



Frequently Asked Questions About the

College Application Process for Undocumented Youth

Q: Can a student without immigration status, undocumented, enroll in college?

A: In New York State, students without immigration status, undocumented, can legally enroll in public colleges and universities (CUNY and SUNY). Private colleges set their own policies, so each one is different. A call to the admissions office can determine whether students without immigration status are eligible. Keep in mind that there are serious and real risks for students and families that decide to go to school upstate because of federal law that allows for immigration check points within 100 miles of either border.

Q: Are students without immigration status in-state, out-of-state or international students, for the purposes of college tuition?

A: Students without immigration status, undocumented students, who reside in New York State and either graduated from high school or took the GED in NY are eligible to pay in-state tuition at public colleges in New York State. See "In-State Tuition For Undocumented Students" for information regarding the application process (below).

Q: What should a student without a social security number write in the SSN box?

A: A student without a social security number should leave the SSN box BLANK, write none or write N/A. A student should never lie about their social security number. No student is required to submit a social security number. Students can also leave the SSN box blank on the SAT. While students can attend college without a social security number, degrees that require licensing work can require a social security number, so students should keep this in mind when choosing degree and career paths.

Q: What should a student without immigration status write in the immigration status section? Won't writing that they do not have an immigration status get them in trouble with immigration?

A: Students without immigration status should never lie and say that they are U.S. citizens or Legal Permanent Residents (green card holders). They should write "none" or "not qualified". Under federal law, schools cannot disclose this information to immigration. Schools only disclose information regarding students with international student visas.

Q: What is the difference between a student without immigration status and an international student?

A: An undocumented student without immigration status does not have a valid visa or green card. An international student comes to the United States with a student visa (or another visa status, specifically to attend school. It is very unlikely that undocumented students can apply for a student visa if they have lived in the US. Some have been able to do this, but it requires a significant amount of legal work so students should consult with attorneys.

Q: Are students without immigration status eligible for state or federal financial aid?

A: Currently, students without immigration status are not eligible for state or federal financial aid, including the Tuition Assistance Program and Pell Grants. They can file a FAFSA, which will be returned to them marked "ineligible". However, it will include an "expected family contribution", which may be needed to apply for private scholarships. They should only fill out the contact information and check the corresponding boxes, namely "ineligible non-citizen" and not continue because it will not be reviewed. FAFSA applications for students without immigration status should only be mailed as hard copies.

Q: What options for financial assistance do students without immigration status have?

A: Students without immigration status may be eligible for certain private scholarships. A partial list can be found at nysylc.org. Other scholarship organizations can be called to determine eligibility requirements. Additionally, there are tuition pay plans that allow students to pay in installments, instead of all at once. Students can get loans by having family members or people they know who do have immigration status act as co-signers. Some students have written letters to foundations, local business leaders, etc. to receive financial assistance.

Q: Where can I find more information or refer a student for assistance?

A: The New York State Youth Leadership Council is happy to assist undocumented or immigrant students with the college application process. We are also happy to assist educators and counselors who have questions about how best to help their students. Please contact us at info@nysylc.org. Also, the CUNY Citizenship Now Project assists anyone in New York City with immigration law related questions. Visit their website at <http://web.cuny.edu/about/citizenship.html>.

IMPORTANT: "In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students Eligibility Requirements and Application Process"

In 2002 New York passed a law that allows undocumented immigrants to apply for in-state tuition if they meet the following criteria:

1) Attended a New York State High School for two years and graduated from a New York State High School and applied for admission to CUNY or SUNY.

OR

2) Attended a New York State Program for General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exam preparation, received a GED issued within New York State, and applied for admission to CUNY or SUNY

OR

3) Were enrolled in CUNY in the Fall 2001 semester or quarter and were authorized by CUNY to pay tuition at the resident rate. Thus, a student who attended CUNY in the Fall 2001 semester and paid the resident rate does not have to satisfy either of the conditions above.

To be eligible for in-state tuition, in addition to meeting the above requirements, you must file a notarized form (affidavit) stating that you have either filed an application to legalize your immigration status or will file such an application as soon as you are eligible to do so.

And:

To apply for in- state tuition, request a "City University Residency Form" at the registration office of your college. You must provide the "City University Residency Form" and the necessary documentation proving New York State residency for 12 months prior to the first day of classes for the semester.

