

Applying for College: Stepping Into Your Future

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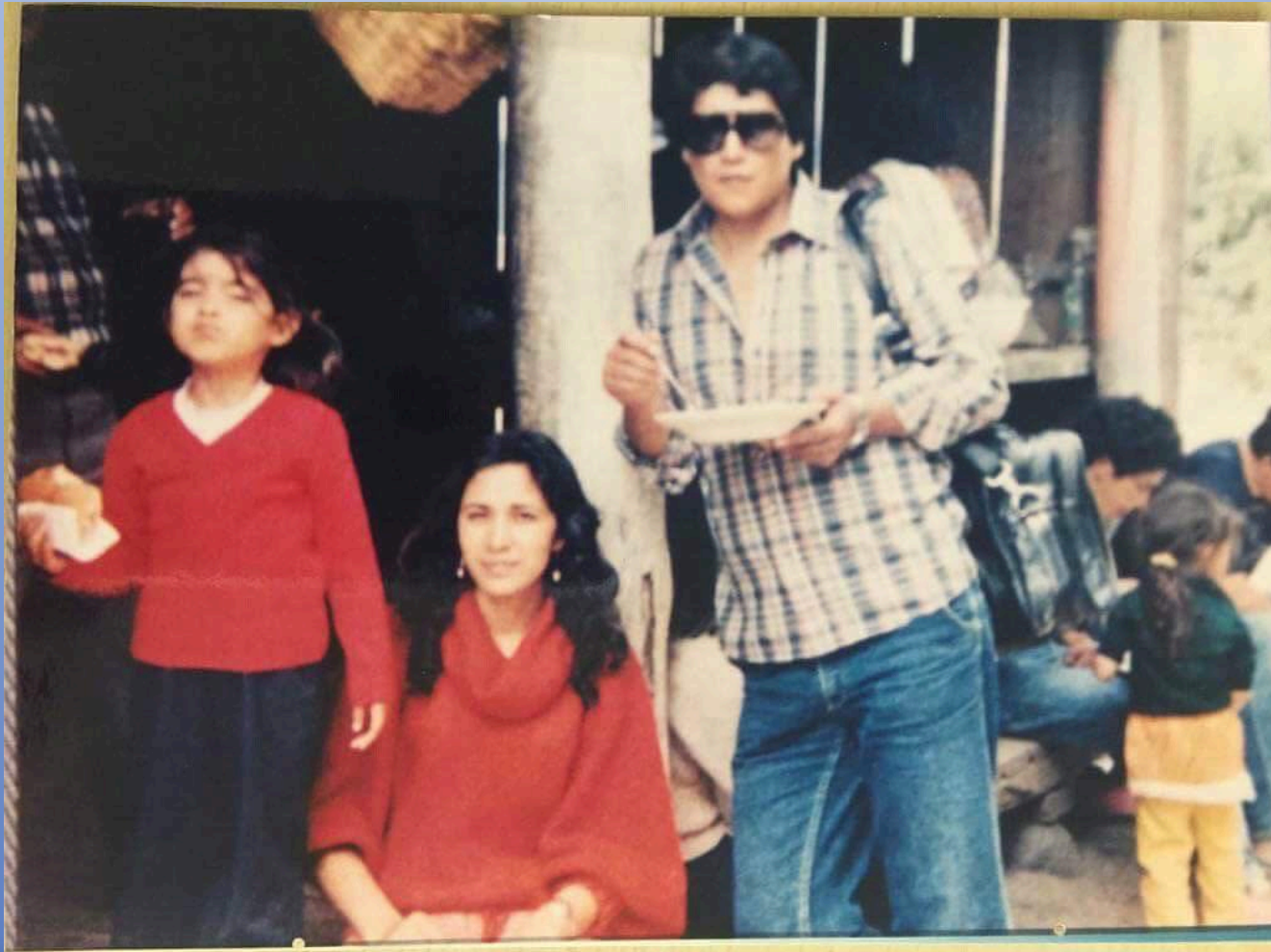
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This is an Inclusive and Safe Space

- What's said here, stays here...but what's learned here, leaves here!
- The objective for today is to begin a dialogue, create awareness, and provide resources

Who am I?



Community College Mission

The mission of America's community colleges is centered on three areas of commitment:

❑ ***Access***

❑ ***Responsiveness to Community Need***

❑ ***Equity***

(Troyer, 2015)

Goals for this Presentation

- Discuss applying for college
- Discuss resources
- Learn more about you and your needs

Hope you leave our time feeling





APPLYING TO COLLEGE

General Overview: Applying to College

- Be purposeful in your searching
- Work towards a short list
- Visit college campuses
- Research application requirements for colleges of interest
- Develop a resume
- Identify key messages you want to convey in your application
- Talk with teachers about letters of recommendations
- Investigate financial aid options

Ocean County College



Student Checklist

- Fill Out an OCC Application
- Apply for Financial Aid
- Submit an Immunization Form
- Schedule a College Placement Test
- Meet with an Advisor
- Register for Classes
- Make Payment Arrangements
- Get Your Official Viking Student ID
- Purchase Books

Tuition Rates for Full-Time and Part-Time Students

(Effective Fall 2017)

- County residents: \$147.50/semester hour
 - (\$116.00 tuition, \$19.00 college/student fees, \$12.50 technology fees)

Scholarships

- Ocean County College Foundation
 - Scholarships and awards vary in amounts and may range up to \$3,000. Some scholarships may be renewed. Recipients are selected by the Foundation Scholarship Committee.
- Education Opportunity Fund
 - Grants are awarded each semester and based upon available funding you may apply for a summer session grant.
- Academic School Scholarships
 - Academic schools offer many program specific scholarships to OCC students.

