**2012-2013 California Dream Act** **Application** **Update**

Effective January 2013, AB 540 students will be eligible to apply for California Financial Aid through the Dream Act.

The California Student Aid Commission has released an online application that some students are completing or asking about how to complete. It is important for SBVC students to understand who should fill out the online application and when.

If you are a student currently attending SBVC and planning to transfer in the Fall 2012 or Spring 2013, you may need to complete the online application now for your transfer institution. For more details, check with the college or university that you are transferring to.

For SBVC Students who are not yet transferring, please note that you DO NOT need to complete the online application at this time. A separate and shorter BOG fee waiver application for Dream Act students will be released in the Fall 2012 Semester for students planning to attend SBVC in the Spring 2013 semester.

In January 2013, SBVC AB 540 students may also complete the online Dream Act application to receive Cal Grants and Chafee Grants beginning with the Fall 2013 semester at CSU, UC and CC.

The Dream Act application process can be confusing for students, so please make sure you understand the three important updates below:

* Our SBVC –AB 540 students will use the new **AB 540 BOG Application** which will be available in Fall 2012 to apply for Spring 2013 BOG fee waiver
* Our SBVC –AB 540 students will use the **2013-2014 Dream Act Application** to apply for 2013-2014 Cal Grants in January 2013
* The current **2012-2013 Dream Act Application** will not be used at SBVC for the 2012-2013 school year.

For more information on AB540 application process please visit the Financial Aid Website at [www.valleycollege.edu/financial\_aid](http://www.valleycollege.edu/financial_aid) .

Or visit the State of California Student Aid Commission website at:

<http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act>

<http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/dream_application_%20worksheet.pdf>

<http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/cal_grant_dream_act_flyer.pdf>