



College Options and Resources

Can I go to college?
YES, YOU CAN!

How can I pay for college?

Undocumented and DACA students do not qualify for federal or state financial aid (this includes Tennessee Promise). This means we have to be proactive and look for other scholarship options, such as funding from private colleges or organizations.

Scholarships

There are private schools all over Tennessee that offer school scholarships for your grades, your family's needs, athletics, or even band. If you are looking for additional scholarships, we have gathered information about some that might interest you. Please note that these opportunities may have other eligibility criteria (ex. GPA, planned major, community service)

National

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
hsf.net

Que Lleva Cafe Scholarship
ca-core.org

QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program
questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars

Gogo Charters National Scholarship for Immigrants and Refugees
gogocharters.com/scholarship

La Unidad Latina Foundation
lulf.org

Mapes Law Offices
mapesbankruptcyattorneys.com/mapes-law-offices-scholarship/

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
davisputter.org

B. Davis Scholarship
studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm

SCW DREAMers Scholarship
workinjuryaz.com/phoenix-workers-compensation-lawyers/#dreamers

Brian Zieger Scholarship
brianzeiger.com/scholarship

Local + Regional

Equal Chance for Education Scholarship
equalchanceforeducation.com/scholarships

TheDream.US Scholarship
https://www.thedream.us/

Golden Door Scholars
goldendoorscholars.org

Additional Scholarship Resources

TN Educational Equity Coalition
tnedequity.org

United We Dream
unitedwedream.org

MALDEF
maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html

National Immigration Law Center
www.nilc.org/issues/education/estimates-of-eligible-students/aid-scholarships-groups/

Scholarships A-Z
scholarshipsaz.org

My Documented Life
mydocumentedlife.org

DREAMer's Roadmap
dreamersroadmap.com

Educators for Fair Consideration
e4fc.org

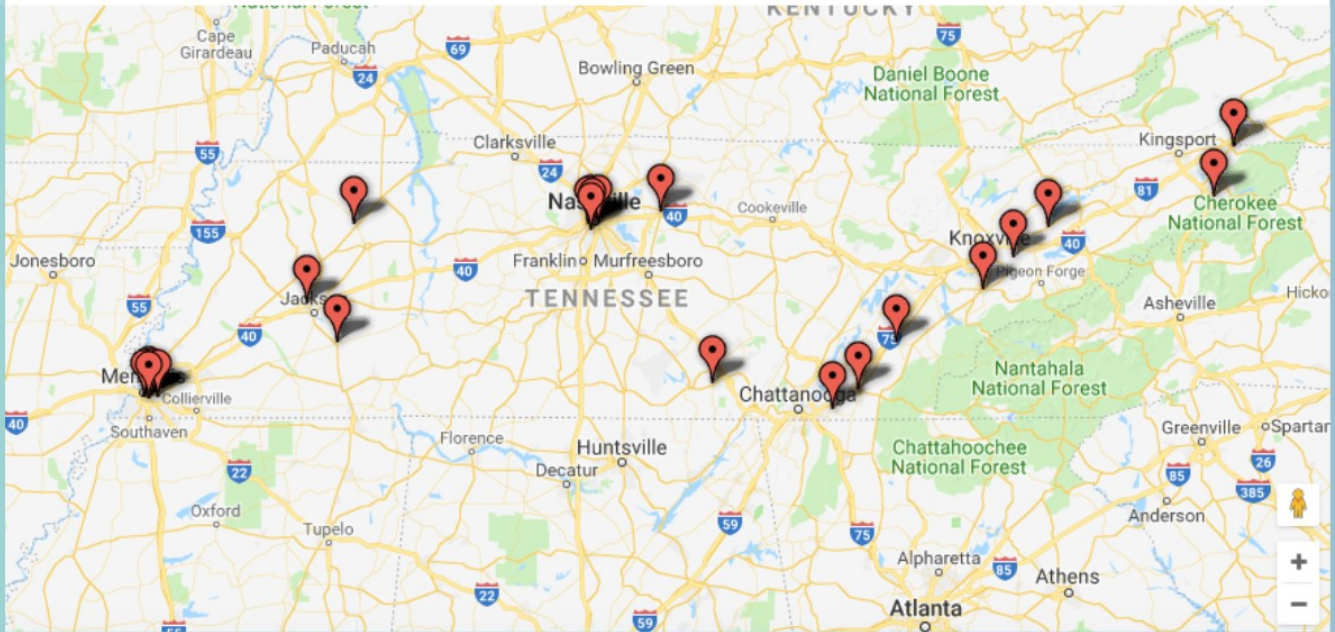
The Study Foundation
studyfoundationtn.org



Can I Get Any Financial Aid?

