



PICC

College Access for Undocumented Students Toolkit

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Undocumented students face unique challenges when applying for college. Some colleges and universities view undocumented students as out-of-state or international students, and charge higher tuition rates than for other residents of Pennsylvania. Many scholarships and types of financial aid are not open to undocumented students. For many students, this means putting a hold on or ending to dreams of attending college.

PICC is committed to advocating for policy changes that will level the playing field, and allow undocumented students to qualify for the same tuition rates and local scholarships available to other residents of Pennsylvania. While we work to enact these policies, this toolkit contains tips and resources to help undocumented students navigate the sometimes complicated work of applying for college and financial aid.

DISCLAIMER: The information in this toolkit is based on personal experience of students, educators and members of PICC across Pennsylvania and has been compiled by our staff. We want this resource guide to be as comprehensive and useful as possible. We update this toolkit twice a year. If you know of any resources not listed in here or outdated, please let us know! Contact Yeny Romero at yenyromero@paimmigrant.org or (484) 352-3068 if you have any feedback, suggestions, or edits.

Get involved! It is everyone's responsibility to continue pushing for access to education for ALL students regardless of immigration status. We encourage immigrant youth from all backgrounds to get involved! Share your stories and experiences, tell family and friends. Don't remain in silence. We will support you along the way. Teachers, school counselors and allies are also welcome! Be part of our movement and fight for education justice for all students of Pennsylvania.

This toolkit is divided into three sections:

- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Admission and Financial Aid Policies at Pennsylvania Schools
- General and Community Resources
- Update of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Note to Institutions of Higher Education

Institutions of higher education should continue to fight back and support ALL students regardless of immigration status. If you are a university that supports undocumented students and don't see your information in this toolkit or your information is not up to date, please contact Yeny Romero at yenyromero@paimmigrant.org.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Scholarship tips:

- Look for private scholarships that don't require proof of legal status or citizenship
- Call your school(s) of choice and ask about private scholarship opportunities

National Scholarship Resources:

Visit these sites for lists of scholarships available for undocumented students. Make sure to review the rules for applying and keep track of application deadlines.

Immigrants Rising has scholarships open to undocumented students in undergraduate and master's programs, visit their website to find list of upcoming scholarships, resources for educators and students.

<https://immigrantsrising.org>

La Unidad Latina Foundation (LULF) in the past this organization funded the DREAM Scholarship Program- supporting undocumented students in the US, National Scholarship Program - Open to all students and Puerto Rican Relief Scholarship - Supporting students enrolled and attending college or university on the island of Puerto Rico. Visit lulf.org.

Generation Progress: Over 30 scholarships listed. <http://genprogress.org/about/scholarships-for-undocumented-students-2/>

Golden Doors Scholars: <http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/application/open>
four-year tuition and room and board scholarships to DACA and TPS students who are pursuing a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools

Microsoft Scholarship: <https://careers.microsoft.com/us/en/usscholarshipprogram>

The Geneseo Immigrant Center: <http://migrant.net/scholarships/index>.

Que Lleva Café Scholarship :http://www.ca-core.org/que_lleva_cafe_scholarship_program

United We Dream: <http://unitedwedream.org/blog/6-scholarship-opportunities-undocumented-students>

College Green Light: Undocumented students section.<http://blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/easy-scholarships-for-undocumented-students>

Univision Scholarship- Open to Undocumented students
mydocumentedlife.org/2016/01/08/2016-2017-becas-univision-scholarship-open-to-undocumented-students/

Dreamer's Roadmap: Mobile app to help undocumented students find scholarships.

<http://dreamersroadmap.com>

Questbridge:Matches low income high school students with private universities that offer Questbridge scholars full financial aid. Many schools that partner with Questbridge will consider undocumented students.

www.questbridge.org/

Princeton Prize in Race Relations: Be currently enrolled in grades 9-12 in participating regions. Demonstrate strong activism in race relations. www.princeton.edu/pprize/application

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans: <https://www.pdsoros.org>

Admission and Financial Aid Policies at Pennsylvania Schools

***CCS-** The **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE** (often written as **CSS PROFILE**), short for the College Scholarship Service Profile, is an application distributed by the College Board in the United States allowing college students to apply for financial aid. It is primarily designed to give private member institutions of the College Board a closer look into the finances of a student and family. It is much more detailed than the FAFSA.

