4 Simple Steps to Financial Aid CA Dream Act Application

2025-2026

CA DREAM ACT

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Student completes a new or renewal 2025-2026 CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) at https://dream.csac.ca.gov

- ✪ Students must list San Bernardino Valley College in the "College Selection" section of the application. (College Code: 00127200)
    - Dependent students must provide their parent(s) information and **must** have one parent sign the CA Dream Act Application.
- ✪ Students new to SBVC, must also complete an Application for Admission to San Bernardino Valley College. Go to the Admissions and Records Office website at http://www.valleycollege.edu.
    - To qualify for state financial aid, students must declare an eligible academic program of study and educational goal when completing their application for college admission.
- ✪ The California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Application (commonly known as AB540 Affidavit) is now embedded in the CADAA.
    - Students with conflicting information on the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Application will need to obtain and submit a paper version to the Admissions and Records Office before their financial aid can be processed.
- ✪ It is strongly recommended to have with you the 2023 federal income tax return (if applicable) for student (and parent(s) if dependent) to complete the CADAA.
- ✪ After the CA Dream Act Application is submitted a CADAA Submission Summary will be generated. Four days after submission log in, click on "Confirmation" link and review "Section 1- Action Needed". It will indicate any corrections that <u>must</u> be made to the application.
    - The application confirmation page will state your CSAC ID number in red – write it down immediately and keep in a safe place.
- ✪ Students should create a "Web Grants 4 Students" account at https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov to view the status of a Cal Grant award.

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Check your student email account and/or Financial Aid Self-Service for any required documents that may need to be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

- ✪ Completed CA Dream Act Application is received from CSAC within 7-10 days.
- ✪ San Bernardino Valley College will notify you once your CalSAR is received and if additional documents are required to determine your financial aid eligibility.
- ✪ If a student is eligible for a California College Promise Grant (CCPG), it will automatically be awarded once your CA Dream Act Application results are received. To confirm a CCPG has been entered, view your Financial Aid Offer Letter on Financial Aid Self-Service. Students who are placed on Academic Dismissal by the counseling department will not qualify for a CCPG until their eligibility is reinstated.

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Students must submit all required documentation to the SBVC Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

- ✪ To know what documents must be submitted, login to your student email account or into Self-Service portal and click the 'Financial Aid Self-Service' link.
- ✪ All student files are processed based on the date documentation was received; processing may take up to 6-8 weeks.
- ✪ After a student's file is processed, eligible awards are entered onto the Financial Aid Offer Letter. Students will receive an Offer Letter notification in their Student Email.

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Students must make a BankMobile refund preference.

- ✪ Check your Student Email for your "Personal Code" from BankMobile, or on the SBVC Financial Aid web page, click on "Disbursement (Receiving Your Aid)". Enroll at: https://bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoices/. Scan the QR code.
- ✪ **ALERT!** Students that do not select an electronic disbursement method will receive a paper check at least three weeks after the posted disbursement date.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID FOR 2025-2026

- ✪ 2025-2026 CA Dream Act Application is available. Submit a California Dream Act Application on-line at: htttps://dream.csac.ca.gov.
- ✪ Students may complete the CADAA application on-line after the April 2nd* priority deadline however, they may experience a delay in the processing of their financial aid.
- ✪ It is strongly recommended that you file your 2023 federal income tax return, (if applicable) before completing the CADAA).
- ✪ To remain eligible for California Financial Aid students are required to meet SAP Standards.
  - Maintain a minimum **2.00** cumulative college **GPA**
  - Complete at least **67%** of all units **attempted**
  - Complete a degree or certificate program within 150% of units required for the chosen program of study

HOW TO OBTAIN A CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT (CCPG)

If eligible, a CCPG award should appear as: SBVC Cal Promise Waiver on your SBVC Financial Aid Award Letter within 7-10 business days after submitting a Dream Act Application online. Once it is awarded, enrollment fees will automatically be waived when registering for classes. Students who paid for their class registration fees before being awarded a CCPG, will automatically be reimbursed after being awarded a CCPG. A reimbursement check will be mailed out by the District Accounts Payable Department, to the student's address on record in the Admissions and Records Office.

FINANCIAL AID COUNTER SERVICE and REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

FULL COUNTER SERVICE is Monday through Friday during normal office hours*.

- Monday and Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Fridays: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Office hours are subject to change. Please check the SBVC Financial Aid main webpage at www.valleycollege.edu/financial-aid/ for the most up to date office hours. The Financial Aid office may stop accepting students 30 minutes prior to the office closure time posted online.

PHONE HOURS

- Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Fridays: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Student file status can be seen 24/7 on Financial Aid Self-Service by logging into your Self-Service portal.
Grant award status can be seen 24/7 on Self-Service by clicking on 'Financial Aid Offer Letter'.
The Financial Aid Computer Lab is open during regular Financial Aid Office hours based on staff availability. Students are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid Computer Lab for assistance in completing their Dream Act application online and obtain answers to general financial aid questions.

The Financial Aid Office is going paperless. Most notifications will be emailed to your student email address. You must check your student email account and Financial Aid Self-Service regularly for updated Financial Aid information.

HOW TO ACCESS FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION in FINANCIAL AID Self-Service

You can access important information about your student file status by using SBVC's online student account portal called Self-Service. From the San Bernardino Valley College's main web page click on 'Log-In' at the top right corner, select 'Self-Service' and login. Click on Financial Aid Self-Service to see the status of any documents missing by clicking the appropriate academic year on the top left. All grants awarded to each student can be seen in real time by clicking on 'Financial Aid Offer Letter.' Missing documents indicates a student's file is incomplete, see step 3 on reverse side.

For technical assistance logging onto Self-Service please call the Computer Help Desk at (909) 384-4357 or click on the "Help" link at the top of the Self-Service menu.