

Win the Right of Undocumented Students to Receive State Financial Aid to Attend College!

Demand that Governor Schwarzenegger Sign the DREAM Act Now!

Next week the California legislature will likely pass sb 1301 also known as the California Dream Act. Once on Governor Schwarzenegger's desk, if signed within thirty days, the California DREAM Act would give Latina/o and other immigrant students who are undocumented the same right as all other high school graduates in California to obtain campus based financial aid and scholarships for college. Last year, Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed the DREAM Act, feigning support for the Latina/o and immigrant communities of our state, by signing the Landlord Act forbidding landlords from asking tenants their immigration status. The implied statement being that he supports the Latina/o and immigrant communities but in reality, making clear his willingness to support discrimination against Latina/o and immigrant young people in the financial aid process. This cannot be allowed to happen again.

California needs to build a larger more skilled workforce to grow and prosper. This requires the full development of skills and talents of all Californians including the Latina/o and immigrant communities. Undocumented students deserve the same right as every other student in California to apply for and receive full financial aid for college. By opposing the DREAM Act, its racist opponents make clear their willingness to sacrifice the social and economic progress of the state of California in order to defend white privilege and maintain a second-class status for immigrant, Latina/o, black, Asian, and other minority students. California is ranked forty-ninth in terms of the percentage of high school graduates that go on to college. A growing majority of California high school graduates are Latina/o, black, Native American, and Asian. These students must be given the same right and opportunity to attend college if California is to progress and prosper.

THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED:

- Demand that Governor Schwarzenegger sign the DREAM Act.
- Declare that Latina/o, black, Arab, Asian, white and immigrant people with and without papers – WE ARE ALL CALIFORNIANS and we're entitled to equal opportunities to realize all of hopes and aspirations.

Name (please print neatly)	Phone	E-Mail	School	Do you want more info?
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2.				Y N
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The DEADLINE is Monday, September 29, 2008.

Please send completed petitions: by **FAX** to the Governor's office (916) 558-3160 and by **MAIL** to BAMN at: P.O. Box 12872, Berkeley, CA 94712
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