

# Financial Aid and the California Dream Act

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Priority Deadline is March 2nd! Apply Online: <u>dream.csac.ca.gov</u>



## **About the Office of Financial Aid**

#### Services:

- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Financial Literacy

#### **Lead Team and UndocuAlly Team Members**

- Carolyn Guel, Associate Director
- Neelam Keshwani, Technical Lead
- Anthony Bettencourt, Senior Counselor.
- Ryan Poyet, Operations Support Coordinator
- Thu Thuong, Advisor sisum sisum
- Ngoc Nguyen, Operations Support Coordinator



Student Services Center (SSC)

9th Street & San Fernando
(on 1st floor of North Parking Garage)





## Where your financial aid status should be now:

- California Dream Act Application
  - Priority Deadline March 2nd
  - If already submitted will receive message by end of February.
- Document Priority Deadline
  - Documents should be submitted to Financial Aid by April 29, 2022 (priority deadline)

#### Award

- First time students early April
- Continuing student early July







# Dream App - Things to look out for

- 1. Make sure name on Dream App and SJSU records match.
- 2. Parents Income
  - Parents required to file taxes per IRS income ceiling even if they don't have a SS#
  - b. Complete Dream App with estimates if taxes have not been filed
- 3. If student is independent (per Dream Act) then student may need to submit Non-Tax filer letter
- 4. Parent signature required for dependent students (per Dream Act)
- 5. DACA is NOT required to receive Dream Act aid





# **Types of Awards - Grants**

- State University Grant
  - EFC less than \$5000
  - Submitted application and documents by deadline
- Cal Grant A, B and Subsistence
  - Determined by California Student Aid Commission based on GPA and Income
  - If awarded both, we will give Cal Grant B
  - Cannot receive Cal Grant A, B or State University combined
- EOP Grant
  - Determined by admittance into EOP program
  - EFC less than 5000
  - SEOP CA Dream Act
- Middle Class Scholarship
  - Determined by California Student Aid Commission in September
  - Cannot receive in combination with State University or Cal Grants



# Types of Awards - Loans and Other Programs

- California Dream Loan
  - Generally awarded by request
  - Must be repaid
- CA Dream Act Service Incentive Grant
  - Cal Grant B eligible students
  - Receive up to \$1,500 per term for 150 hours per term of community service
  - https://www.csac.ca.gov/dsig

About CA Dream Loan









# Scholarships

#### Spartan Scholarship Application - Open now until mid April

- https://sjsu.academicworks.com/users/sign\_in
- Scholarships are open to continuing and new students
- Many scholarships do not require a SSN or AB 540
- Note: some scholarships may have earlier deadlines and/or application requirements.

#### List of scholarships via UndocuSpartan Resource Center

https://sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/paying-for-college/fin-aid-resources.php

#### SJSU Scholarships



#### USRC Scholarship List





## **Contact Information**

#### **Lucy Serrato-Lager**

- <u>lucy.serrato@sjsu.edu</u>
- USRC Financial Aid Advising Hours

#### **UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center**

- Location: Clark Hall 100G and 100F (1st floor, in front of EOP)
- Phone: (408) 924-2762
- Email: undocuspartan@sjsu.edu
- Hours: Monday Thursday: 9:00 am 5:00 pm,
   Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm ns/s 20s/s 20s/s

Lucy's Contact Information



**USRC** Contact Info



### Resources and Events





#### SPARTAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Apply online for several SJSU scholarship opportunities for the 2022-23 academic year!

\* Scholarships have various deadline dates

## SJSU.EDU/FASO/ TYPES-OF-AID/SCHOLARSHIPS



#### WORKSHOPS

February 16 10am-11am March 22 3pm-4pm

All workshops held virtually RSVP on scholarship website

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