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for AB 540 Eligible Students

July 1, 2015 --- June 30, 2016

www.caldreamact.org

This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2015-16 school year. The California Student Aid Commission will process this application. Any aid offered can only be used at eligible California institutions.

The information on this form will be used by the California Student Aid Commission to determine eligibility in the state Cal Grant program. The information will also be sent to the colleges you list on the application. Ask your college whether they will be using this application for financial aid programs other than the Cal Grant program. The California Dream Act Application can be completed online at www.caldreamact.org

The Dream Act Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), must use that application. The FAFSA application is on-line at www.fafsa.gov. Students should not complete both applications.

Dream Act Application or FAFSA? Carefully read the statements below before starting this application.

You must submit the FAFSA if:

You are a United States citizen, a U.S. national or a Lawful permanent resident with an I-151, I-551, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card).

You must file the California Dream Act Application if:

You are a person who meets all of the following eligibility criteria:

- You are not eligible to file the FAFSA
- You attended at least three full years in a California public or private high school, or you graduated from a California High School with the equivalent of 3 or more years of credits and have 3 or more years of cumulative attendance at a California elementary or secondary school
- You graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the college term, for example earning a GED from the California GED Office or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), and
- If you are without lawful immigration status, you will file an affidavit with your college stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status, or will file an application as soon as you are eligible to do so. Students who have completed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process should file the Dream Act Application even if they have a Social Security number.

For help with filing this application, go to www.caldreamact.org

Submit the FAFSA if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a United States Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident, or
- You are in one of the following categories:
  Persons with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:
  - "Refugee"
  - "Asylum Granted"
  - "Cuban or -Haitian Entrant
  - "Conditional Entrant" (granted before April 1, 1980)
  - Victims of Human Trafficking, T-Visa holder (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) or letter/certification from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
  - Parolees (with evidence from USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become a U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident)
  - A "qualified" Battered Immigrant as described at http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1007.html
  - A citizen of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, or Swain's Island.

Do you hold a United States VISA?

This application is not for students who hold United States visas except as noted below. The following students cannot receive federal financial aid through the FAFSA or state financial aid through the California Dream Act Application and should contact their campus financial aid department for assistance: Non-immigrants granted one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD, V, TROV, and NATO.

Please note: Holders of T-Visas should file the FAFSA and holders of U-Visas must file the Dream Act Application.

Applying by the Deadlines

Submit this application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2015. The state Cal Grant deadline is March 2, 2015 but we will process your application for other college programs as late as June 30, 2016. We will send this information to the colleges you list on this application. Your college may require additional forms and need your correct, complete information by any deadline that they may have. Check with your college to determine their application deadlines and filing requirements. The state Cal Grant program requires a school certified GPA. Check with your high school counselor or a college financial aid administrator to see if they will be submitting your GPA. If they are not submitting your GPA for you, go to http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1177 to download the GPA form. If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.caldreamact.org. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for Dream Act assistance.

Using Your Tax Return

If you (or your parents) are required to file a 2014 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it as soon as possible. If a return has not yet been filed, you can submit your Dream Application now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return. Do not miss any of your college deadlines or the March 2, 2015 Cal Grant deadline.

Filling out the Dream Application

If you or your family have unusual circumstances that might affect your financial situation, such as loss of employment, complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

Mailing your Dream Application

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Mail the original, signed application (pages 3 through 8) to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077. After your application is processed, the Student Aid Commission will send the results to the colleges listed on the application. If you provide an e-mail address, the Commission will be able to contact you if we need more information. To make changes to your Dream Act Application, go to www.caldreamact.org or call 888-224-7268.

Turn to page 3 to begin the California Dream Application. You can file the Dream Act Application online at www.caldreamact.org Please note that form instructions are on pages 2 and 9.

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Instructions or SSID question 11, page 3

Enter your Statewide Student Identification number (SSID). You'll have the 10 digit SSID only if you attended a California public high school. Your high school will be able to supply this. Others leave this blank.

