

Obama's Deferred Action

On June 15, 2012, President Obama announced that young immigrants who entered the country without authorization before the age of 16 can qualify for an immigration relief benefit known as "Deferred Action". An applicant who is granted deferred action will not be deported and qualifies for a work permit renewable every two years.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

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**I.D.E.A.S
at Mt. Sac**



**Supporting
Undocumented
Youth in their
pursuit of
higher
education!**

Our Immigrant Community

- It is estimated that 65,000 undocumented youth graduate from US high schools every year.
- 40% of those students reside in California.
- These students confront the difficult challenge of financing their college education because they cannot receive state or federal grants or loans and are unable to legally work.

What is AB 540?

Signed into law October 12, 2001, authorizes any students, including undocumented students, who meet the following criteria to pay in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities:



- Attend a California high school for 3 or more years
- Graduate from a California high school or obtain a GED
- Registered at a public institution of higher education in California.
- Fill out an affidavit confirming your residential status

What is I.D.E.A.S @ Mt. SAC?

Improving Dreams Equality Access and Success

- A support network for undocumented students at Mt. SAC.
 - We share our day to day experiences, struggles, and successes with each other.
- We provide each other with academic support and financial resources.
 - Undocumented students are unique, and they need different resources than regular students.
- A politically active student organization that advocates for legislation that empowers immigrant communities.

Is IDEAS only for Undocumented Students?

- **NO**, all students are welcome!
 - We encourage all students who understand and care about immigrant communities to be a part of collective change and become an IDEAS member.

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California Dream Act

AB130

Signed into law July 25, 2011, authorizes AB540 students to apply to privately funded scholarships given out by a California public college/university. **Effective January 1, 2012**

AB131

Signed into law Oct. 8, 2011, authorizes AB540 students to apply for Board of Governor's Fee Waiver and Cal Grants. **Effective January 1, 2013**

- AB 540 and the California Dream Act are not a pathway to legalization.
- Only apply in the state of California.



Federal Dream Act

Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act

- Proposed federal law that would allow undocumented students to qualify for conditional residency.