



# **Office of Financial Aid**

## **Undocumented Informational Session**

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**All students face a number of unique barriers that impact their ability to attend and succeed in college. Today's presentation will help to outline pathways and financial resources that may be available to students with the immigration status - Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA).**

**The primary goal of the Office of Financial Aid is to help students achieve their educational potential by providing appropriate financial resources.**

## AGENDA

- 1) Preparing for College
- 2) Dreamers Act
- 3) NJ Dreamers Act (Tuition Equality Act)
- 4) Financial Aid Information and Resources
- 5) Tips...avoiding the Tricks
- 6) Q&A

# How many undocumented students are there?

- Nationally, there are approximately 1.7 Million undocumented people under the age of 30
  - In New Jersey there are approximately 77,000
    - 53% are between the age of 18 and 26
    - 18% are between the age of 15 and 17
- Nationally, approximately 75% come from Mexico and Latin America
  - In New Jersey:
    - Approximately 65% come from Mexico and Latin America
    - If you include the Caribbean the number is approximately 71%
    - Approximately 18% are from Asia
    - Approximately 64% speak Spanish

# Not An Equal Playing Field

Undocumented students:

- **1.7 Million Under age 30**
  - 1 Million Under age 18
  - 80,000 Reach age 18 annually
  - 65,000 Graduate from high school annually
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- 40% of undocumented students do NOT complete high school
    - Only 8% of US born peers do not
  - Resources and Financial Aid vary significantly
    - California, Minnesota, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington offer state aid to undocumented students who meet certain qualifications
    - Some states including New Jersey offer In-State Tuition for undocumented students who meet certain qualifications

Source: Center for American Progress, December 2014



## PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



## UNDER CURRENT LAW...

**Undocumented students are guaranteed a free k-12 public education** under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment pursuant to the 1982 U.S Supreme Court decision, Plyer v. Doe.

Federal Law does **NOT** prohibit admission of undocumented students to public universities and colleges.



# DREAMERS AND EDUCATION IN THE U.S

## Key Questions...

- 1) Are undocumented students allowed to attend college?
- 2) Am I required provide a Social Security Number (SSN)?
- 3) What happens when/if the school finds out about my status?
- 4) Would you recommend students to share their status?



## SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



- While many applications ask for a Social Security Number (SSN), there is no legal obligation on the part of the university to require students to prove it.
- What should I do then?
  - Leave this section blank.
  - Common Application has special direction for DACA recipients.
  - Do NOT provide a false SSN or ITIN:
    - States and/or federal laws make it a crime in some circumstances to use a false SSN - which may qualify as identity theft.

## WILL SCHOOLS REPORT STUDENTS TO DHS?

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does NOT require a college to determine a student's immigration status or to report it if it comes to light.

\*Exception: in the case of a person who came on an international student visa, the school is required to report the termination of a student's academic status, which may possible impact her/his nonimmigrant status.

# NJ TUITION EQUALITY ACT

## Also Known As: NJ Dream Act

Effective: January 2014

A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of section 101 (a)(15) of the "Immigration and Nationality Act," (8 U.S.C. s.1101(a)(15)), shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education if the student:

- 1) attended high school in this State for three or more years;
- 2) graduated from a high school in this State or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
- 3) registers as an entering student or is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher education not earlier than the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year; and
- 4) in the case of a person without lawful immigration status, files an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an application as soon as he is eligible to do so.

## NOTE-

Student information obtained in the implementation of this section shall be confidential

Definition of **Nonimmigrant Alien** - A person who is not a citizen of the United States who enters the country is allowed to stay in the United States for a specific reason and for a limited amount of time

## **NJ Dream Act Is Not DACA**

- Students applying for the NJ Dream Act, may or may not be eligible to file for DACA
  - Many students and professionals tend to interchange these when speaking about either one
  - A student inquiring about DACA should be advised to speak with the appropriate department and/or legal services before filing an I-821
  - One is not required to file for the other
  - You can be eligible for one and not the other

## DIFFERENCE - DREAMers and DACA

In 2010, the DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) failed to pass in the House. It specified a six-year path for illegal aliens to eventually become US citizens if:

- 1) they were brought to the US before the age of 16, are pursuing education or military service
- 2) they have been in the country for five years continuously
- 3) they have a clean criminal record
- 4) they are between the ages of 12 and 35 at the time of the bill's enactment.

