

## California Dream Act FAQs for Prospective Students

*For the most up-to-date information and a complete list of questions about the California Dream Act, see the [Financial Aid and Scholarships Office website](#).*

**I am a student enrolled for fall semester 2011. Can I apply for Dream Act aid for spring semester 2012, when I will also be enrolled?**

Yes. You may apply for the [Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship](#). The aid application will be available on our website on October 31, 2011, and the priority deadline for fall semester 2011 students is November 30, 2011. For consideration after this deadline, please email [dream@berkeley.edu](mailto:dream@berkeley.edu).

To be eligible, you must have a 3.0 grade point average and you must qualify for an [AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption](#). If you haven't already done so, complete and submit the [University of California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Form](#).

**I am a new student admitted for the spring 2012 semester. Can I apply for Dream Act aid for my first semester at UC Berkeley?**

Yes. You may apply for the [Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship](#). The aid application will be available on our website on October 31, 2011. We encourage spring admits and re-admits to apply as soon as possible and no later than March 2, 2012. For consideration after this deadline, please email [dream@berkeley.edu](mailto:dream@berkeley.edu).

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**I am a prospective student applying to UC Berkeley for the 2012-13 academic year. What types of aid will I be eligible for under the California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131)? How do I apply?**

As a prospective student for the 2012-13 academic year, you may be eligible for the [Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship](#) for the fall 2012 semester, and you may be eligible for either the [Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Scholarship](#) or institutional grants for the spring 2013 semester.

You apply for this aid by completing the 2012-13 Berkeley Undergraduate Dream Act Aid Application, which will be available in January 2012 and will have a priority deadline of March 2, 2012. For consideration after this deadline, please email [dream@berkeley.edu](mailto:dream@berkeley.edu).

To be eligible, you must have a 3.0 grade point average and you must qualify for an [AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption](#). We encourage you to complete and submit the [University of California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Form](#) as soon as possible after you have been notified of your admission to UC Berkeley.

**Is this a one-time award, or can I apply every year?**

You can apply each year, or each semester, if your circumstances change.

**When will I be eligible for a Cal Grant?**

The AB 131 part of the California Dream Act allows all students who qualify for [AB 540 nonresident tuition exemptions](#), including those who are undocumented, to apply for Cal Grant awards and for grants and scholarships awarded by California public colleges and universities. This new law will take effect on January 1, 2013 with respect to UC institutional aid, although the California Student Aid Commission has announced that the first Cal Grants available as result of this law will be awards for the 2013-14 academic year, beginning in fall 2013.