Yes.

There are 24 colleges and universities across the state of Tennessee that provide some financial aid for undocumented students. Some universities provide discounts, while others provide scholarships based GPA and/or ACT score. Learn more about these colleges at: <http://tnedequity.org/undocumented-friendly-schools-in-tennessee/>.



Equal Chance for Education

Equal Chance for Education is a scholarship program for students with DACA, TPS or that would have qualified for DACA. Learn more about requirements and application at: <https://www.equalchanceforeducation.com/how-to-apply>.



What Are My Options?

English Language Learning Classes

Since most college classes are taught in English, you'll want to make sure that you're comfortable and proficient in it. Take these classes to prepare and improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills. There are several places that offer affordable short-term or long-term language courses.

- **Conexion Americas:**
conexionamericas.org/what-we-do/programs-and-services-for-latino-families/esl-classes/
- **NICE:** empowernashville.org/adult-education-2/
- **Nashville Public Library:**
nashvillepubliclibrary.org/newamericanscorner/learn-english-esl/

TCAT



The Tennessee College of Applied Technology has 27 locations across the state and is a great option for learning skills you can put to use right away. Choose from a wide range of part-time and full-time programs, such as Automotive Technology, Digital Graphic Design, and Surgical Technology. Costs range from \$4,500 to \$10,000.

Program Examples (Program Tuition & Fees):

- Automotive Technology - \$6,080
- Aviation Maintenance - \$5,708
- Cosmetology - \$4,462
- Dental Assisting - \$3,738
- Digital Graphic Design - \$3,648
- Information Technology - \$6,080

Community College



There are 13 Tennessee Community College campuses across the state, where you can obtain a certificate or Associate's degree in fields such as Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, and Nursing. This option can also provide flexibility if you are still deciding on which 4-year university you would like to attend. Out-of-state tuition costs are about \$676 per credit hour. You can also consider taking classes part-time.

In-State vs. Out of State (Yearly Tuition)

- \$3,702 vs. \$15,318

Program Examples:

- Business Management
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Nursing

Public University or College



There are 11 public universities in Tennessee where you can earn a Bachelor's degree. Costs will vary depending on the university, but keep in mind that you will pay **out-of-state tuition** rates at these institutions. The degree programs and majors you can choose from will also vary depending on the university. For example, you can major and get a Bachelor's degree in Architecture at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, but Austin Peay State University does not have Architecture programs. You'll want to think about this when deciding where you want to go!

In-State vs. Out of State (Yearly Tuition)

• East Tennessee State University	\$6,630	\$23,796
• Middle Tennessee State University	\$6,552	\$23,616
• Tennessee State University	\$6,198	\$19,554
• University of Memphis	\$7,410	\$19,122
• UT - Knoxville	\$12,436	\$30,856
• UT - Chattanooga	\$8,356	\$24,474

Private University or College



You can also get a Bachelor's degree at a private university or college. This option costs the same for students considered in-state and out-of-state. While this option can be expensive, private colleges tend to offer more scholarships and financial aid to undocumented and DACA students. Other things you might consider when deciding between a public or private university are the size of the campus and classes, the types of degree programs available, and the amount of financial aid offered.

Private Universities (Yearly Tuition)

• Belmont University	\$31,390
• Christian Brothers University	\$30,860
• Lipscomb University	\$29,756
• Maryville College	\$33,524
• Rhodes College	\$44,942
• Sewanee - The University of the South	\$38,816
• Trevecca Nazarene University	\$24,624
• Vanderbilt University	\$45,610



College Application Checklist

Career Interest/Major Interest

Are you looking at colleges In-State, Out-of-State, or both?

College/University	Do they have your major?	Public or private?	ECE eligible?	What scholarships are available?	Deadline to Apply	Application Requirements
Example: Cumberland University	Yes	Private	Yes	Every CU student gets \$3-4k merit-aid. Can qualify for presidential scholarship: 13,000/year.	December 1	*Online application, official transcripts, immunization records, \$25 app fee, 21 ACT & 3.0 GPA *In app, list birthday when it asks for SSN: 999-MO-DDYY

Support System

Talk to an adult (like a counselor, teacher) about helping you think about the college process and selecting a major that may be good for you.

Trusted Adult Name	#1:	#2:
When will you talk to them about applying to college and paying for college?		

-Additional Tips-

- Make a special note of all the applications that require an essay or written answers and find a trusted adult who can review them with and for you.
- Have a trusted adult help you make calls to colleges to speak to a financial aid or admissions counselor for information about the institutional scholarships they offer for undocumented students.
- Keep all of your college information in one place, like a college notebook and/or folder. Make a calendar with important dates and deadlines.