While the DREAM Act failed, the name stuck, and now the term DREAMers applies generally to illegal aliens under the age of 35 seeking full or partial legalization/ amnesty and/or taxpayer subsidized tuition.

### **DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**

In 2012, President Obama unilaterally implemented a new program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

# RESIDENCY TUITION POLICY

**A school may charge International/Out-of-State Tuition Automatically.**

- School policies on identifying in-state tuition vary.
- Many school Information systems will default to out-of-state tuition and even international fees based upon information on the admission application
- Schools may or may not reach out to the student to verify tuition eligibility
- Students should ask Admissions/Office of the Registrar for school policy and process when they apply

## Preparing for college: Understanding 2-Years vs. 4-Year Institutions

### Community College 2-Year Institution

#### CITY COLLEGES

- In-District Tuition can range from an estimated \$64 - \$100 per credit hour
- Out-of-District Tuition can range from an estimated \$190 - \$275 per credit hour

Annual Tuition for a Full-Time student:  
\$1,920 - \$3,000 In-District  
\$5,700 - \$8,250 Out-of-District

#### PRIVATE 2-YEAR COLLEGES

Tuition can range from an estimated  
\$250 - \$350 per credit hour

Annual Tuition for a Full-Time student  
\$7,500 - \$10,500

### College/University 4-Year Institution

#### PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

- In-State Tuition can range from \$7,362 to \$12,240 per year
- Out-of-State can range from \$15,000 to \$27,000 per year

These figures are based on full-time enrollment

#### PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

Tuition can range from \$16,000 to \$38,000 per year

These figures are based on full-time enrollment

# DO YOUR SCHOOL RESEARCH



## ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS

College fairs give you the chance to talk to representatives from multiple colleges and career schools. You can learn about various schools, and their representatives will answer your questions. If you are in high school, ask your school counselor about college fairs in your area. You can also go online to find the

- [National Association for College Admission Counseling college fairs](#)

## ATTEND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES

An **open house** is an event held at schools and universities where its 'doors' are open to the general public. Typically prospective students and their parents are given the opportunity to become familiar with school's facilities, admission process and academic courses and residency and campus life.



## HOW TO GET THE BEST ESTIMATE OF YOUR COLLEGE COSTS

Colleges differ in costs, the types of financial aid/scholarships they offer and ways of awarding their financial aid packages.

Most colleges offer a Net Price Calculator, which help students determine how much it will cost to attend an institution in a single academic year after subtracting scholarships and financial aid entitlements. Net Price Calculators are available on a college's or university's website.

Understanding your overall educational cost will help you make informed decisions and plan ahead.

- <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org/>
- <http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>
- <https://studentaid.rutgers.edu/npc/>



## FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS AND RESOURCES



## AFFORDING/PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Do undocumented students qualify for federal financial aid?
- Do undocumented students qualify for in-state tuition in NJ?
- What about private scholarships?
- State financial aid?

# FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Undocumented students

**DO NOT QUALIFY** for federal financial aid.

This includes FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

## **BE in the KNOW**

- Federal law does **NOT** prohibit states from providing in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants.
- Some institutions/private scholarships may require undocumented/DACA students to complete the FAFSA to qualify for institutional aid.
- As of January 2014, undocumented students going to a NJ public institution of higher education are eligible to apply for in-state tuition due to the passage of the New Jersey Dream Act.

