

Associated Students of Fullerton College Resolution 002
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AB540 Students California Dream Act Awareness

A Fullerton College resolution in support of enhancing visibility and access to funding for AB 540 students, otherwise known as Dreamers, at Fullerton College and community colleges in California.

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Fullerton College (Student Senate) expresses the general will of the students to the administration and work for the betterment of the students-at-large, including its professors and teachers; and

Whereas, The California DREAM Act (AB 130 and 131) was signed by Governor Jerry Brown on July 25, 2011, making higher education a possibility for undocumented immigrants that meet the AB 540 requirements, as described in California Education Code section 68130.5; and

Whereas, Assembly Bill 540 (2001) allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition instead of out-of-state tuition in the University of California, California State University, and California Community College system institutions; and

Whereas, Assembly Bill 130 (2011) allows AB 540 students to apply for non-state funded scholarships for higher learning and Assembly Bill 131 (2011) allows AB 540 students to apply for state-funded financial aid; and

Whereas, the State of California has taken numerous steps to care for undocumented students; and

Whereas, with the passage of AB 540, AB 130, and AB 131 by the State of California, AB 540 students now have access to the resources necessary to afford a higher education; and

Whereas, Fullerton College has numerous resources for general financial aid, but few resources for AB 540 financial aid; and

Resolved, that the Fullerton College Financial Aid Office hold multiple workshops beginning at a minimum of four months prior to each year's application cycle deadline

for financial aid, for the purpose of educating Fullerton College's AB 540 students on AB 540 financial aid they may be eligible for, and assisting them in obtaining that money;
and

Resolved, Fullerton College thereafter update financial aid flyers and miscellaneous additional publicity to include information on AB 540 financial aid and enhance awareness of this issue, and disseminate information widely so that students may readily access financial aid information pertinent to our AB 540 students.