Instructions or citiÎŜnship questions 16 and 17, paƎŜ 3

If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number., if you have one. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or (4) the holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking." Eligible noncitizens who have a Social Security number should file the FAFSA. If you are in the U.S. on an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or other visa, you cannot file the Dream Act Application. However, holders of U-Visas must file the Dream Act Application. If you are undocumented, or if you have completed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process, select "No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen" and do not enter any number in question 17.

Notes for questions 18 (page 3)

and 63, page 6

Report your marital status as of the date you sign your Dream Act Application. If your marital status later changes, check with the financial aid office at the college. Consistent with the Supreme Court decision on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), same-sex couples must report their marital status as married if they were legally married in a state or other jurisdiction (foreign country) that permits same-sex marriage.

Notes for questions 23 and 23a: Selective Service

Most men ages 18 through 25 must register with the U.S. Selective Service System, this includes undocumented males. If you are not registered, check "Register me" and we will send your registration information to the US Selective Service. For more information visit www.sss.gov.

Notes for question 31 (page 4)

Checking Yes doesn't require you to take out a student loan if it is offered.

Notes for questions 33 (plƎŜ 4)

and 86 (page 6)

If you or your parents filed or will file a foreign tax return, a tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory (e.g., Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands) or one of the Freely Associated States (i.e., the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia), use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all monetary units to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today. View the daily exchange at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current

Notes for questions 35 (paƎŜ 4)

and 87 (page 7) Notes for those who filed a 1040 Z

In general, a person is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes less than $100,000, does not itemize deductions, does not receive income from his or her own business or farm and does not receive alimony. A person is not eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes $100,000 or more, itemizes deductions, receives income from his or her own business or farm, is self-employed, receives alimony or is required to file Schedule D for capital gains. If you filed a 1040 only to claim American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, answer "Yes" to this question. If you filed a 1040 and were not required to file a tax return, answer "Yes."

Notes for questions 38 (plƎŜ 4)

and 91 (page 7)

On the 1040EZ, if a person didn't check either box on line 5, enter 01 if he or she is single, or 02 if he or she is married. If a person checked either the "you" or "spouse" box on line 5, use 1040EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions ($3,950 equals one exemption).

Notes for questions 42 and 43 (paƎŜ 4)

and 95 and 96 (page 7)

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter 0. Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 41. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in the previous question.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate.

Notes for question 49, paƎŜ 5

Answer **"Yes"** if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.

Answer **"No"** if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.

Notes for question 50, paƎŜ 5

Answer **"Yes"** (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer **"Yes"** if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2016.

Answer **"No"** (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions.

Also answer **"No"** if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2016.

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Section A: Stude t Questions

For questions 1-30, leave blank any answers that do not apply to you (the student).

Your full name (**exactly as it appears on school records**) If your name has a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between your last name and suffix.
* Indicates a required field.

*1. Last name

*2. First name

3. Middle initial

Your mailing address
*4. Number and street (include apt. number)

*5. City (and country if not US)

*6. State

*7. Zip Code

8. Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- -
(Complete only if you have one of these. Otherwise, leave blank)

8a. If you entered an SSN in question 8, was it issued after you went through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process? Yes ◯ No ◯

*9. Your date of birth MONTH DAY YEAR

*10. Your permanent phone number ( ) -

11. Your Statewide Student Identification number (SSID) (you will have the 10 digit SSID only if you attended a California public high school. Others leave blank)

12. Your cell phone or alternate phone number ( ) -

Your driver's license number and driver's license state (if you have one)

13. Driver's license number

14. Driver's license state

*15. Your e-mail address. We need your e-mail address to communicate with you electronically. For example, if we need additional information from you. Your e-mail address will also be shared with the colleges listed on your application to allow them to communicate with you. Do not leave this field blank.