- The CSS Profile asks questions about the financial status of the student and the student's parents. The information the student gives in the CSS Profile is then sent to colleges or universities that the student specifies.
- Along with the FAFSA, the CSS Profile is the most common financial aid application that students in the United States fill out.
- **Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)**- 14 Universities that make up the PASSHE system provide in-state tuition rates to anyone who has been “domiciled” in Pennsylvania.¹ “Domicile” is defined as “[t]he place where one intends to reside permanently or indefinitely and does in fact so reside.”² Under this policy, undocumented students may pay in-state tuition if they can provide clear and convincing evidence of having been “domiciled” in Pennsylvania.³

PASSHE Schools: Bloomsburg, Cheyney, East Stroudsburg, Indiana, Lock Haven, Millersville, Slippery Rock, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Kutztown, Mansfield, Shippensburg, West Chester

- Other Pennsylvania state schools may consider admitting undocumented students at in-state tuition rates but such practices are neither uniform nor part of an established policy.

Help us stay updated on new policies, advocates, scholarships, etc. Please take a few minutes to share your experience applying to schools by filling out our survey: <https://tinyurl.com/picctuitionequity>

Institution	Admission Policy for Undocumented Students	Financial Aid Availability	Contact Advocates	Updated
Albright College	Considered international students. The student must complete an international student form showing how they will fund their education.	Transfer scholarship available Merit-based scholarships Scholarships for local undocumented students to help cover full tuition and room and board.	Myrna Fuchs myrnashfuchs@gmail.com	6/4/19

¹ 22 PA. CODE § 507.2 (2015).

² 22 PA. CODE § 507.1 (2015).

³22 PA. CODE § 507.3(2) (2015).

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Alvernia University	No information available on student category consideration Students can get connected with the college through the Olivet College Access Program	Reading Collegiate Scholars Scholarship Program Financial aid available DACA students may be eligible for full tuition depending on education achievement	Myrna Fuchs myrnashfuchs@gmail.com	11/5/18
Community College Of Philadelphia	Considered in-state students	unknown		9/19/18
Delaware County Community College	First Community college to publicly announce “open door policy” for undocumented students. Undocumented students receive in-county rates as long as the student graduated from a sponsoring district. Other district students will receive in-state tuition rate. Check the “No Status” check box in application	Scholarships for undocumented students available: “Dream Scholarship” Please check website for more information and dates	Veronica Rodriguez vrodriguez6@dccc.edu Jose mazenett jmazenett@dccc.edu	6/4/19
Delaware Valley University	Reviewed by state of residence	Merit-based scholarships available regardless of status Multicultural Student Scholarship	Maria Cabrera maria.cabrera@delval.edu	9/19/18
Eastern University	International student	unknown		9/19/18

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Franklin and Marshall College	<p>Considered international. Submit the school's International Financial Aid Form when applying for admission. Complete the CSS Profile and Parents' Tax Returns.</p> <p>F&M makes public commitment to create access to higher education for undocumented students</p>	DACA students in good academic stands and meet financial need can potentially receive full assistance for 4 years. Must apply and check in with Admissions office	Dr. Freud robert.freund@fandm.edu	10/5/17
Gettysburg College	<p>Considered international student Fill out common Application, provide information about country of origin and citizenship.</p> <p>Andrea assists non-citizen students</p>	<p>Fill out international student aid application</p> <p>Merit-based and need-based financial assistance.</p>	<p>Andrea M Buchanan Associate Director of Admissions Coordinator of International Student Admissions abuchana@gettysburg.edu 717.337.6100</p> <p>Brenda Reyes-Lua Center for Public Service breyes@gettysburg.edu</p>	6/7/19
Haverford College	<p>Considered international students and fee waivers available. Complete Profile Application and submit tax returns. http://www.haverford.edu/financialaid/forms.php Financial aid is not available for transfer students.</p>	Eligible for full need-based financial assistance. (only 3 spots available)		10/2/17
Lafayette College	<p>Considered international students. Meets the full demonstrated financial need of international students. Must complete the CSS Profile.</p>	Financial aid available	Director of Admissions	11/2/17
La Salle University	<p>Considered in-state students. Talk to admissions counselor about status.</p>	Unknown	<p>Associate Director of International Admissions Marc Vallone vallonem2@lasalle.edu</p> <p>Stephanie Brown brownsr@lasalle.edu</p>	10/13/17