## FINANCIAL AID NON-ELIGIBLE

The following types of applicants are **INELIGIBLE** for federal student aid:

- Visitors (B1 and B2 visitor visas)
- International students (F1 and F2 student visas)
- Temporary workers
- Undocumented residents
- Full visa listing: [travel.state.gov/visa](https://travel.state.gov/visa)

**MORE:** [StudentAid.gov/eligibility/non-us-citizens](https://StudentAid.gov/eligibility/non-us-citizens)

# FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY CHART

ELIGIBILITY CHART: FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES BY CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Types of Financial Assistance		U.S. Citizen or U.S. National	Lawful Permanent Resident	Other Noncitizens <sup>1</sup> (Check with your college or career school financial aid office for more information.)	DACA recipient (granted by USCIS)	Undocumented (has no documentation)
Title IV, Federal Student Aid <sup>2</sup>	Grants	Yes	Yes	Yes, if: <sup>3</sup>	No	No
	Loans	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are in T nonimmigrant status ("T visa") or your parent is in T-1 nonimmigrant status.</li> </ul>	No	No
	Work Study	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are recognized as a "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse, or your parent is designated as such.</li> <li>Your Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) from DHS shows "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)," "Conditional Entrant,"<sup>4</sup> or "Parolee."<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	No	No
State Aid (grants/loans)		Varies by State				
Institutional Aid		Varies by institution				
Private Scholarships		Varies, depending on eligibility requirements				
Private Loans		Yes	Varies. A U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident may be needed as a cosigner.			

**REQUIRED FAFSA INFORMATION**

Completing the FAFSA

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- **Student is undocumented—will not qualify for Federal/State Financial Aid Programs (Grants, FWS or Loans )**
  - FAFSA requires a valid Social Security Number
  - Aid eligibility is contingent on US citizenship, permanent residence, or “eligible non-citizen” status
  - FAFSA checks Social Security & USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Services) databases to validate student data

**Paper FAFSA**

Some school may request that you complete a paper FAFSA to determine need-base eligibility for certain institutional scholarships or funding. A paper FAFSA is available at high school guidance offices, college financial aid offices, and most libraries or at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1718/pdf/PdfFafsa17-18.pdf>

- **Student documented, parent [s] undocumented**
  - Student reports own SSN and status
  - Reports parent[s] social security # as 000-00-0000 [even if the form thinks you made an error, keep clicking]
  - Reports student and parent earned income on FAFSA
  - Mails signature for FAFSA processing [parent cannot obtain a FAFSA pin]
  - Eligible for federal aid [Pell and other federal grants, Direct loans, etc]
  - As long as parents are NJ residents, may be eligible for state aid.

**YOU CANNOT RECEIVE FEDERAL STUDENT AID UNLESS ALL YOUR INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE**

# NJ STATE RESIDENCY FOR STATE AID

The State – NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) – recently announced their efforts to streamline aid processing for **US citizen/eligible non-citizen students whose parents are undocumented starting with academic year 2016-2017** (currently in process now).

If an applicant (dependent student) responds to state of resident questions (on the FAFSA - see below) with "NJ" the application automatically goes through their system without requiring a residency review/appeal. The student must still comply with all State eligibility requirements, including the additional New Jersey Questions which must be completed and received by the Federal processor by the New Jersey State deadlines.

## PARENT RESIDENCY FAFSA QUESTIONS

Parents' State of Legal Residence: NJ

Were Parents Legal Residents Before January 1, 2011?

Parents' Legal Residence Date: (must be at least 12 month prior to enrollment/eligibility of award)

## STUDENT MUST:

- Demonstrate financial need (File the FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- Be a legal resident of New Jersey for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to enrollment
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required – male students)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in an approve program (degree/certificate)



# NJ STATE RESIDENCY PETITION

Applicant fails to answer “NJ” question on the FAFSA, an appeal may need to be completed:

- Proof of graduation from a New Jersey high school or a New Jersey GED (currently enrolled New Jersey high school seniors can submit a high school transcript);
- A copy of the parent's or student's 2013 New Jersey resident income tax return as applicable;
- A copy of the parent's or student's New Jersey driver license or state identification as applicable (copy and enlarge before faxing or mailing);
- Evidence of the parent's or student's home ownership or a long-term lease in New Jersey as applicable; and
- Such additional documentation as may be deemed necessary by HESAA upon specific review of the student's application.

