

DACA FAQs

In the wake of the announcement that DACA would be shut down in March 2018, the Admissions & Records and Financial Aid offices at College of the Canyons have received questions from affected students. The following information provides answers to the most frequently asked questions.

What's the difference between DACA Dreamers and California Dream Act students?

There should be a clear distinction made between DACA Dreamers and California Dream Act students. DACA Dreamers are those undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. However, students under that are AB540 eligible, are considered California Dream Act students. These students are still eligible for state-based aid and are still DREAMers at the state level.

Does the rescission of DACA mean that I cannot go to school? And, does the rescission of DACA mean I will not qualify for financial aid?

It is important to note that the recent DACA decision does not impact a student's ability to attend College of the Canyons, to qualify for an exemption from non-resident tuition fees under AB 540, or to apply for financial aid under the provisions of the California Dream Act. AB 540 and the California Dream Act are state programs that are entirely separate and distinct from DACA and the federal enforcement of immigration laws.

Is my personal and/or financial information from the Dream Application shared with any other agencies?

College of the Canyons does not share DREAMers' personal or financial aid information with any federal agencies or authorities. We are committed to protecting the personal information of our DREAMer students to the fullest extent of the law.

How do I get more information about the California Dream Act?

DREAMers can get information on the California Dream Act, student criteria and available aid by visiting ICanAffordCollege.com. Additional resources for undocumented students can be found on the Chancellor's Office website at: <http://www.cccco.edu/ResourcesforUndocumentedStudents.aspx>

Who do I contact at College of the Canyons for more information about my situation?

Please contact:

Valencia Campus

Admissions & Records Office
Canyons Hall, 1st Floor
(661) 362-3280

Financial Aid Office
Canyons Hall, 1st Floor
(661) 362-3215

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