



ADVICE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS APPLYING TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COLLEGES: HOW TO FILL OUT APPLICATION FORMS

Here are specific instructions for University of California applicants:

- ★ Applicants must answer the Country of Citizenship question, although it is possible to choose “No Selection”
- ★ The online application form also requires applicants to answer the following residency questions: 1) When did you move to CA? 2) If you are under 18, does your parent or legal guardian live in California? 3) Is the school that you currently attend (or most recently attended) in California? 4) Have you attended a California high school for two or more years? 5) Is your parent, legal guardian, or spouse a UC employee at a location outside California?
- ★ An applicant is considered a bona fide California resident for admissions eligibility purposes if the student has lived in California for at least 12 months or answers “Yes” to any one of the remaining questions. Students who qualify as bona fide California residents may be granted an undergraduate admission application fee waiver provided they meet the income and family size criteria similar to the National School lunch program eligibility.
- ★ Students should be advised that a resident classification for admissions purposes does not guarantee a resident classification for tuition purposes. For example, in order for a student to be eligible for exemption from nonresident tuition, the student must have attended high school in California for three or more years. The Residence Deputy on the campus where the student plans to enroll will determine the student's enrollment fees.

Here are specific instructions for California State University applicants:

- ★ Students do not need to provide a Social Security Number (applicants will be assigned a Student ID Number for use in the application process and while attending the school).
- ★ Undocumented students should answer "None of the Above" for Citizenship Status.
- ★ Students should answer the following questions as accurately as possible: Country of Citizenship, State of Permanent Residence, and State of Parent's Permanent Home.
- ★ Any unanswered questions will result in processing delays for admission.
- ★ CSUs do not report the immigration status of applicants to anyone, nor do they deny admission based on immigration status.

Here are specific instructions for California Community College applicants:

- ★ Students do not need to provide a Social Security Number (applicants will be assigned a Student ID number once they apply).



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- ★ Undocumented students should choose “Other” for Citizenship Status.
- ★ When asked about their visa status, undocumented students should check the box “No Documents”.
- ★ When providing high school information, students will be asked whether they attended high school in California for at least three years and will graduate/have graduated. This is where CCCs will identify AB540 students.
- ★ CCCs do not report the immigration status of applicants to anyone, nor do they deny admission based on immigration status.