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Scholarships for which Undocumented Students are Eligible

1. AICHE Minority Scholarship Awards for Incoming College Freshmen

Deadline: Varies

Award range: \$1000

Website: aiche.org

Phone: (212) 591-7107

To download this application:

<http://www.aiche.org/community/awards/minority-affairs-committees-scholarship-awards-incoming-college-freshmen>

2. Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship

Applicant must migrated to obtain work in agriculture

Deadline: July 1st

Award range: Up to \$2,000 a year for four years

Website: www.migrant.net

Phone: (800) 245-5681

To download this application:

<http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships.htm>

3. La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship

Applicant must be a current college student

Deadline: Varies

Award range: \$250-\$1,000

Website:

www.foundation.launidadlatina.org/index.htm

To download this application:

<http://www.lulfoundation.org/Apply/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

4. Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Open to high school juniors

Deadline: Varies

Award range: \$1,000-\$5,000

To download this application:

<http://www.hispanicheritage.org>

5. The Walt Disney Company Foundation Scholarship

Open to junior achievement applicants

Deadline: February 1st

Award range: A full-tuition scholarship award that may be renewed annually up to four years.

To download this application:

http://www.ja.org/programs/programs_scholarship_dis.shtml

6. Que Lueva Café Scholarship

Deadline: February 23rd

Award range: \$500

To download this application:

http://ca-core.org/que_lueva_cafe

7. LINC TELACU Scholarship

Deadline: March 19th

Award range: Varies

To download this application:

<http://telacu.com/site/en/home/education/applications.html>

8. The Fountainhead Essay Contest

Deadline: April 26, 2013

Award Amount: \$50-\$10,000

To download this application:

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/TheFountainhead.aspx?theme=blue>

9. Salvadoran-American Leadership & Educational Fund: SALEF education for Excellence Program

*Open to students who are Latino or Central American.
Priority is given to those living in California*

Deadline: April 30th

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Phone: (213) 480-1052

To download this application:

www.salef.org

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10. Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest

Open to students who are currently enrolled in college

Deadline: Annually by December

Award Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Phone: (212) 490-7777

To download this application:

http://center.uoregon.edu/conferences/EWF/FORMS/CFP/cfp_login.php?formid=2450929

11. National Sculpture Society Scholarship

Deadline: June 3rd

Award Amount: \$2,000

Phone: (212) 764-5645

To download this application:

<http://www.nationalsculpture.org/nssN/index.cfm/fa/cProg.scholarships>

12. Tylenol Scholarship

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000

To download this application:

<http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>

13. NAHJ Ford Motor Company Scholarships

Deadline: March 28th

Award Amount: Up to \$2,500

Phone: (202) 662-7145

To download this application:

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/NAHJ-Ford-Motor-Company-Fund-Scholarships>

14. The HACU Scholarship Program

Open to Latino students pursuing journalism

Deadline: June 10th

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$12,200

Phone: (210) 692-3805

To download this application:

<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp?SnID=1149820492>

18. Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

Deadline: June 14th

Award Amount: Up to \$1,000

To download this application:

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

19. Alvin J. Cox Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: May 31st

Award Amount: \$200

To download this application:

<http://www.alvincoxmemorial.com/>

20. Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship

Applicant must be of African descent and pursuing a degree in technology

Deadline: March 25th

Award Amount: Annual \$5,000

To download this application:

<http://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/en/us/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx>

21. Davis-Putter Scholarship

Applicant must be committed to studying social justice

Deadline: April 1st

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

To download this application:

<http://www.davisputter.org/apply/application-form/>

22. Hit The Books Scholarship

Deadline: January 31st and September 30th annually

Award Amount: Up to \$500

To download this application:

<http://www.coffeeforall.com/scholarship.asp>

24. Platt Family Scholarship Prize Essay Contest

Open to students who are currently enrolled in college

Deadline: July 31st

Award Amount: \$500-\$1,000

To download this application:

<http://www.thelincolnforum.org/scholarship-essay-contest.php>

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25. Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) Program

Open to students who are currently enrolled in college and involved in science research

Deadline: March 15 and October 15 annually

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

To download this application:

<http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/>

27. The (Ayn Rand) Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

Deadline: September 17th

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

To download this application:

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/AtlasShrugged.aspx?theme=blue>

28. The Roothbert Fund Scholarship Program

Deadline: November 1st

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$3,000

To download this application:

<http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php>

29. USA TODAY All-USA Community College Academic Team

Open to students who will be transferring from community college to bachelor's degree programs

Deadline: April 30th

Award Amount: \$2,500

To download this application:

<http://www.ptk.org/scholarships>

30. Hellenic Scholarship Fund

Open to students of Greek descent

Deadline: March 11th

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500

To download this application:

<http://www.htsfund.org/>
<http://www.htsfund.org/pdf/Application-2013.pdf>

31. Swackhamer Disarmament video Contest

Deadline: April 1st

Award Amount: \$100-\$1,000

Phone: (805) 965-3443

http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/programs/awards-&-contests/video-contest/2012/2012_flyer.pdf