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16. Citizenship status Mark only one. **Please read page 2 instructions**

- I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). **STOP! Complete FAFSA.** ◯
- I am an eligible noncitizen. **Fill in question 17.** ..... ◯
- I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen. **Skip to question 18** ◯

17. Alien Registration Number (if you have one)
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18. What is your marital status as of today?
- I am single ◯
- I am separated ◯
- I am married/remarried ◯
- I am divorced or widowed ◯

19. Month and year you were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed. MONTH YEAR

20. In what state do you live? STATE

21. Did you start living in this state before January 1, 2010? YES ◯ NO ◯

22. If the answer to question 21 is "No," give the month and year you began living here. MONTH YEAR

23. Are you male or female? MALE ◯ FEMALE ◯

23a. Most males between 18 and 25, including undocumented males, must register with the U.S. Selective Service System to be eligible to receive state financial aid. If you are male, age 18 to 25, or will turn 18 before July 1, 2016, fill in this box if you would like us to register you. Register me ◯

Some financial aid is offered based on the level of schooling your parents completed.

24. Highest school completed by Parent 1: Middle school/Jr. high ◯ High school ◯ College or beyond ◯ Other/unknown ◯

25. Highest school completed by Parent 2: Middle school/Jr. high ◯ High school ◯ College or beyond ◯ Other/unknown ◯

26. When you begin college in the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

- High school diploma **Answer question 27**. ..... ◯
- Home schooled **Skip to question 28** ..... ◯
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate **Skip to question 28** ... ◯
- None of the above **Skip to question 28** ..... ◯

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27. What is the name of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma? Enter the complete high school name, and the city and state where the high school is located.

High School Name

High School City

STATE

28. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2015?

◯ Yes ◯ No

29. When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your grade level?

- Never attended college and 1st year undergraduate. . . . . ◯
- Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate. . . . . ◯
- 2nd year undergraduate/sophomore . . . . . ◯
- 3rd year undergraduate/junior. . . . . ◯
- 4th year undergraduate/senior . . . . . ◯
- 5th year/other undergraduate. . . . . ◯
- 1st year graduate/professional . . . . . ◯
- Continuing graduate/professional or beyond. . . . . ◯

30. When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

- 1st bachelor's degree. . . . . ◯
- 2nd bachelor's degree . . . . . ◯
- Associate degree (occupational or technical program) . . . . . ◯
- Associate degree (general education or transfer program). . . . . ◯
- Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical or education program of less than two years). . . . . ◯
- Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical or education program of two or more years) . . . . . ◯
- Teaching credential (nondegree program) . . . . . ◯
- Graduate or professional degree . . . . . ◯
- Other/undecided. . . . . ◯

31. If your campus offers a student loan program, would you be interested in a student loan? Indicating "Yes" does not obligate you to accepting a loan , if offered. Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯

Section B (Student)

Answer questions 32–59 about yourself (the student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married or remarried as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife).

32. For 2014, have you (the student) completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 33?

- I have completed my return. . . . . ◯
- I will file but have not yet completed my return . . . ◯
- I'm not going to file. Skip to question 39 . . . . . ◯

33. What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2014?

- IRS 1040. . . . . ◯
- IRS 1040A or 1040EZ. . . . . ◯
- A foreign tax return. **See Notes page 2** . . . . . ◯
- A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State. **See Notes page 2** . . . . . ◯

34. What is or will be your tax filing status for 2014?

- Single . . . . . 1 ◯
- Head of household . . . . . 2 ◯
- Married, filed joint return . . . . . 3 ◯
- Married, filed separate return . . . . . 4 ◯
- Qualifying widow(er). . . . . 5 ◯
- Don't know. . . . . 6 ◯

35. If you have filed or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file an IRS 1040A or 1040EZ? **See Notes page 2.** Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯

For questions 36–45, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter 0. Report whole dollar amounts with no cents.

36. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2014? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. $

37. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2014. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 56; 1040A—line 37; or 1040EZ—line 10. $

38. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2014. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, **see Notes page 2.**

Questions 39 and 40 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2014. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

39. How much did you earn from working in 2014? $

40. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2014? $

41. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? **Don't include** student financial aid. $

42. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? **Don't include** the home you live in. Net worth means current value minus debt**. See Notes page 2.** $

43. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. **See Notes page 2.** $

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44. Student's 2014 Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

a. Education credits (American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 50 or 1040A-line 33. $

b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. **Don't include** support for children in your household, as reported in question 99. $

c. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships. $

d. Taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), and grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. $

e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. **Don't include** untaxed combat pay. $

f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college. $

45. Student's 2014 Untaxed Income (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in Code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). $

b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17. $

c. Child support received for any of your children. **Don't include** foster care or adoption payments. $

d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b. $

e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A—lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. if negative, enter a zero here. $

f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A—lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here. $

g. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. $

h. Veterans noneducational benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. $

i. Other untaxed income not reported in items 45a through 45h, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040—line 25. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels. $

j. Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. $

Section C (Student):

Answer the questions in this section to determine if you will need to provide parental information. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, skip Section D and go to Section E on page 8.

46. Were you born before January 1, 1992? . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
47. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.). . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
48. At the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)? . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
49. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? **See Notes page 2.** Yes ◯ No ◯
50. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? **See Notes page 2.**. . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
51. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016? . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
52. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2016?. . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
53. 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? **See Notes page 9**. . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
54. As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? **See Notes page 9.** . . Yes ◯ No ◯
55. As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? **See Notes page 9.** Yes ◯ No ◯
56. At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? **See Notes page 9.** . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
57. At any time on or after July 1, 2014, 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? **See Notes page 9.** . . . Yes ◯ No ◯
58. At any time on or after July 1, 2014, 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? **See Notes page 9**. . . . Yes ◯ No ◯

Chafee Supplemental Questions: The Chafee ETV program is a state/federal grant designed for students who are or were in foster care placement at any time under court dependency/wardship, between the ages of 16-18. To receive consideration, answer these questions. Others may leave them blank.

59. Are you, or were you, in a foster care placement at any time under court dependency/wardship, between the ages of 16-18? Yes ◯ No ◯

If yes to question 59, in what County Jurisdiction was the dependency/wardship established? 60. County _____

61. State _____

62. Certification: Fill in the oval below to request further consideration for the Chafee ETV program. By this mark, I hereby authorize the appropriate county point of contact (POC) to release information that verifies my dependency/wardship and placement criteria to participate in the Chafee ETV Program. ◯ Leave oval blank if you do not want to receive initial Chafee ETV consideration.

If you (the student) answered "No" to every question in Section C go to Section D. If you cannot provide parental information, see Notes page 9.
If you answered "Yes" to any question in Section C skip Section D and go to Section E on page 8.

Section D (Parent): Complete this section if you (the student) answered "No" to all questions 46 through 59.

Answer all the questions in Step Four even if you do not live with your legal parents (your biological and/or adoptive parents). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts and uncles are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are married to each other or are not married to each other and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them. If your parents were never married or are remarried, divorced, separated or widowed, see **Notes on page 9,** for addtional instructions.

63. What is your parents' marital status as of today?

Never married . . . . . ◯
Unmarried and both parents living together, see Notes Page 9, Section D. . . . ◯
Married or remarried . . . . ◯
Divorced or Separated . . . ◯
Widowed . . . . . ◯

64. Month and year they were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed. MONTH ☐☐ YEAR ☐☐☐☐

What are the Social Security Numbers, or Individual Taxpayer Identification numbers, names and dates of birth of the parents reporting on this form? If your parents do not have a Social Security Number, enter their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). If they have neither, enter 000-00-0000. If the name includes a suffix, such as Jr., include a space between the last name and suffix. Enter two digits for each day and month (for example, for May 31, 1970, enter 05 31 1970).

Questions 65 - 68 are for Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent)

65. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR ITIN ☐☐☐ - ☐☐ - ☐☐☐☐ 66. LAST NAME, AND ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ 67. FIRST INITIAL ☐ 68. DATE OF BIRTH ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

Questions 69 - 72 are for Parent 2 (father/mother/ stepparent)

69. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR ITIN ☐☐☐ - ☐☐ - ☐☐☐☐ 70. LAST NAME, AND ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ 71. FIRST INITIAL ☐ 72. DATE OF BIRTH ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

73. Your parents' e-mail address. If you provide your parents' e-mail address, we can contact them if we need more information. This e-mail address will be shared with the colleges listed on your California Dream Act Application to allow them to communicate electronically with your parents.

