

# COMMON TERMINOLOGY

*SJSU UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center*

## **AB 540/ AB 2000/ SB 68**

California Assembly Bill 540, Assembly Bill 2000, Senate Bill 68 are State bills that allow eligible non California Residents, including undocumented students, legal permanent residents and U.S. Citizens, to pay in-state tuition fees at public colleges and universities in California. Many times this term is used in higher ed to refer to students who are undocumented.

[AB 540 \(CA Nonresident Tuition Exemption\) | SJSU Office of the Registrar](#)

## **California Dream Act**

The California Dream Act is a financial aid program that is available to undocumented students who meet the California non-resident tuition exemption requirements (AB 540/ AB 2000/ SB 68).

For resources and information about the CA Dream Act, go to:

[Resources for California Dream Act Application - California Student Aid Commission](#)

[California Dream Act | SJSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office](#)

## **DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)**

Establishes that certain individuals who arrive in the U.S. as children may request consideration of deferred action from deportation for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. The Secretary of Homeland Security makes these determinations on a case-by-case basis. DACA is a Federal program and it is not a requirement for CSU admissions or for state financial aid. Learn more about DACA by visiting [the National Immigration Law Center website](#).

## **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**

The Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately. TPS is a temporary benefit that does not lead to lawful permanent resident status or give any other immigration status. For more information go to: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>

## **Federal DREAM Act**

The Federal DREAM act is a bipartisan legislative bill that promotes a pathway towards permanent residency, and eventually Citizenship, for qualifying undocumented youth. Since 2001 there have been many variations of the legislative bill introduced at the Federal level, but none has been signed into law. The most recent federal legislation that was introduced is the Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6). Learn more about current immigration reforms and executive actions by visiting the [National Immigration Law Center](#) website.

## **Dreamer**

Politicized term used to refer to young undocumented people who would have qualified under the federal DREAM Act.