32. The Random House Creative Writing Competition for New York City Public High School Seniors

Applicant must be a NYC public high school student

Deadline: February 11th for

poetry/spoken word/fiction/ drama, and

personal essay & April 1st for graphic novel

Award Amount: \$500-\$10,000

Phone: (888) 369-3434

To download this application:

www.randomhouse.com/creativewriting

32. We the Living Essay Contest

Deadline: May 6th

Award Amount: \$25-\$3,000

To download this application:

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/WeTheLiving.aspx?theme=blue>

33. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority General Undergraduate Scholarship

Applicant must be a female

Deadline: September 1st and February 1st

Award Amount: \$500-\$1,000

To download this application:

www.zphib1920.org/nef/

34. The Vegetarian Resource Group College Scholarships

Applicant must be a vegetarian

Deadline: February 20th

Award Amount: \$5,000

Phone: (410) 366-8343

To download this application:

www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm

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35. **The National Strength and Conditioning Association High School Scholarship**
Open to students majoring in strength and conditioning/exercise science
Deadline: March 15th **deadline passed
Award Amount: \$1,500
Phone: (800) 815-6826
To download this application:
<http://www.nscalift.org/NSCAFoundation/grants.shtml#highschool>
36. **The National Strength and Conditioning Association Minority Scholarship**
Open to students majoring in strength and conditioning/exercise science
Deadline: March 15th
Award Amount: \$1,500
Phone: (800) 815-6826
To download this application:
<http://www.nscalift.org/NSCAFoundation/grants.shtml#highschool>
37. **The National Strength and Conditioning Association Women's Scholarship**
Open to students majoring in strength and conditioning/exercise science
Deadline: March 15th
Award Amount: \$1,500
Phone: (800) 815-6826
To download this application:
<http://www.nscalift.org/NSCAFoundation/grants.shtml#highschool>
38. **Wendy's High School Heisman Award**
Applicant must be a high school student athlete
Deadline: October 2nd
Award Amount: Up to \$10,000
Phone: (800) 205-6367
To download this application:
<http://www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com/about/program-timeline/>
39. **FSCNY Scholarship Program**
Deadline: March 25th
Award Amount: \$500-\$7,500
To download this application:
<http://www.fscny.org/filestorage/file/2013FSCNYScholarshipApplicationFINAL.pdf>
40. **The Point Foundation Scholarship**
Open to students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender
Deadline: February 9th
Award Amount: \$2,000-\$12,000
To download this application:
<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/previewScholarship.htm?scholarshipid=3291>
41. **National Peace Contest**
Deadline: February 1st
Award Amount: Up to \$10,000
To download this application:
<http://www.usip.org/npec>
42. **The New York Urban League Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
Open to students who are African-American, Latino, Asian, or Native American
Deadline: April 5th
Award Amount: \$1,500-\$3,500
To download this application:
http://www.nyul.org/nyul_scholarships.html
43. **Edward J. McFadden Scholarship**
Open to students living in Washington Heights/Inwood
Deadline: March 22nd
Award Amount: Varies
To download this application:
<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/51477237/2013%20McFadden%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>
44. **Columbus Citizens Foundation College Scholarship**
Open to students who are Italian
Deadline: December 3rd
Award Amount: \$1000-\$8000, Awards are not for full tuition but are partial scholarships given for all four years of undergraduate study.
Phone: (212) 249 9923
To download this application:
<http://www.columbuscitizensfd.org/>

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45. The Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Deadline: January 31st

Award Amount: Up to \$1,000

Phone: (800) 742-1036

To download this application:

www.princeton.edu/pprize

46. DREAM ACT Student Activist Scholarship Program

Deadline: September 15th

Award Amount: \$5,000

To download this application:

http://www.scribd.com/fullscreen/63013788?access_key=key-11qu854pb41g7urhvp2

47. Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest

Deadline: November 29th

Award Amount: \$500

To download this application:

<http://photocontest.smithsonianmag.com/enter/index.php>



IMMIGRATION CLINIC OUTREACH SCHEDULE

BRONX OUTREACH LOCATIONS

HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER- 2nd Monday 5pm-7pm; 1438 Ogden Avenue Bronx, NY. Call for appt.: (646) 393-9533

BROOKLYN OUTREACH LOCATIONS

CENTER FOR FAMILY LIFE AT SUNSET PARK - 3rd Wed. 4pm-6pm; 443 39th St., 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY. Call for appt.: (718) 492-3585

