

SUMMARY OF AB 540

Provides for same tuition for undocumented students as for U.S. citizens living in California to attend public colleges and universities in California

- Exempts all students, including undocumented students, from paying nonresident tuition in California public colleges and universities.

Any student, except those with nonimmigrant visas, who satisfy the requirements of Sec. 68130.5 of the Education Code, will be exempted from paying nonresident tuition in California's community colleges and state universities.

Requirements:

1. The student attended a high school in California for three or more years
2. The student graduated from high school or acquired a GED
3. If the student is undocumented, he or she must file an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that he/she has or will file an application to legalize his/her immigration status as soon as he/she is eligible. All student information obtained is confidential. **Most California state colleges and universities have standard affidavits that the students just need to sign.**

For more information:

- **Community Colleges in California:** Contact the Admissions Office at the community college you wish to attend.
- **California State University:** Contact the Admissions Office at the campus you wish you to attend.
- **University of California:** Contact the Admissions Office where you would like to attend.

For more information on this law's application:

- MALDEF at www.maldef.org -- towards the bottom of the home page. Information offered in English and Spanish

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