

Dare to DREAM

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What is the DREAM Act?

- The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act is a proposed legislation that has been introduced to the U.S. Senate two times (in 2001 and most recently in 2010) and in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2009.
- The bill would give undocumented students the opportunity to earn conditional permanent residency if they complete two years in the military or two years at a four year institution of higher learning. They would obtain temporary residency for a six year period.
- Within the six year period, a qualified student must have "acquired a degree from an institution of higher education in the United States or [have] completed at least 2 years, in good standing, in a program for a bachelor's degree or higher degree in the United States," or have "served in the uniformed services for at least 2 years."

Federal DREAM Act

- According to the 2009 version of the senate bill, DREAM Act beneficiaries must:
 1. Have proof of having arrived in the United States before age 16.
 2. Have proof of residence in the United States for a least five consecutive years since their date of arrival, in compliance with the selective service.
 3. Be between the ages of 12 and 35 at the time of bill enactment.
 4. Have graduated from an American high school or obtained a GED.
 5. Be of good moral character
- The DREAM Act, along with a repeal of DADT, was incorporated into the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. On September 21st 2010, a Senate filibuster by all Republican senators and one Democrat was maintained in a 56-43 vote; it would have taken 60 votes to stop the filibuster and continue the progress of the bill.
- On September 22, 2010, Richard Durbin introduced the bill once again along with Richard Lugar. The total number of cosponsors is 2.

What is the California DREAM Act?

- According to the San Francisco Chronicle, there are over 25,000 undocumented students who graduate every year from high school.
- These students confront a difficult challenge of financing their college education because they are ineligible for any federal grants or loans and are unable to legally work.
- The California Dream Act, SB 1301 (Cedillo) allows undocumented AB 540 students to apply for student financial aid administered by campus at the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California.
- AB540 was a bill passed on 2001 by Governor Gray Davis that allows students who meet the certain requirements to pay in-state tuition instead of out-of-state tuition in California's Higher Institutions
- Governor Schwarzenegger rejected the bill on Sept. 30, a day before the bill would have officially become law.

Stories of Self: a reason to dream.

- My story.

- Theirs:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN8t8WPpI68&feature=player_embedded)

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What can YOU do?

Less DREAMing, More ACTing.

- Spread the word. Educate.
- AB540 Resources:
<http://slas.berkeley.edu/ab540.html>
- BAMN (By Any Means Necessary – Find them on campus!) www.bamn.com
November 1st, Day of Action
- Take Action! Sign the letter.