COUNCIL OF PEOPLES ORGANIZATION - "COPO" - 2nd Thurs. 3:30pm-5:30pm; 1081 Coney Island Avenue Brooklyn, NY. Call for appt.: (718) 434-3266

GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICES - 3rd Tues. 3pm-5pm; 503 5th Avenue Suite 4A Brooklyn, NY. Call for appt.: (718) 965-3313

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK - 2nd Tues, 3pm-5pm. 301 Grove Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Call for appt: (718) 565-8500 x4426 (Spanish) x4459 (English)

MANHATTAN OUTREACH LOCATIONS

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION - Last Fri. 9:30am-12:30pm; 333 E. 115th St. NY, NY Call for appt.: (212) 987-4422

GODDARD RIVERSIDE - 1st Wed. 4pm-6pm; 140 W. 140th Street, New York, NY. Call for appt: (212) 234-3481

AID FOR AIDS (HIV+ only) - 1st Tues. 3pm-5pm; 515 Greenwich Street, Suite 506, NY NY. Call for appt.: (212) 337-8043

QUEENS OUTREACH LOCATIONS

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK - 1st Thurs 2pm- 5pm; 92-10 Roosevelt Avenue Elmhurst, NY. Call for appt.: (718) 565-8500 x4426 (Spanish) x4459 (English)

SCO FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER - 4th Wed. 5pm-7pm; 103-24 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY Call for appt.: (718) 426-7523



Opportunity for Temporary Relief for Undocumented Immigrant Youth

What is DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)? How to support our undocumented youth

President Obama's June 15, 2012 directive **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** grants "temporary relief" to **eligible** young people and prevents them from being deported.

What is the potential benefit of DACA?

Deferred action will be valid for two years and may be renewed at the end of the two years. Individuals who receive deferred action may apply for and may obtain employment authorization.

Who *may* be eligible for DACA?

People between the ages of 15 and 30 years old who came to the US before they were 16 years old. Students under the age of 15 may be eligible once they turn 15.

People who are currently enrolled in school or certain GED or adult education programs, as well as those who have graduated from high school or university, received a GED, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed forces.

Please help our youth who may be eligible for DACA:

DO:

- Advise youth who may be eligible to seek reliable assistance to determine eligibility and prepare their application.
- Help students to get transcripts and other documents.
- Direct students who *may* be eligible to reliable resources including:

www.weownthedream.org for the self-screening DACA tool, referrals to local pro-bono or low-cost attorneys, connections to local DREAMer organizations and DACA clinics and events throughout the country. Another resource is (855) DREAM-31.

The New York Immigration Coalition <http://www.thenyic.org>

New York State Youth Leadership Council <http://www.nysylc.org>

DO NOT:

- Advise students directly how to apply to DACA, unless you've been trained.

DACA eligibility *may* be complex. Youth need the support of trained, honest legal counselors.

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Five Reasons Why Youth Should Consider Applying for DACA

1. Temporary Immigration Benefits Can Lead to More Permanent Remedies

Temporary benefit programs like DACA have been a gateway for more long-term immigration remedies. For example, in the 1990s, some Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries from El Salvador first were granted only short-term permits to remain in the U.S. but later they received lawful permanent residency.

2. DACA Beneficiaries Under Age 18 Won't Accrue Unlawful Presence

Undocumented children who are approved for DACA prior to turning 18 won't accrue unlawful presence as long as they participate in the program.

3. DACA Beneficiaries Aren't a Priority for ICE

Since Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) doesn't have the resources to process everyone whom it has the lawful authority to deport (i.e. there are simply not enough immigration judges, immigration officers, ICE attorneys, or detention centers to process all potential deportation cases nationally), the agency needs to set guidelines and prioritize deportation cases.

4. There is Power in Large Numbers of DACA Beneficiaries

Like other important policy changes, the DACA program was not the result of an overnight decision; it was the culmination of many years of struggle. DACA is the first and only immigration program of its kind whereby the people who now benefit were instrumental in demanding that a change in immigration policy take place. DACA has the potential to bring over one million young people "out of the shadows" and into the light. Every new DACA beneficiary will show how undocumented young people can contribute meaningfully to society and will add momentum to the push for future immigration reform.

5. It Might be Easier Than Youth Think to Apply for DACA

Some people who are qualified for DACA are still hesitant to apply because they don't know how to get help, or they're afraid of expensive legal fees. In fact, applying for DACA is not difficult, especially since USCIS has recently clarified the evidence requirements and made it clearer how to apply. Complex cases (i.e. with criminal records, substantial or long-term travel abroad, potential national security threats or fraud, etc.) must be reviewed by an attorney.