Scholarship & Financial Aid Resources Assisting DREAMers with Affording Higher Education

Resources for Navigating College admissions and Financial Aid for Undocumented Students

U.W.D.’s The DREAM Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP)

Description: DEEP educates, connects, and empowers immigrant students, parents and educators to close the opportunity gap and engage in local efforts to improve educational equity.

My (Un)Documented Life

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Scholarships open to Undocumented Students

Undergraduate Scholarships

Graduate School Scholarships

Description: My (Un)Documented Life offers a wide list of scholarships aimed to help undocumented students at different levels – in terms of demographic identity and education level. The resources can be organized by type and due date, and is a useful tool to find the scholarships that are right for you and your needs.

MALDEF’s Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2016-2017 Academic Year (PDF)

Act on a Dream at Harvard College

Harvard College’s “Act on a Dream” Handbook (PDF)

Description: Harvard College Act on a Dream is a student-led, student-run organization at Harvard College dedicated to eradicating the barriers that immigrant students face in realizing their full potential. We believe in the importance of engaging all youth, regardless of background, and their adult allies in working for the preservation of America’s pledge as the land of opportunity.
Dreamer's Roadmap

**Description:** Through the DREAMer’s Roadmap app, prospective college students who do not possess residency or other legal status in the U.S. can safely navigate their financial aid options available to them so they can further their education.

“Our vision is to bring hope to all those students who think there is no path for them after high school to continue their higher education. We want to be able to bridge the gap of lack of financial aid when transitioning to college for all undocumented students.”

**EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION (E4FC)**

E4FC’s College and Graduate School Scholarship Resources

**Arkansas College and Career Planning System**

Scholarships for Arkansas Hispanic Students, Academic Year 2016-2017

**Description:** Grades 9-12 and College students are able to apply for these scholarships within this extensive list.

**NOTE:** Not all scholarships on this list are open to non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents.
Highlighted Undergraduate Scholarships & Programs

**National Scholarship**

*Opens: November 15, 2016*

**Description:** Two national scholarships are offered to DREAMers through this program:

One scholarship is available to high school seniors or high school graduates with demonstrated financial need who are *first-time college students* and seek to earn a career-ready associate’s or bachelor’s degree at one of TheDream.US’s partner colleges. Students who are currently enrolled in college are not eligible.

The Community College Graduate Scholarship is available to community college students with demonstrated financial need who have earned their associate’s degrees and seek to complete their bachelor’s degrees at one of TheDream.US’s four-year partner colleges. Students who are currently enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program are not eligible.

**Note:** Scholarships will help cover your tuition and fees for an associate’s or bachelor’s degree for those DREAMers that have been accepted to and eligible for in-state tuition (if applicable) at one of TheDream.US’s partner colleges.

**Opportunity Scholarship**

*Opens: November 15, 2016*

**Description:** This is a scholarship for up to $80,000 over four years to help obtain a Bachelor’s Degree at either Eastern Connecticut State University or Delaware State University. Both colleges have agreed to provide an affordable college education to DREAMers who live in locked-out states and are willing to live on one of their campuses, and receive a scholarship from TheDream.US Opportunity Scholarship Fund. This $20,000 per year scholarship will help cover tuition, fees, and on-campus housing and meals for four years.

**Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship**

*Closes: annually on July 1st*

**Description:** The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support to a deserving student with a history of migrating for employment in agriculture who has successfully completed one year of college. This support will cover expenses beyond what the youth is entitled to in federal/state and other scholarship assistance. This scholarship is designed to assist the youth in obtaining a baccalaureate degree without being encumbered with substantial debt. This scholarship is made available through a generous endowment from an anonymous, concerned individual for the education of children of migrant farmworkers.
As part of the Univision Educación campaign, Univision has launched their highly anticipated program, Becas Univision, in support of Hispanic students.

These scholarships are available for first generation Latino college students residing in the United States who plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university, or graduate school, during the FALL of a scholarship cycle (year). **Available to graduating** high school students, community college transfers, and current college students.
Highlighted Graduate Fellowships and Programs

UCLA’s Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship

**Description:** This four-year fellowship program, funded by the University of California Office of the President, the UCLA Graduate Division, and the home department, supports a limited number of students who are entering PhD programs and are interested in a career in college or university teaching and research. The fellowship currently provides a stipend of $25,000 plus tuition and, for the first year only, nonresident supplemental tuition if necessary. Professional degree supplemental tuition, if the awardee is enrolled in a professional degree program, is not covered. Fellows may not be employed during the first year of this fellowship. During the student’s fourth year, the Graduate Division provides a second year of support at the same funding level. The student’s department is obligated to provide two or more years of equivalent support. Applicants must be nominated by their department/school. Students pursuing MD, DDS, or JD degrees are not eligible for this program.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or undocumented students who qualify for nonresident supplemental tuition exemptions under AB 540 (eligibility for undocumented AB540 students is effective January 1, 2013). Individuals from cultural, racial, linguistic, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in graduate education are especially encouraged to participate in the program.

UCLA’s Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program (GOFP)

**Description:** This one-year fellowship program provides recipients with a $20,000 stipend plus tuition (and nonresident supplemental tuition if necessary). Professional degree supplemental tuition, if the awardee is enrolled in a professional degree program, is not covered. Fellows may not be employed during the tenure of this fellowship. The program supports a limited number of entering students pursuing either terminal or professional master’s degrees. Students pursuing doctoral degrees (e.g., PhD, MD, DDS, etc.) are not eligible for funding. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or undocumented students who qualify for nonresident supplemental tuition exemptions under AB 540 (eligibility for undocumented AB540 students is effective January 1, 2013). Individuals from cultural, racial, linguistic, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in graduate education are especially encouraged to apply.