

“Now you can attend college”

Regardless of your immigration status

As undocumented students graduated from California high schools year after year, not knowing what their future would be without a college education, they realized that there was a need to organize to change that injustice, so that these hardworking students could pursue a higher education regardless of their immigration status. Shortly after Wise Up! was born, and took this on as a campaign by engaging students from all parts of Los Angeles in this struggle. After doing student organizing, and working with other immigrant rights groups,

Gray Davis signed AB 540 into law on October 2001, and because of that organizing, now undocumented students have the opportunity to pay in-state tuition at any California college or university, who meet the AB 540 requirements. The law took affect on January 1st, 2002 allowing student to continue on with their higher education.

AB-540 REQUIREMENTS

- **A total of 3 years or more in a California high school.**
- **A California High School diploma or an equivalent G.E.D.**
- **Registration as an entering student, or current enrollment, at an accredited college or university on or after Fall 2001-2002**

The student will also have to fill out an Affidavit during the Enrollment process when applying to UCs, Cal States, and Community Colleges.

UNFORTUNATELY this law does not...

- **Give access to State or Federal Financial Aid***
- **Provide a venue for adjustment of status;**

**Although undocumented students can get financial help, there are scholarships that undocumented students can apply to that don't require a Social Security number. Wise Up! continues to work on campaigns that will further aid all undocumented students.*



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