**PREPARING TO APPLY
FOR COLLEGE IF YOU ARE
AN IMMIGRANT STUDENT**

Key Terms

- **DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**
 - Executive Order Signed in 2012; Allows temporary protection of persons who arrived to the U.S. as children
- **Undocumented: Persons who do not hold U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or who have fallen out of status due to issues or not renewing their respective status**

Mixed Status Students

- A “**mixed-status family**” is a family whose members include people with different citizenship or immigration statuses. One example of a **mixed-status family** is one in which the parents are undocumented and the children are U.S. born citizens.

NJ Tuition Equity Act

The New Jersey Tuition Equity Act (NJ DREAM Act) allows undocumented college students to pay in-state tuition rates.

To request exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees, charged to non-New Jersey residents, students must complete, sign and submit the [Application for In-State Tuition form](#) via mail or bring the completed form with your high school transcript.

The application for in-state tuition must be filed with the Registration and Records office before the start of the registered semester in order to be applied.



OFFICE OF REGISTRATION & RECORDS

Ocean County College
College Drive • P.O. Box 2001
Toms River, NJ 08754-2001
PHONE 732.255.0304 • FAX 732 864-3849 • registrar@ocean.edu

APPLICATION FOR IN-STATE TUITION

Complete and sign this form to request exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees charged to non-New Jersey residents and mail or bring this completed form with your high school transcript to: Registration and Records, Ocean County College, College Drive, PO Box 2001, Toms River, NJ 08754-2001.

Application for In-state tuition must be filed with the Registration and Records office before the start of the registered semester in order to be applied.

If you are determined to be eligible, you will continue to receive the exemption as long as you fulfill the requirements or the College no longer offers this exemption, whichever occurs first. Applying for the exemption does not in any way alter your responsibility to pay on time any nonresident tuition and fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. You must complete all sections of this form.

I, the undersigned, am applying for nonresident tuition exemption and declare that all of the following apply to me:

1. I have attended high school in New Jersey for three or more years; and
2. I have graduated from a New Jersey high school or have attained the equivalent thereof, such as a High School Equivalency diploma, issued by the State of New Jersey Department of Education; and
3. I am NOT a non-immigrant alien with a currently valid visa. (Non-immigrants, as defined by federal law, have been admitted to the United States temporarily and may have been granted one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, TN, TD, V, TROV, and NATO or any other non-immigrant visa).

High School	City	State	From Month/Year	To Month/Year

Note: You must submit this Application together with the Affidavit of Intent and provide evidence of attendance at a New Jersey high school for three or more years and receipt of a diploma or equivalent from a New Jersey high school (G.E.D.)

DECLARATION OF TRUE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION

I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the tuition exemption. I further understand that if any of the above information is found to be false, I will be liable for payment of all nonresident charges from which I was exempted and may be subject to disciplinary action by the College.

Student Name _____
Clearly Print Full Name (as it appears on your Ocean County College application and registration records)

Email _____ Student ID _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Undocumented/DACA students do not qualify for FAFSA

- Federal law does NOT prohibit states from providing state tuition to undocumented immigrants
- Some institutions may require DACA students to complete the FAFSA to qualify for institutional aid
- As of January 2014, undocumented students in New Jersey are eligible to qualify for in-state tuition due to passage of the New Jersey Tuition Equity Act (NJ Dream Act)

Documented Students in Mixed Status Families

Documented students qualify for federal and state aid

- When completing FAFSA and the parent(s) is undocumented:
 - Do not provide a false SSN or ITIN number

**INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT:
HOW DOES AN UNDOCUMENTED
STUDENT PAY FOR COLLEGE?**

Rutgers University-Newark (RU-N to the TOP)

Talented and Opportunity Pathways Program

- Provides a “last dollar” scholarship, meaning that this scholarship will cover the cost of in-state tuition and mandatory school fees after all federal, state, and internal/external scholarship have been applied, if applicable.
- LINK: <https://admissions.newark.rutgers.edu/paying-for-college/ru-n-top>

Eligibility

- In order to be eligible for the RU-N to the TOP scholarship, a student must be in one of the following categories:
 - Be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National
 - Be a U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551, or I-551c (Alien Registration Receipt Card)
 - Be a recipients of New Jersey S2479 (the “Dream Act”) and Federal Deferred Action to Childhood Arrival (DACA) benefits

New Jersey City University

- President's Academic Scholarship
 - NJCU offers this scholarship to both incoming first-year students and transfer students with an associate's degree regardless of immigration status
 - A first-time student can obtain up to \$44,000 for four years (covers full-time in-state tuition and fees) if they have a minimum 3.0 GPA and a 1270 or higher SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing/ Math or 26 Higher ACT
 - Transfer students can obtain coverage for full-time in-state tuition fees for over two years (\$11,000 annually)
 - Link: <http://www.njcu.edu/academics/financial-aid-scholarships>

NATIONAL RESOURCES

The Dream.US

- This is a scholarship for DACAmented students across the nation. Scholarships available for up to \$25,000/year for associate or bachelor's degrees are awarded to help cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and transportation expenses for students who would otherwise be unable to attend college
- The National Scholarship closes March 1st; Awardees notified in late April
- <http://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/>

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

- This scholarship aids people active in movements for social and economic justice. This is a need-based scholarship
- The maximum grant available from the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund is \$10,000 per year (from July 1 through June 30)
- Applications must be submitted no later than April 1; Applicants will be informed of decisions in July
- Link: <http://www.davisputter.org>

Questions?