**Upon receipt of this documentation, HESAA will make a determination of your State grant eligibility and send you a Student Eligibility Notice (SEN) reflecting your potential State grant eligibility**

NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

800-792-8670 or [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org)

**TheDream.US**

Rutgers University- Newark is a proud college partner—TheDream.US is a new multimillion dollar National Scholarship Fund for DREAMers, created to help immigrant youth achieve their American Dream through the completion of a college education.

## TheDream.US National Scholarship Partner Colleges

Click the points to expand them.

NEW JERSEY

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEWARK

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE





## TheDream.US Scholarship Award

The scholarships will help cover the tuition and fees for an associate's or bachelor's degree at a [Partner College](#). **Applicant must be accepted to and eligible for in-state tuition at one of the Partner Colleges in order to receive the Scholarship.**

### THE AWARD

- The Scholarship is intended to cover a significant portion of tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$12,500 for an associate's degree and \$25,000 for a bachelor's degree.
- The amount of each award is based on the current tuition and fees charged by the Partner College and the applicant's financial need **after** the application of any available federal, state, or institutional aid or outside grants or scholarships.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Opens November 15, 2016
- How to Apply: Online at <http://www.thedream.us/nationalscholarship/>

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1) Students must be accepted to and be eligible for in-state tuition at one of NJ Partner Colleges in order to receive the scholarship at Essex Community College and/or Rutgers University-Newark
- 2) Be DACA or TPS eligible and have applied for or received DACA or TPS approval
- 3) Demonstrate significant financial need



## QUESTIONS...TheDream.US

**Email:** [TheDream.US@applyISTS.com](mailto:TheDream.US@applyISTS.com)

Reference TheDream.US Scholarship Program

**Telephone:** 1-(855) 670-ISTS (4787) ask for the TheDream.US Scholarship Program



## QUESTIONS... Rutgers University-Newark

### Contact—

#### Rutgers University- Newark Academic Partnership

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Website: <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/>



## Rutgers University-Newark INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

**Rutgers Talent Opportunity Pathway (RUN to the TOP):** 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 scholarships have been applied. The scholarship program starts for students entering Rutgers University-Newark for the first time in Fall 2016

**In order to be eligible for the RUN to the TOP scholarship, a student must be in one of the following categories:**

- U.S. Citizen or U.S. National
- U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551, or I-551c (Alien Registration Receipt Card)
- Recipients of New Jersey S2479 (the “Dream Act”) and Undocumented/Federal Deferred Action to Childhood Arrival (DACA) benefits

**Student Requirement:**

- All qualified students must be an admitted, enrolled, matriculated student at Rutgers University-Newark seeking the completion of their first bachelor’s degree, starting no earlier than the Fall 2016 semester; and
- Meet one of the following requirements:
  - Be a resident of the City of Newark NJ, or
  - A graduate of a [New Jersey County College \(NJCC\)](#)

**Income Requirement:**

- Have a total household income of \$60,000 or less. Household income will be determined by your responses to the questions about yours and your parents’ and/or spouse’s income reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Additional information available online - RUN to the TOP:**

<http://admissions.newark.rutgers.edu/ru-n-talent-and-opportunity-pathways-financial-aid-program>



## RU-N TO THE TOP SCHOLARSHIP

### To be considered:

- 1) Undocumented or DACA students must complete the petition for nonresident tuition exemption under the New Jersey Dream Act
  - a) **TOP Scholarship only cover instate tuition and mandatory fees**
- 2) **Affidavit** and **Instructions** for the Dream Act is available online at <http://admissions.rutgers.edu>
- 3) Submit an electronic or paper FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
  - a) **Paper FAFSA's are to be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid for review/ determination of income eligibility**
- 4) Submit income documentation for the appropriate tax filing year that the TOP Scholarship is being offered for (entering school year 2017-18 submit 2015 tax document)

## Rutgers University-Newark

## INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

**Honor Living-Learning Community (HLLC)****The Process for Consideration:**

1. Apply for Admissions by December 1.
2. Complete an HLLC inquiry form online <http://hllc.newark.rutgers.edu/>
3. Attend a Large Group Interview
4. Attend personal Interview and complete HLLC essay (by invitation)

**DETAILS of the Scholarship**

Residential scholarships is awarded regardless of a student/families' income. The HLLC residential scholarship is awarded after all financial aid and scholarships (internal/external) are determined and applied.