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74. In what state do your parents live? STATE ☐☐

75. Did your parents' start living in this state before January 1, 2010? YES ◯ NO ◯

76. If the answer to question 75 is "No," give the month and year residency began for the parent who has lived in the state the longest. MONTH ☐☐ YEAR ☐☐☐☐

77. How many people are in your parents' household? Include yourself (even if you don't live with your parents) and: ☐☐

- your parents
- your parents' other children if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, or (b) the children could answer "No" to every question in Section C on page 5 of this form
- other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016

78. How many people in your parents' household (from question 77) will be college students between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016? ☐

In 2013 or 2014, did you, your parents or anyone in your parents household (question 77) receive benefits from any of the state/federal programs listed? Mark all the programs that apply. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or for these other programs.

Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others only if they will attend at least half-time in 2015-2016, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

79. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ◯
80. Food Stamps (CalFresh/SNAP) ◯
81. Free or Reduced Priced Lunch ◯
82. CalWorks (TANF) ◯
83. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ◯

84. For 2014, have your parents completed an IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 85?

My parents have completed their return . . . . . ◯
My parents will file but have not yet completed their return . ◯
My parents are not going to file. Skip to question 86. . . . . ◯

85. What income tax return did your parents file or will they file for 2014?

IRS 1040. . . . . ◯
IRS 1040A or 1040EZ. . . . . ◯
A foreign tax return. **See Notes page 2** . . . . . ◯
A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State. **See Notes page 2** . . . . . ◯

86. For 2014, what is or will be your parents' tax filing status?

Single . . . . . 1 ◯
Head of household . . . . . 2 ◯
Married, filed joint return . . . . 3 ◯
Married, filed separate return . 4 ◯
Qualifying widow(er). . . . . 5 ◯
Don't know. . . . . 6 ◯

87. If your parents have filed or will file a 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ? **See Notes page 2.** Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯

88. As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker? **See Notes page 9.** Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯

 Section D CONTINUED on page 7

For questions 89–98, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. Report whole dollar amounts with no cents.

89. What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2014? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A-line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. If your parents will not file a tax return, skip questions 89, 90 and 91. $

90. Enter your parents' income tax for 2014. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 56; 1040A—line 37; or 1040EZ-line 10. $

91. Enter your parents' exemptions for 2014. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d.

For Form 1040EZ, **see Notes page 2.**

Questions 92 and 93 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2014. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

92. How much did Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2014? $

93. How much did Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2014? $

94. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? $

95. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? **Don't include** the home in which your parents live. Net worth means current value minus debt. **See Notes page 2**. $

96. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family businesses with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. **See Notes page 2.** $

97. Parents' 2014 Additional Financial Information (Enter the amounts for your parent[s].)

a. Education credits (American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 50 or 1040A-line 33. $

b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. **Don't include** support for children in your parents' household, as reported in question 77. $

c. Your parents' taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships. $

d. Your parents' taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your parents' adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. $

e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your parents' adjusted gross income. Do not enter untaxed combat pay. $

f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college. $

98. Parents' 2014 Untaxed Income (Enter the amounts for your parent[s].)

a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). $

b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17. $

c. Child support received for any of your parents' children. **Don't include** foster care or adoption payments. $

d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b. $

e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A—lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here. $

f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A—lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here. $

g. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. $

h. Veterans noneducational benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. $

i. Other untaxed income not reported in items 98a through 98h, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health accounts from IRS Form 1040—line 25. **Don't include** student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels. $

Section E (Student): Complete this step only if you (the student) answered "Yes" to any questions in Section C.

99. How many people are in your household? Include yourself and:
- your spouse, if married
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, and
- other people, if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

100. How many people in your (and your spouse's) household (from question 99) will be college students between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016? Always count yourself as a college student. You may include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2015-2016, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

In 2013 or 2014, did you (or your spouse) or anyone in your household (from question 99) receive benefits from any of the state/federal programs listed? Mark all the programs below that apply. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or for these other programs.

101. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ◯ 102. Food Stamps (CalFresh/SNAP) ◯ 103. Free or Reduced Price Lunch ◯ 104. CalWorks (TANF) ◯ 105. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) ◯

106. As of today, are you (or your spouse) a dislocated worker? See Notes page 9. Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know ◯

Section F (Student): Indicate which colleges you want to receive your Dream Application information.

Enter the six-digit federal school code and your housing plans. The Dream Application uses the same codes as the FAFSA so you can find the school codes at www.fafsa.gov or by calling 800-433-3243. If you cannot get the code, write in the complete name, address, city and state of the college. For state aid, you may wish to list your preferred college first. To find out how to have more colleges receive your Dream Act Application information, read **Why fill out the Dream Act Application** on page 10.

107.a 1st federal school code OR NAME OF COLLEGE / ADDRESS AND CITY STATE 107.b on campus ◯ with parent ◯ off campus ◯

107.c 2nd federal school code OR NAME OF COLLEGE / ADDRESS AND CITY STATE 107.d on campus ◯ with parent ◯ off campus ◯

107.e 3rd federal school code OR NAME OF COLLEGE / ADDRESS AND CITY STATE 107.f on campus ◯ with parent ◯ off campus ◯

107.g 4th federal school code OR NAME OF COLLEGE / ADDRESS AND CITY STATE 107.h on campus ◯ with parent ◯ off campus ◯

Section G (Student and Parent): Read, sign and date.

If you are the student, by signing this application you certify that you (1) will use state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, (2) are not in default on a state/federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (3) do not owe money back on a federal or state student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (4) will notify your college if you default on a state/federal student loan and (5) will not receive a Cal Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

If you are the parent or the student, by signing this application you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Also, you certify that you understand that the **California Attorney General has the authority to verify information reported on this application with the Franchise Tax Board and other state or federal agencies.** If you sign any document related to the state student aid programs electronically using a personal identification number (PIN), you certify that you are the person identified by the PIN and have not disclosed that PIN to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to $20,000, sent to prison, or both.

108. Date this form was completed.

MONTH DAY 2015 ◯ OR 2016 ◯

109. Student (Sign below)

A parent with information listed in Section D must sign below.)

If you or your family paid a fee for someone to fill out this form or to advise you on how to fill it out, that person must complete this part.

Preparer's name, firm and address

110. Preparer's Social Security Number (or 111)

111. Preparer's Employee ID Number (or 110)

112. Preparer's Signature and Date

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FAA Signature

Notes for question 53 (paƎŜ 5)

Answer **"Yes"** if at any time since you turned age 13:

- You had no living parent (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

The financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.

Notes for questions 54 and 55 (paƎŜ 5)

Answer **"Yes"** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer **"Yes"** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Answer **"No"** if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that you were an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship.

Notes for questions 56–58 (pl·ƎŜ 5)

Answer **"Yes"** if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2014, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or, for question 58, at risk of being homeless.

- **"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels or cars, or are temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.
- **"Unaccompanied"** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- **"Youth"** means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.

Answer "No" if you are not homeless or at risk of being homeless, or do not have a determination. You should contact your financial aid office for assistance if you do not have a determination but believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide a copy of the determination if you answered "**Yes**" to any of these questions.

Notes for studnents unable to provide parental information on pages 6 and 7

Under very limited circumstances (for example, your parents are incarcerated; you have left home due to an abusive family environment; or you do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them), you may be able to submit your Dream Application without parental information. **If you are unable to provide parental information,** skip Sections D and E, and go to Section F. Once you submit your California Dream Application without parental data, you must follow up with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend, in order to complete your California Dream Application.

Notes for questions 59 - 62

Chafee Supplemental Questions: The Chafee ETV program is a state/federal grant designed for students who are or were in foster care placement at any time under court dependency/wardship, between the ages of 16-18. To receive consideration, answer these questions.

Notes for Section D, questions 63–98 (pages 6 and 7)

Additional instructions about who is considered a parent on this form:

- If your parent was never married or is widowed, answer the questions about that parent.
- If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- If your parents are not married to each other and live together, select "Unmarried and both parents are living together" and provide information about them regardless of their gender.

