



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

# REMEMBERING THE DIFFERENCES!

## AB 540 VS. AB 2000 VS. CA DREAM ACT VS. DACA

| STATE OF CALIFORNIA             |   |  |   | FEDERAL (US)  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Law or Policy</b>            | AB 540  | AB 2000  | AB 130  | AB 131  |
| <b>Title</b>                    | Non-Resident Tuition Exemption  | Non-Resident Tuition Exemption   | California Dream Act State Based Financial Aid  | DACA<br>Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  |
| <b>Effective Date</b>           | 2001  | 2015   | 2012  | 2012  |
| <b>What It Does</b>             | Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees   | Expands AB 540 to include students who graduate early from high school with 3 years of HS credit   | Opens certain scholarships administered by public institutions to AB 540 students   | Allows individuals to receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment authorization card with valid Social Security Number</li> <li>• Temporary Relief from Deportation</li> <li>• Advanced Parole, in some cases</li> </ul>   |
| <b>What It Does Not Do</b>      | Does not change their state residency status  | Does not change their state residency status   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not include eligibility for federal grants or funds</li> <li>• Should not be confused with the Federal Dream Act</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not provide a path to lawful permanent residence or citizenship</li> <li>• Does not give eligibility for federal financial aid awarded through the FAFSA</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligibility Requirements</b> | Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend three full years of high school in CA or the equivalent for a GED</li> <li>• Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a Certificate of Completion or a GED in CA</li> <li>• Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U)</li> </ul> | Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend CA high school or graduate early with the equivalent of three or more years of credits</li> <li>• Have attended CA elementary or secondary school for cumulative total of three or more years</li> <li>• Not possess a valid non-immigrant visa (unless a T or a U)</li> </ul> | Student must meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 540 eligibility</li> <li>• Individual scholarship requirements</li> </ul>                                  | Individual must have or be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuously present in US since 6/15/07</li> <li>• Physically in the US on 6/15/12 without lawful status or with an expired status</li> <li>• Under the age of 31 as of 6/15/12</li> <li>• Arrived to US before 16th birthday</li> <li>• In school, or have graduated high school or attained a Certificate of Completion, or GED or be honorably discharged from US Coast Guard or Armed Forces</li> <li>• No felonies, nor significant misdemeanors, nor three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Who Is Eligible</b>          | U.S. citizens, lawfully present immigrants, T and U visa holders & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria  | U.S. citizens, lawfully present immigrants, T and U visa holders & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria   | U.S. citizens, lawfully present immigrants, T and U visa holders & undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria  | Undocumented individuals that meet eligibility criteria   |