

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption

For Eligible California High School Graduates
(The law passed by the Legislature in 2001 as “AB 540”)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, who meets all of the following requirements, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California (all public colleges and universities in California).

- Requirements:
 - o The student must have attended a high school (public or private) in California for three or more years.
 - o The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the term (for example, passing the GED or California High School Proficiency exam).
 - o An alien student who is without lawful immigration status must file an affidavit with the college or university stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.
 - Students who have current nonimmigrants visas (e.g., F series student visas, and B series visitors visas) are not eligible for this exemption.
 - The student must file an exemption request including a signed affidavit with the college that indicates the student has met all applicable conditions described above. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law.
 - Nonresident students meeting the criteria will be exempted from the payment of nonresident tuition, but they will **not** be classified as California residents. They continue to be “nonresidents.”
 - Financial Aid eligibility is not affected by this law and continues to be based on the student’s nonresident status.
 - o Nonresident students who are US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to be considered for Federal financial aid programs.
 - o Nonresident students who are unlawful immigrants are excluded from California, Federal, and many institutional financial aid programs.
 - o Nonresident students are not eligible for Cal Grants, community college fee waivers, EOP grants, EOPS grants or Governor’s Merit Scholar Awards.
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PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THIS EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION

Complete the form on the reverse. Submit it to the Admissions Office, Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College. You may be required to submit additional documentation. Call the college Admissions Office if you have questions.

Semester
Clerk
Date

Student I.D. Number _____

SANTA ANA COLLEGE

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request

Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the College or University (for example, proof of high school attendance in California). Contact the California Community College, University of California or California State University campus where you intend to enroll (or are enrolled) for instructions on documentation, additional procedures and applicable deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY:

I, the undersigned, am applying for a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible California high school graduates and declare the following:

Check **YES** or **NO** boxes:

Yes No I have graduated from a California high school or have attained the equivalent thereof, such as a High School Equivalency Certificate, issued by the California State GED Office or a Certificate of Proficiency, resulting from the California High School Proficiency Examination.

Check **YES** or **NO** boxes:

Yes No I have attended high school in California for three or more years.

Provide information on all school(s) you attended in grades 9 – 12:

School	City	State	Dates:	
			From – Month/Year	To – Month/Year

Documentation of high school attendance and graduation (or its equivalent) is required by the University of California, The California State University and some California Community Colleges. Follow campus instructions.

Check the box that applies to you—check only one box:

I am a nonimmigrant alien (as defined by federal law, including, for example, a foreign student (F visa) or exchange visitor (J visa)).

OR

I am **NOT** a nonimmigrant alien (including, but not limited to, a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or an alien without lawful immigration status).

AFFIDAVIT:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the nonresident tuition exemption for eligible California high school graduates. I hereby declare that, if I am an alien without lawful immigration status, I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file an application as soon as I am eligible to do so. I further understand that if any of the above information is untrue, I will be liable for payment of all nonresident charges from which I was exempted and may be subject to disciplinary action by the College or University.

Print Full Name (as it appears on your campus student records)	Campus/Student Identification Number
Print Full Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Email Address (Optional) Phone Number (Optional) ()
Student Signature	Date