Notes for questions 88 (page 6) and 106 (page 8)

In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:

- is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
- has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
- was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster; or
- is a displaced homemaker. A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the husband or wife, is unemployed or underemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment.

If a person quits work, generally he or she is not considered a dislocated worker even if, for example, the person is receiving unemployment benefits.

Answer **"Yes"** to question 88 if your parent is a dislocated worker.

Answer **"Yes"** to question 106 if you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer **"No"** to question 88 if your parent is not a dislocated worker.

Answer **"No"** to question 106 if neither you nor your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer **"Don't know"** to question 88 if you are not sure whether your parent is a dislocated worker. Answer **"Don't know"** to question 106 if you are not sure whether you or your spouse are dislocated workers. You can contact your financial aid office for assistance in answering these questions.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that your parent is a dislocated worker, if you answered **"Yes"** to question 88, or that you or your spouse is a dislocated worker, if you answered **"Yes"** to question 106.

Why fill out the California Dream Act Appplication?

The California Dream Act Application is a significant step in the financial aid process. You use the CA Dream Act Application to apply for California state financial aid, such as UC Grants, State University Grants, Board of Governors Fee Waivers and Cal Grants. In addition, many colleges use information from the Dream Act Application to award private scholarships.

Why all the questions?

The questions on the Dream Act Application are required to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your financial eligibility. The colleges you list may also use some of your responses. They will determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid.

How do I apply for a Cal Grant?

To apply for a Cal Grant complete this Dream Act Application and submit it by the March 2, 2015 filing deadline. You must also submit your school certified GPA. Download the GPA Verification form online at www.caldreamact.org.

How do I apply for aid through my college?

To apply for financial aid through your college, contact the college or visit their website. The college may have an earlier filing deadline than for the Cal Grant program.

How do I find out what my Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is?

Your EFC is displayed on your Dream Act Application confirmation page at www.caldreamact.org. Your EFC will be sent to the colleges listed on your application. The colleges will use the information to determine your eligibility for their financial aid programs. It is important to follow up with your colleges to make sure all of your information is correct and complete and to ask if they need any further information from you.

How much aid will I receive?

Using the information on your Dream Act Application and your EFC, the financial aid office at your college will determine the amount of aid you will receive. The college will use your EFC to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and your college's cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by the college. If you or your family have unusual circumstances that should be taken into account, contact your college's financial aid office. Some examples of unusual circumstances are significant medical or dental expenses or a large change in income from last year to this year.

When will I receive the aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees and room and board (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other educational expenses.

How can I have more colleges receive my Dream Application information?

Your online Dream Application record can only list up to ten school codes. If there are ten school codes on your record, any new school codes that you add will replace one or more of the school codes listed. Go to www.caldreamact.org to add more colleges.

If you are completing a paper Dream Application, you can only list four colleges in Section F. You may add more colleges by calling 888-224-7268 and talking to a CSAC customer service representative, who can add more school codes for you.

Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition payment plans.

Information on the Privacy Act

Your college will use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive California state student financial aid. The colleges on this form may also use the information to determine your eligibility for private grants and scholarships. Therefore, we will disclose the information that you provide on this form to each institution you list in questions 107a - 107h.

Without your consent, we may disclose information that you provide to entities under a published "routine use." Under such a routine use, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist us in administering the above programs; to other state agencies under computer matching programs, such as those with the Franchise Tax Board; to your parents or spouse; and to members of the California State Legislature if you ask them to help you with student aid questions.

State Certification

By submitting this application, you are giving the California Student Aid Commission and any college you have listed permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

We may request additional information from you to process your application more efficiently. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.

Where can I receive more information on student aid?

The best place for information about student financial aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself and other sources.

- You can also visit our web site www.caldreamact.org
- For phone information call our Customer Relations Center at 888-224-7268.
- You can also check with your high school counselor or your local library's reference section.

Information about other assistance may be available from foundations, religious organizations, community organizations and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Also, check at www.e4fc.org, www.maldef.org and www.latinocollegedollars.org.