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Lackawanna Community College	Considered in-state and international students.	unknown		9/19/18
Lehigh University	Considered in-state students. Meets 100% of need. Must complete CSS Profile	Merit-based scholarships may also be awarded on a limited basis. No application is necessary Need-based aid available	Myrna Fuchs myrnashfuchs@gmail.com	6/4/19
Lycoming College's	6 undocumented students will be funded in 2016		Myrna Fuchs myrnashfuchs@gmail.com	11/12/15
Marywood University	Considered in-state students	Merit scholarships		9/23/2020
Millersville University	Considered in- state student under PASSHE policy	Unknown		5/10/18
Muhlenberg College	Considered as international student. General admissions application.	Presidential merit-based scholarship and other merit-based scholarships available to undocumented students	Erika Sutherland Associate Professor of Spanish Office: 484-664-3518 emsuther@muhlenberg.edu	12/15/17
Neumann University	Considered as International Complete International Student Application for Financial Aid and Scholarship when applying for admission	Offer private and presidential scholarships for students	Sr. Marguerite O'Bernie, OSF Vice President for Mission & Ministry 610-558-5511 mobernie@neumann.edu	1/5/19

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PASSHE Schools	<p>In-state tuition rates for undocumented students residents of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Apply as in-state student (see top for information on eligibility for in-state tuition.</p> <p>Some schools like: West Chester, Millersville, Kutztown follow this policy without much explanation from student on status. Reach out to the PASSSHE school you wish to apply to learn about your application process and if there is any financial aid available.</p>	unknown		11/15/18
Penn State University	<p>Assigns DACA students in-state tuition rates as of Summer 2020</p> <p>In the past students had to apply as “international students” and share with college counselor about DACA status and provide documentation of residency in Pennsylvania to obtain in-state tuition rate.</p>	<p>Merit-based scholarships for Science and Engineering</p> <p>Maybe able to get transfer scholarships</p> <p>May be able to be reimbursed if charged international rates in the past.</p>	<p>Eliel Acosta Admissions Counselor Mont Alto Campus eaa16@psu.edu 717- 749-6141</p>	10/01/20
Reading Area Community College (RACC)	<p>Identified as international students</p> <p>In county rates for DACA recipients only.</p> <p>Out of state rates for undocumented non DACA students even if they graduated in the Berks area.</p>	See Reading Financial Aid Resources for list of scholarships available		1/11/18
Rosemont College	Considered international student	unknown	<p>Betsy T. McKlaine Director of Admissions Rosemont College p: 610.527.0200 x2601 betsy.mcklaine@rosemont.edu</p>	10/2/18

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Swarthmore College	Considered domestic students Office to support immigrant students on campus Policy applies to transfer students too www.swarthmore.edu/admissions-aid/undocumented-students	Need-based	Andrew Moe Associate Dean of Admissions 610-328-8300 Amoe1@swarthmore.edu	1/2/19
Temple University	Not clear: Considered international students or in-state students. Many students have tried to challenge how Temple identifies undocumented students since some are classified as in-state and others as international students impacting their cost of tuition.	Unknown		9/19/18
The Restaurant School At Walnut Hill College	Considered in-state student	Unknown		3/23/16
University of Pennsylvania	Only need-based financial aid is awarded when admitted. (Committed to meeting 100% of student's determined need without loans.	Complete the Penn Financial Aid Supplement, the CSS Profile, and the Parents' and Student's Tax Returns Penn for Immigrant Rights scholarship awarded to first generation immigrant or undocumented student		11/2/18

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West Chester University	Considered in-state students Online application has a “No status” check box	Small scholarship granted to undocumented students by Latino Led Organization. Students must apply for scholarship every year.	Professor Linda Stevenson lstevenson@wcupa.edu Student Liaison: Kim Cuellar KC770519@wcupa.edu	5/20/17

General Resources

Department of Education Resource Guide: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf>

My Undocumented Life Blog- <https://mydocumentedlife.org/2016/09/12/scholarships-open-to-undocumented-students/>

United We Dream- The DREAM Educational - Empowerment Program DEEP unitedwedream.org/about/projects/education-deep

How to fill out FAFSA for DACAmented student’s webinar by UWD: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHfOu_I9fWw

Undocu- FAFSA and Common Application Tips for Undocumented Students video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pn_ZkigpJvU

