



# Helping Dreamers Succeed



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# Cerritos College Dreamer Statistics

2015-2016

# of AB 540 / AB 2000 Students* *includes undocumented and out of state (5% of total student enrollment)	1,258
# of Dream Act Applications Loaded	836
# of AB 540 / AB 2000 Students with a Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOGFW)	985
# of Dream Cal Grants B & C Disbursed (GPA, need, 6 or more units)	150
# of Dream Full-time Success Grants Disbursed (Cal grant, 12 or more units)	97
# of Dream EOPS Grants Disbursed (BOGFW A or B, educationally disadvantaged)	76
# of Dream Book Vouchers – Student Equity	76
Amount of fees waived	\$791,384
Amount of Cal Grant B & C	\$178,333
Amount of Full-time Success Grant	\$47,700
Amount of EOPS Book Grant	\$45,600
Amount of Student Equity Book Vouchers (Direct Aid)	\$19,075
<b>Total Aid</b>	<b>\$1,082,092</b>

# Student Experience Fall 2015 Survey

1. How would you rate your experience as Dreamer student at Cerritos College.  
Scale 1 - 10

1-5	12%
6-8	28%
9-10	60%

2. What type of services and programs for Dreamers would you like to see at Cerritos College?

Scholarships	88.82%
Employment Information	73.18%
Academic and Transfer Information	71.36%
"Dreamer" Counselor	68.18%
Dream Resource Center	66.82%



# Accomplishments

- ▶ Secured book assistance funding
- ▶ Created informative flyers/folders
- ▶ Purchased school supplies
  - ▶ Flash Drives, backpacks, highlighters, pens, etc.
- ▶ Implemented workshops for students:
  - ▶ Informational
    - ▶ Immigration Lawyer
    - ▶ Campus Police
    - ▶ AB 540 Counselor (Academic/Career/Personal)
    - ▶ Scholarships
    - ▶ Transfer
  - ▶ Hands-on Application
    - ▶ Dream Act Application Assistance

**4 EASY STEPS TO CASH FOR CA DREAM ACT STUDENTS**

- 1 APPLY**  
Submit both applications by **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** be considered for Cal Grant.  
Complete a Dream Act Application at [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) and  
Submit a NON-SSN Cal Grant GPA Verification Form  
Cerritos College School Code: 00116100
- 2 SUBMIT FORMS**  
If Cal Grant Eligible  
View To Do List on MyCerritos.  
Download the required forms at [www.cerritos.edu/financial](http://www.cerritos.edu/financial) and submit these to the Financial Aid Office to complete your file.
- 3 REVIEW AWARDS**  
Review awards on [my.cerritos.edu](http://my.cerritos.edu).  
You must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to receive awards.
- 4 RECEIVE DISBURSEMENT**  
Receive disbursement in check form, only if Cal Grant eligible.  
View Cal Grant activity at [www.webgrantsdisburse.org](http://www.webgrantsdisburse.org)  
You will need your CA Dream Act ID# to create an account. This number is located on your CA Dream Act Application.

**Financial Aid Office**

**CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES**

**APPLY YEARLY**

**Early Application Period: October- March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**OCTOBER**  
CA Dream Act Application and NON-SSN Cal Grant GPA Verification Form are available.

**MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Cal Grant application deadline  
Submit CA Dream Act Application and NON-SSN Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

**JUNE**  
View To Do List on MyCerritos and submit forms.  
Visit the EOPS Office to apply.

**JULY**  
Financial Aid begins posting Cal Grants and Fee Waivers.

**FALL & SPRING SEMESTER**  
CA Dream Act Application Workshops available  
For dates, review the Financial Aid Office website.

**AB540 APPLICATION:**  
Cerritos College Dream Act students must submit an AB 540 application to Admissions and Records!

Financial Aid Programs	Annual Amount
Board of Governors Fee Waiver	Waves enrollment fees; does not waive health fee, student activity fee, lab fees, and parking permit fees.
Cal Grants	B - \$1,670 C - \$547
Full-Time Student Success Grant	\$600

**EOPS**  
EOPS is a combination of programs and services designed to help low income and educationally disadvantaged students obtain academic success. EOPS offers book vouchers, grants, counseling, priority registration and many other services. Visit the EOPS Office to apply.

**Important Contacts and Links**  
CA Dream Act Application: [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org)  
CA Student Aid Commission: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)  
CA Webgrants: [www.webgrantsdisburse.org](http://www.webgrantsdisburse.org)  
Deferred Action: [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)  
Selective Service System: [www.us.gov](http://www.us.gov)

**Cerritos College**  
Financial Aid Office

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[www.cerritos.edu/financial](http://www.cerritos.edu/financial)  
<http://cerritos.financialaidtv.com>

# Accomplishments

- ▶ Created an AB 540 taskforce
- ▶ Created an AB 540 website – [www.cerritos.edu/dream](http://www.cerritos.edu/dream)
- ▶ Assisted students in creating a Dream Club
- ▶ Secured ASCC funding for field trip & merit based scholarship
- ▶ Identified opportunities to ease application and enrollment processes
- ▶ Creating an Ally Training for staff & faculty  
Coming soon...Spring 2017

D.R.E.A.M. Club

**D**reamers  
**R**eaching  
**E**mpowerment  
**A**cademic  
**M**ovement *through an* **Club**



## Mission Statement

To empower dream students through education, bringing awareness, and guiding the campus in order to achieve equality in higher education. "To preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community and the nation."



[www.cerritos.edu/dream](http://www.cerritos.edu/dream)  
[www.cerritos.edu/ab540](http://www.cerritos.edu/ab540)

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### Resources For Undocumented Students

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#### How do I apply?

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# How Can We Help?

- ▶ Participate in the Ally training
- ▶ Fund scholarships for Cerritos College undocumented students
- ▶ Create employment opportunities on-campus (non-Federal Work-Study positions such as bookstore, campus departments, etc.)
- ▶ Pursue a Dream Resource Center
- ▶ Continue dialog with the students, the taskforce, the faculty/staff and the community on the needs of undocumented student



# Thank you for your support.

## Questions?