- Awarded to HLLC students living on campus
- Renewable
- Student must apply for financial aid by all stated deadlines (priority date of December 1)
- Adhere to all financial aid requirements/policies to maintain financial aid funding
- Scholarship will be awarded in the financial aid package after room/board charges are posted to the student's term bill

**FUNDING details of the scholarship**

First Year: 4 academic years – 8 semesters

Transfer: 2 academic years – 4 semesters

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

📖 The College/University

📖 Outside Organizations

📖 Civic organizations (ex.-local Rotary Club), parent's employer, high school awards

📖 Professionals already working in your desired school major

📖 Scholarship resources books









<http://www.finaid.org/questions/undergradschol.phtml>

Getting Help to Pay for Your Education: [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org)

📖 Other students



# AFFORDABILITY

-  PETITION FOR THE IN-STATE TUITION DISCOUNT
-  Consider starting at a community college, then transfer
-  Tuition payment plans – monthly payments, usually no added fees
-  Private education loans – you may need a co-signer
-  Budget and save
-  Get involved in community efforts to bring about change
-  Crowd Sourcing (go fund me...)
-  Tutoring and other skill-based jobs

## WORKING WHILE IN COLLEGE

Not all jobs on campus are Federal Work-Study positions

- Resident Advisor— can help manage the cost of living on campus
- Internships-may be paid or unpaid—do the research
- Job Location Development Program—JLDP  
<http://studentwork.rutgers.edu/default.htm>

### **THINGS to think about...**

- Be realistic and manage your work hours
- Seek flexible employment that fits into your demands as a student
- Part-time and summer employment NOW help to build FUTURE employment opportunities—Resume building

## **FREE Money is the BEST Money**

- Speak to your prospective Student Financial Aid Offices, College Admission Offices and Academic Departments.
- Use your resources (local community events, libraries, internet, family experiences, and the product and services that you utilize).
- Never assume. Read the fine print on all scholarship requirements and follow the instructions to the letter.
- Write the essay. Think about the essay and have at least three people proofread and critique.
- No scholarship is too small. Pennies add up to DOLLARS and Dollars pay tuition, fees, and books...
- Start early and apply on time. Some scholarships start as early as freshman year of high school.
- Don't get SCAMMED. Most scholarship sponsors do not charge up-front fees. Never provide your social security number or credit card information.

# Tips...avoiding the Tricks

## Avoiding Immigration Scams!

Applicants should be aware of immigration scams. Unauthorized practitioners of immigration law may try to take advantage of individuals by charging them money to obtain or submit forms related to DACA or communicate with USCIS on their behalf.

### **TIP RESOURCES:**

- 1) Visit **[www.uscis.gov/avoidscams](http://www.uscis.gov/avoidscams)** or **[www.uscis.gov/eviteestafas](http://www.uscis.gov/eviteestafas)** for tips on how to find authorized legal assistance and how to recognize and avoid immigration services scams.
- 2) Official U.S. Government Web sites should be the main source of information on DACA and immigration services. Go to **[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)** to learn more.
- 3) Need legal immigration advice, be sure to use an authorized professional.
  - ✓ This means an attorney in good standing or a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited representative.
  - ✓ Check the BIA Web site for a list of attorneys who provide immigration services for low to no cost and for a list of disciplined attorneys.
  - ✓ Also, check the American Bar Association or State bar association for legal services in your State.