National Immigration Law Center (NILC): www.nilc.org/education

National Council of La Raza Resource Guide: www.nclr.org

Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship- http://www.uskli.org/juan_andrade_scholarship.html

Big Future by the College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students>

Federal Student Aid: www.studentaid.ed.gov

Financial Aid and Undocumented Students:

studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf

Community Resources

Adams County

The Beatrice and Sigfried Lowenthal Scholarship for First and Second Generation Immigrants Provided by the Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) Foundation and the Mexican Consulate Administered by Casa de la Cultura Scholarships. Open to all students regardless of nationality. Scholarships will be given to students based on Essay Responses, Financial Need and timely submission of required documentation. There is no age or citizenship restriction, priority will be given to students who have participated in the Migrant Education or 21st Century programs. The scholarship check will be written out to the institution the student will attend, including Universities, Colleges, Technical Schools and Community Colleges. www.casagettysburg.org

Berks County

GRIP DREAMer Scholarship: For students whose immigration status (or lack thereof) does not allow them to apply for student loans or grants. Applicants meet the following requirements to apply:

- seniors at or graduates of a high school located in Berks County, Pennsylvania;
- Applicant's current primary home at time of application must be located in Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- Applicants must be age 30 or under, and it is preferred that applicants have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Status.
- Applicants who are high school seniors or who have not yet attended college must have obtained a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or an 85% or higher on a 100% scale.
- Applicants who are currently attending college or who previously attended college must have obtained a college cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in order to apply.
- Family income must be 187% of the federal poverty level or less (approximately \$44,000 for a family of four).

This scholarship is possible because of community support. You can make a tax-deductible donation to: Berks County Community Foundation, 237 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601. Att: GRIP DREAMer Scholarship. Visit www.readinggrip.org to learn more about GRIP.

Reading Collegiate Scholars Scholarship Program: Must go to a high school in the city of Reading which would include RHS, Berks Catholic and I-Lead.

Olivet Boys and Girls Club Scholarship- students must be members of the Boys and Girls of Reading

Join the De Facto American Support Group. Youth-led group for undocumented students, DACA recipients and citizen allies. DeFacto Americans provide education, resources, and emotional support to others who are in the pursuit of the American Dream. DeFacto meets the first Monday of every month in the evenings and is to high school and college students. Please e-mail defactoamerican@gmail.com or visit <http://www.readinggrip.org/de-facto-american-support-group/> for more information or to express interest about attending a meeting.

Chester County

Chester County Youth group: meets the second Sunday of every month at 12pm at St. Agnes Day Room located on 233 West Gay Street, West Chester PA. Contact Maria Sotomayor at 215-832-3482.

Chester County Luncheon: Meets once a month in different locations to discuss issues and provide resources for the development of the Latino community of Chester County. The group also sponsors regular fundraisers to create scholarships for Chester county students. Last summer, DACA recipient became the first undocumented scholarship recipient. The group wants to continue supporting Latino students including undocumented Latino students.

Newlin Foundation – Open to students from Coatsville school district, undocumented students qualify for financial aid support and program guidance. Visit www.newlinfoundation.org

Delaware County

Delco Youth Group: PICC and Centro de Apoyo immigrant youth led group, meets the last Saturday of every month at 12pm at St. Alice Rectory located on 150 Hampton Drive, Upper Darby PA. Contact Maria Sotomayor

Centro de Apoyo Comunitario: community, women led organization in the heart of Upper Darby, serves as a point of resource for immigrant communities, primarily Latino but is open to all.

Philadelphia County

Juntos: Grassroots organization, serves Latino immigrant community in Philadelphia and Norristown. Visit www.vamosjuntos.org to learn more about Juntos youth leadership team Fuerza and obtain more information about college access.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

DACA is a procedure that allows certain non-citizens to stay in the US and work legally, without fear of deportation, for a period of 2 years. Those granted Deferred Action will be eligible for a work permit, social security card, and certain state ID's, such as a driver's license.

Deferred Action is NOT the Dream Act. It does not lead to permanent residency or a "green card."

Please be careful with public notaries (notarios) and unscrupulous lawyers.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Only certain young people will be able to continue to renew DACA permits. No first time applications will be accepted at this time. Please visit our website to sign up for PICC's newsletter to receive the latest updates on DACA and other immigration policies.

Who can apply for DACA?

- Anyone who has previously been granted DACA is eligible to apply.

Please find a trusted legal service provider to determine if you qualify for renewal and apply immediately!