



Put Your Hands On Some **Cash!**

Paying for college is by far one of the most difficult challenges undocumented students face. Not only because they are not eligible for federal financial aid, but because they cannot apply for private loans. However don't let this discourage you or get you thinking that college is out of the question because you can't pay for it. There are a lot of different types of financial aid out there. You need find out which kind or combination works best for your needs.

There are many Michigan-specific resources available on State of Michigan's Student Financial Aid website at www.Michigan.gov/MiStudentAid.

Also check out United We Dream's DREAM Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP) at <http://unitedwedream.org/about/projects/education-deep/>

Do deadlines matter? Absolutely. College financial aid goes fast. The earlier you can get in your FAFSA application and all of the other information that a college asks for, the sooner you'll receive your financial aid package.

Private Scholarships

Private scholarships are a big help for undocumented students. Before you apply make sure you're eligible; check if U.S. citizenship or a certain immigration status is required. Contact the organization directly if you're unsure. If the scholarship form asks for a social security number, leave the space blank unless you have a valid number through DACA. Do not provide a false social security number.

All over the country immigrant youth are continually fighting for the rights of undocumented students.

In states like California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington immigrant youth have worked tirelessly to pass in-State tuition bills. California and Texas were able to pass bills granting undocumented students access to state financial aid. Illinois has passed a bill creating a state-run private scholarship fund for Undocumented Students.

DO NOT pay any organization, company, or individual to apply for a scholarship. Legitimate scholarships *never* ask for an application fee. Beware of scholarship scams.

With the big surge of immigrant rights activism there are a lot of scholarships out there for undocumented students.

Here are some resources to get your started:

Scholarships for undocumented students

Harvard's "Act on a Dream" Scholarship database:

<http://www.actonadream.org/resources/scholarships/>

Educator's for Fair Consideration Scholarship lists:

<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplist.html>

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<http://1michigan.org/scholarships/>

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

<http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/>

Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education (ALSAME)

www.alsame.org

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp

United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)

www.ushli.org/student/scholarship_guide.php

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

www.hsf.net/

Cappex College Insider

<http://blog.cappex.com/blog/scholarships-for-undocumented-students/>

Marvin Law Office DACA Scholarship

<http://www.marvinlawoffice.com/beca.html>

General scholarship resources

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Inst.

www.chci.org/scholarships/

Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders Scholarship

www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php

Gates Millennium Scholarship Program

www.gmsp.org

Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE)

www.haceonline.org

Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship

www.hmccoregon.com/scholarships/

Latino College Dollars Scholarship

www.latinocollegedollars.org

Local scholarships

Search for local scholarships through your community foundation. You can search for your community foundation by county in the Council of Michigan Foundations directory, here:

<https://www.michiganfoundations.org/directory>

Creative Alternatives

CrowdFunding. Creating a Chip-in, GoFundMe, and PayPal account is a simple, easy to create, widget that allows for amazing opportunities to ask friends, family etc. to donate to your tuition fund in a safe manner. You can use the widget to embed on a website or share it on your social networks like Facebook, Twitter etc. There have been many success stories from students using this tool. Visit <http://chipin.com> for more info.

Fundraising. Many students help pay their way through college by doing simple fundraisers such as Carwashes, Raffles, Bake sales etc. You'll be surprised at how effective a fundraiser can be when combined with Social Media sites like Facebook, Twitter, Google+ etc.

Donation letters. It's amazing how much a simple well written letter can help. Many times the solution to your financial needs is closer than you think. Writing a letter of why you want to go on to higher education along with struggles you might encounter might help relate to members in your community who would be willing to donate. Consider asking your family, friends, community leaders, and local businesses.

Private Loans. Many banks offer loans even if you're undocumented by co-signing with a creditworthy co-signer. Some Credit Unions will directly offer loans if you've been a long-standing customer regardless of your status. With all loans be careful of the fine print, especially the high-interest rates.

Eligibility for financial aid				
	U.S. Citizen	Permanent Resident	Other Immigration Status	DACA or Undocumented
Federal Aid (including grants, loans, and work study)	yes	yes	Refugee Asylee Cuban-Haitian Entrant Conditional Entrant (before 4/1/80) Parolee (1yr+) T-visa VAWA "battered immigrant" Citizen of Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Republic of Palau	no
State of Michigan Aid (including scholarships, grants, loans and other resources)	yes	yes	Refugee Asylee Cuban-Haitian Entrant Conditional Entrant (before 4/1/80) Parolee (1yr+) T-visa VAWA "battered immigrant" Citizen of Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Republic of Palau	no, <i>but</i> DACA students may have employment opportunities on some campuses
Michigan In-State Tuition	yes	generally, yes	depends on school	depends on school
Private Loans	yes	generally, yes	depends on lender; may require U.S. cosigner	depends on lender; may require U.S. cosigner
Institutional Aid	yes	generally, yes	depends on institution	depends on institution