## **DACA/UNDOCUMENTED RESOURCES**

**What types of resources can we offer to undocumented students?**





## THE DACA GUIDE

- Educators for Fair Consideration: [e4fc.org](http://e4fc.org)
- The GED (General Educational Development Tests) is a high school equivalency test.: [www.gedtestingservice.com](http://www.gedtestingservice.com)
- Search for Adult Education Programs: [www.literacydirectory.org](http://www.literacydirectory.org)
- Getting Help to Pay for Your Education: [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org)
- Frequently Asked Questions about DACA: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)
- Resources for DACA Applicants: [unitedwedream.org](http://unitedwedream.org)

# There's an app for that...Scholarships!

A new app, DREAMers' Road-map, is designed to assist undocumented students finding scholarships and other resources. The app is available for both Android and iOS!

- [DREAMer's Roadmap App](#)



# Scholarships Opportunities

## Scholarship Resource Sites

- [www.MALDEF.org](http://www.MALDEF.org) – Mexican American Legal Defense Fund
- [www.migrant.net](http://www.migrant.net) – GENESEO Migrant Center
- <http://www.e4fc.org/resources.html> - Educators for Fair Consideration
- Latino College Dollars
- Scholarships for Hispanics
- FastWeb
- Get Ready for College

## Scholarship Opportunities

- Generation Progress has partnered with United We Dream to compile a comprehensive list of scholarships for undocumented students
  - [Scholarships for Undocumented Scholarships](#)
- Applications for the Levin-Goffe Scholarship for LGBTQI immigrants are being accepted by Stonewall Community Foundation. The Levin-Goffe Scholarship was established to help support undocumented immigrants pursuing higher education in New York City who also identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or intersex (LGBTQI). Scholarship application is due by noon on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016**.
  - [Levin-Goffe Scholarship](#)

# Scholarships Opportunities

## [TheDream.US Scholarship Program](#)

This scholarship is for undocumented students who are [DACA](#) eligible and have applied for or received DACA approval. Applicants must attend a partner college.

## [CORE Que Llueva Café Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for undocumented students of Chicano/Latino descent. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors.

## [Davis-Putter Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for students who are active in movements for social and/or economic justice. US citizenship is not required.

## [Activ8 Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for Latino students who demonstrate financial need. Non-US citizens and undocumented students are eligible and encouraged to apply.

## [Platt Family Scholarship Prize Essay Contest](#)

This scholarship is for undergraduate students attending American colleges and universities. American citizenship is not required.

## [La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for Hispanic students enrolled in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program. Applicants must reside in the United States. Undocumented students and non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Herbert Lehman Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for high school seniors, high school graduates, and currently enrolled college freshmen of any ethnicity. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [National Peace Essay Contest for High School Students](#)

This essay contest is for high school students in the United States and its territories. Students attending high school in the United States are eligible regardless of citizenship.

# Scholarships Opportunities

## [Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest](#)

This essay contest is for full-time college juniors and seniors attending colleges or universities in the United States. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Los Hermanos de Stanford Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for graduating high school seniors of Latino/Latina descent who are attending any two- or four-year institution of higher learning. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Momeni Foundation Financial Assistance Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for students of Iranian descent. Scholarships are available regardless of citizenship or country of residency.

## [Broome & Allen Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for students of Sephardic Jewish origin or who are working in Sephardic studies. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Point Foundation Scholarship Program](#)

This scholarship is for students who are involved in the LGBTQ community. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Foster Care to Success Scholarships](#)

This scholarship is for orphans and/or students who have been in foster care while living in the United States. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

# Scholarships Opportunities

## [A Voice for Animals Contest](#)

This contest is for high school students who have participated in projects that promote the humane treatment of animals. Students are eligible regardless of nationality, citizenship, or country of residence.

## [Ayn Rand Anthem Essay Contest](#)

This essay contest is for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders worldwide; there are no citizenship requirements. To apply, applicants must submit an essay on the book, *Anthem* by Ayn Rand.

## [Ayn Rand The Fountainhead Essay Contest](#)

This essay contest is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders worldwide; there are no citizenship requirements. To apply, applicants must submit an essay on the book, *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand.

## [Ayn Rand Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest](#)

This essay contest is for 12<sup>th</sup> graders, college undergraduates, and graduate students worldwide; there are no citizenship requirements. To apply, applicants must submit an essay on the book, *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand.

