married parents and income and household information will be required for the parent's domestic partner.

If you or your parents are in a Registered Domestic Partnership please see the financial aid office for further instructions on completion of this form.

DEPENDENCY STATUS

The questions below will determine whether you are considered a Dependent student or Independent student for fee waiver eligibility and whether parental information is needed. If you answer "Yes" to **ANY** of the questions 1-10 below, you will be considered an INDEPENDENT student. If you answer "No" to all questions, you will be considered a Dependent student thereby reporting parental information and should continue with Question 11.

1. Were you born before January 1, 1989? Yes No
2. As of today, are you married **or** in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)?
(Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced or have not filed a termination notice to dissolve partnership.) Yes No
3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces **or** currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training? Yes No
4. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013, **or** other dependents who live with you (other than your children or spouse/RDP) who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2013? Yes No
5. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? Yes No

DEPENDENCY STATUS (Continued)

6. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes No
7. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes No
8. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? Yes No
9. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? Yes No
10. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Yes No

• If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions 1 - 10, you are considered an **INDEPENDENT** student for enrollment fee waiver purposes and must provide income and household information about yourself (and your spouse or RDP if applicable). Skip to Question #13.

• If you answered "No" to all questions 1 - 10, complete the following questions:

11. If your parent(s) or his/her RDP filed or will file a 2011 U.S. Income Tax Return, were you, or will you be claimed on their tax return as an exemption by either or both of your parents? Will Not File Yes No
12. Do you live with one or both of your parent(s) and/or his/her RDP? Yes No

• If you answered "No" to questions 1 - 10 and "Yes" to either question 11 or 12, you must provide income and household information about your **PARENT(S)/RDP**. Please answer questions for a **DEPENDENT** student in the sections that follow.

• If you answered "No" or "Parent(s) will not file" to question 11, and "No" to question 12, you are a dependent student for all student aid except this enrollment fee waiver. You may answer questions as an **INDEPENDENT** student on the rest of this application, but please try to get your **PARENT** information and file a FAFSA so you may be considered for other student aid. You cannot get other student aid without your parent(s)' information.

METHOD A ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER

13. Are you (the student **ONLY**) currently receiving monthly cash assistance for yourself or any dependents from:
- TANF/CalWORKs? Yes No
- SSI/SSP (Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program)? Yes No
- General Assistance? Yes No
14. If you are a dependent student, are your parent(s)/RDP receiving monthly cash assistance from TANF/CalWORKs or SSI/SSP as a primary source of income? Yes No

• If you answered "Yes" to question 13 or 14 you are eligible for an **ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER**. Sign the Certification at the end of this form. You are required to show current proof of benefits.

METHOD B ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER

15. **DEPENDENT STUDENT:** How many persons are in your parent(s)/RDP household? (Include yourself, your parent(s)/RDP, and anyone who lives with your parent(s)/RDP and receives more than 50% of their support from your parents/RDP, now and through June 30, 2013.) _____

16. **INDEPENDENT STUDENT:** How many persons are in your household? (Include yourself, your spouse/RDP, and anyone who lives with you and receives more than 50% of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2013.) _____

17. 2011 Income Information

(Dependent students should not include their income information for Q 17 a and b below.)

a. Adjusted Gross Income (If 2011 U.S. Income Tax Return was filed, enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37; 1040A, line 21; 1040EZ, line 4).

**DEPENDENT STUDENT:
PARENT(S)/ RDP
INCOME ONLY**

**INDEPENDENT STUDENT:
STUDENT (& SPOUSE'S/
RDP) INCOME**

\$ _____

\$ _____

b. All other income (Include **ALL money** received in 2011 that is not included in line (a) above (such as disability, child support, military living allowance, Workman's Compensation, untaxed pensions).

\$ _____

\$ _____

TOTAL Income for 2011 (Sum of a + b)

\$ _____

\$ _____

The Financial Aid Office will review your income and let you know if you qualify for an ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER under Method B.

Important

If you do not qualify for a BOG fee waiver under Method A or B, you may still be eligible for the fee waiver under Method C. Method C requires that you complete the FAFSA if you are a citizen or eligible non-citizen. You can find the FAFSA at the following link: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. If you are an undocumented student you can complete the California Dream Application instead of the FAFSA. To access the California Dream Application go to the following link: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>. The Dream Application will gather information about your family's income and assets and will issue you and your college information that will help determine eligibility for the BOG fee waiver, as well as additional financial aid programs.

CERTIFICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS: READ THIS STATEMENT AND SIGN BELOW

I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of this information, which may include a copy of my and my spouse/registered domestic partner and/or my parent's/registered domestic partner's 2011 U.S. Income Tax Return(s).** I also realize that any false statement or failure to give proof when asked may be cause for the denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of my waiver. I authorize release of information regarding this application between the college, the college district, and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. I understand the following information (please check each box):

- Federal financial aid programs are available to documented AB 540 students, who are enrolled either part-time or full-time in eligible programs of study (certificate, degree or transfer), to help with college costs (including enrollment fees, books & supplies, transportation and room and board expenses). By completing the FAFSA, additional financial assistance may be available in the form of Pell and other grants, work study and other aid.
- AB540 students may apply for Cal Grants for the 2013-14 year. The application period for Cal Grant awards is January 1, 2013 through March 2, 2013 and requires that you file either a California Dream Application for 2013-14 or a 2013-14 FAFSA, and that you submit verification of your Grade Point Average.
- Financial aid program information and application assistance is available in the college financial aid office.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent Signature (Dependent Students Only)

Date

CALIFORNIA INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

State and federal laws protect an individual's right to privacy regarding information pertaining to oneself. The California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the following information be provided to financial aid applicants who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. The Chancellor's Office policy and the policy of the community college to which you are applying for aid authorize maintenance of this information. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. This form's information may be transmitted to other state agencies and the federal government if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to them.

The officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form are the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid. The SSN may be used to verify your identity under record keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975. If your college requires you to provide an SSN and you have questions, you should ask the financial aid officer at your college for further information. The Chancellor's Office and the California community colleges, in compliance with federal and state laws, do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, domestic partnership or any other legally protected basis. Inquiries regarding these policies may be directed to the financial aid office of the college to which you are applying.

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<input type="checkbox"/> BOGFW-A <input type="checkbox"/> TANF/CalWORKs <input type="checkbox"/> GA <input type="checkbox"/> SSI/SSP	<input type="checkbox"/> BOGFW-B _____ <input type="checkbox"/> BOGFW-C	RDP <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Student is not eligible
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Comments: _____

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____