



Things to Consider When Filling Out Your Application to the CSU

- 1. Social Security number.** The application will ask you to enter your Social Security number (SSN). If you have qualified for [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) and have been issued a SSN, you may enter that number on your application.
 - If you do not have a SSN, you can leave that item blank on the application and the campus you are applying to will assign you a temporary number.
- 2. Residency.** Answer all questions about residency (this is about where you live; this section is not asking about legal residence). If you meet [AB 540 / AB 2000 / SB 68](#) guidelines and are being charged nonresident tuition, contact your campus and submit a [California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form](#).
- 3. After the application.** Once you have been accepted to a CSU campus, you should **file a [California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form](#)** with the school. The request requires that students without legal immigration status state they have filed or will file an application to legalize their immigration status as soon as they are eligible to do so. You will need to submit a separate request to each campus you plan to attend. You do not need to submit a new request if you are continuously enrolled at the same campus.

Source: <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/admissions-process.aspx>

Citizenship/Residency Questions in the 'Personal Information' Section

On the **U.S. Citizenship Status** question, Undocumented/AB540/DACA applications select "None."

The screenshot shows a form section for 'U.S. Citizenship Status' with a dropdown menu set to 'None'. A callout box on the right states: 'AB540 applicants select "None" International applicants select Non Resident'. Above this, there are radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' (with 'No' selected), and a section for 'U.S. Military Status' with a dropdown set to 'Not a Member of the Military'.

On the **Residency** question, answer all questions about residency (where you live) according to your own residency.

Note, this question is NOT asking about legal residency status, but rather whether or not you regard CA as your permanent home, if you claim CA residency, and how long you have lived in CA. If you are an undocumented/AB540/DACA applicant and you regard CA as your permanent home and have lived in CA for at least 1 year and 1 day, the CSU system suggests you answer the residency question as follows, including when your present stay in CA began:

The 'Residency' section includes:

- A dropdown menu for 'What U.S. State/Possession do you regard as your permanent home?' set to 'California'.
- Radio buttons for 'Do you claim California Residency?' with 'Yes' selected.
- Radio buttons for 'Have you lived in California continuously since birth?' with 'No' selected.
- A date field for 'When did your present stay in California begin?' with a calendar icon and the format 'MM/DD/YYYY'.
- A 'Save and Continue' button at the bottom.

Source: Santa Rosa Junior College