## **Scholarships for Specific Fields of Study**

### [Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Foundation Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for Hispanic students who are majoring in science, technology, engineering, math, or a related field, and are members of SHPE. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

### [Earl Warren Scholarships](#)

This scholarship is for college graduates who are planning to attend an accredited US law school. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

### [Great Minds in STEM / HENAAC Scholars Program](#)

This scholarship is for Hispanic students who are majoring in science, technology, engineering, or math. Non-US citizens are encouraged to apply.

# Scholarships Opportunities

## [Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for rising college juniors and seniors who are studying television and film production. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [Women in Aerospace Foundation Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for women of any citizenship or nationality who are interested in pursuing a career in the aerospace field.

## [LMSA Scholarship for US Medical Students](#)

This scholarship is for Hispanic students who are enrolling in a US-accredited medical school. Students are eligible regardless of immigration status.

## [American Nuclear Society John and Muriel Landis Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in nuclear science, nuclear engineering, or a nuclear-related field. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## [National Sculpture Society Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is for students studying sculpture art. Non-US citizens are eligible to apply.

## Legal Resources

If you are not sure whether the person will qualify for NJ Dream, DACA, or any other visa status refer them to legal services such as:

- Rutgers School of Law–Newark **Immigrant Rights Clinic**
- **<https://law.newark.rutgers.edu/clinics/immigrant-rights-clinic>**
  - American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program
  - Catholic Charities
  - Casa Esperanza
  - Legal Services of NJ
  - MCOHA
  - Wind of the Spirit
  - CEUS
  - Camden Center for Law and Social Justice
  - Northeast NJ Legal Services
  - PRAB
  - LALDEF
  - On campus legal services (if applicable)
  - <http://www.e4fc.org/resources.html>



## Internship AND Professional Development Opportunities

### Internship Opportunities

- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) staff and pro bono attorney partners at law firms, corporations, and law schools nationwide represent unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in their deportation proceedings. KIND is accepting applications for **non-law student interns** to join their team this summer and next school year.
  - [KIND Internships](#)
- Hispanic Association of College and Universities (HACU) in Washington, DC, is accepting applications from individuals to work as a paid intern for the Summer of 2016. Due May 2, 2016.
  - [HACU Internship Opportunity](#)

### Professional Development Opportunity

- The Braven Accelerator empowers promising young people on their path to college graduation and strong first jobs. To do so, Braven partners with educational institutions, volunteer professionals, and employers to offer a rigorous and relevant career readiness course, followed by robust campus-based alumni programming.
  - [Become a Braven Fellow](#)

# Glossary of common immigration-related terms

ASYLUM	A form of relief those who can prove a well-founded fear of or past persecution because of race, religion, nationality, political opinions, or membership in a particular social group if returned to his/her country of origin.
DACA	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an American immigration policy that allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 to receive a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation.
DAPA	Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents. This is a program that President Obama put forward in November 2014.
GREEN CARD OR "PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD"	A green card is a document which demonstrates that a person is a lawful permanent resident, allowing a non-citizen to live and work in the United States indefinitely.
LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT (LPR)	Any person not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the U.S. with permanent lawful status as an immigrant.
NATURALIZATION	The process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a lawful permanent resident after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
REFUGEE	Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Refugees are eligible to adjust to lawful permanent resident status after one year of continuous presence in the United States.
REMOVAL	The formal expulsion or deportation of a non-citizen from the United States when the non-citizen has been found removable for violating the immigration laws.
US CITIZEN	With very few exceptions, anyone who was born in the US. Also anyone who is "naturalized." Citizenship can be derived from parents as well, regardless of place of birth.
USCIS	US Citizenship and Immigration Services is one of the new bureaus under the Dept. of Homeland Security, which replaced the INS in 2003. The USCIS is responsible for the administration of immigration and naturalization adjudication functions and establishing immigration services policies and priorities.
VISA	A U.S. visa allows the bearer to apply for entry to the U.S. in a certain classification (e.g. student (F), visitor (B), temporary worker (H)). A visa does not guarantee the bearer the right to enter the United States.