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### **AB 540 TUITION EXEMPTION RECIPIENTS**

California Assembly Bill 540 (AB540) was signed into law in October 2001 and provides that students meeting all of the following requirements will qualify to pay in-state tuition:

- Attend a California high school for three or more years,
- Graduate from a California high school or receive the equivalent general education diploma (GED),
- Register or be currently enrolled in a California Community College (CCC), California State University (CSU), or the University of California (UC), and
- Sign a statement with the college or university stating that he or she will apply for legal residency as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

Non-immigrant students are not eligible for this exemption. Non-immigrants, as defined by federal immigration law, may hold one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD and V, and TROV and NATO.

The exemption covers nonresident tuition and the nonresident differential in the Education Fee.

Eligibility for the nonresident tuition exemption does not affect the eligibility standards or requirements for any form of student financial aid. However, if the exemption is granted, it could impact the amount and, possibly type, of financial aid the student might receive.

If you need any further information about tuition exemption (AB 540) please visit [http://www.ucop.edu/sas/sfs/programs\\_and\\_policies/AB540.htm](http://www.ucop.edu/sas/sfs/programs_and_policies/AB540.htm). You may also contact the Office of the Registrar at [registrar@ucmerced.edu](mailto:registrar@ucmerced.edu) or (209) 228-2734.