

# Understanding = TUITION

There is no way around it, college costs money. It's important to research your options and see what best suits you and what is most affordable.

## Public Colleges & Universities

Public schools are funded by the government. They offer a lower *in-state* tuition rate for students who meet certain Michigan residency requirements, and charge higher rates for out-of-state students and international students.

### Tuition Equality.

Some Michigan colleges and universities have adopted “tuition equality” policies to allow DACA or undocumented students who meet the Michigan residency requirements to qualify for in-state tuition regardless of their immigration status. Other Michigan schools charge DACA/undocumented students the out-of-state price. DACA/undocumented students are generally not considered international students.

Over the past couple of years, One Michigan has worked with various organizations at institutions of higher education to encourage them to adopt tuition equality policies. Because policies are changing rapidly, it is difficult to maintain an up-to-date list of all the institutions that offer in-state tuition, therefore, we strongly recommend checking with each school's admissions office for the most up-to-date information.

In Michigan there is no state-wide-policy when it comes to allowing undocumented students to attend college, or the tuition rates that they are eligible for. Different schools have different policies. That is why we feel it's important to discuss your status with the admissions counselor personally. Don't always accept the answer you receive from one individual as the last word. Sometimes you may need to ask people from different departments of the same school.

### Questions to Ask:

- *Does the college or university provide in-state tuition to DACA or undocumented students who meet residency requirements?*
- *Does the school restrict in-state/in-district tuition for non-citizens based on their immigration status?*
- *Does the institution have services or resources available specifically for DACA/undocumented students?*

## Four-year Public Universities<sup>1</sup>

	In-state tuition for DACA/undocumented students?	Services/resources specifically for DACA/undocumented students?
Central Michigan University	No	Contact the admissions office for information
Eastern Michigan University	Yes <a href="http://www.emich.edu/policies/policy.php?id=71&amp;term=residency">http://www.emich.edu/policies/policy.php?id=71&amp;term=residency</a>	Contact the admissions office for information
Ferris State University	Yes <a href="http://www.ferris.edu/future/residency.htm">http://www.ferris.edu/future/residency.htm</a>	Center for Latin@ Studies <a href="http://www.ferris.edu/latino/">http://www.ferris.edu/latino/</a> (contact for Guide for Migrant & DACA Students) <a href="http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/latinostudies/english/get-to-ferris/FAQ.htm">http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/latinostudies/english/get-to-ferris/FAQ.htm</a> <a href="http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/latinostudies/english/pay-for-ferris/Non-Federal-Loans.htm">http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/latinostudies/english/pay-for-ferris/Non-Federal-Loans.htm</a>
Grand Valley State University	Yes <a href="https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/index.cfm?sb_path=residency-policy-and-application-requirements-51">https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/index.cfm?sb_path=residency-policy-and-application-requirements-51</a>	<a href="http://www.iacac.org/undocumented/grand-valley-state-university/">http://www.iacac.org/undocumented/grand-valley-state-university/</a>
Lake Superior State University	Yes <a href="http://www.lssu.edu/registrar/pdf/ReqResidency.pdf">http://www.lssu.edu/registrar/pdf/ReqResidency.pdf</a>	Contact the admissions office for information
Michigan State University	No	Contact the admissions office for information
Michigan Technical University	No	Contact the admissions office for information
Northern Michigan University	Yes <a href="http://www.nmu.edu/records/node/15">http://www.nmu.edu/records/node/15</a>	<a href="http://www.iacac.org/undocumented/northern-michigan-university/">http://www.iacac.org/undocumented/northern-michigan-university/</a>
Oakland University	No	Contact the admissions office for information
Saginaw Valley State University	Yes <a href="http://catalog.svsu.edu/content.php?catoid=8&amp;navoid=114">http://catalog.svsu.edu/content.php?catoid=8&amp;navoid=114</a>	Contact the admissions office for information
University of Michigan	Yes <a href="http://ro.umich.edu/resreg.php">http://ro.umich.edu/resreg.php</a>	<a href="http://www.finaid.umich.edu/Home/HowtoApplyforAid/UndocumentedStudents.aspx">http://www.finaid.umich.edu/Home/HowtoApplyforAid/UndocumentedStudents.aspx</a>
Wayne State University	Yes <a href="http://wayne.edu/tuition/in-state/">http://wayne.edu/tuition/in-state/</a>	Contact the admissions office for information
Western Michigan University	Yes <a href="http://www.wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u218/2013/ar_residency_application.pdf">http://www.wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u218/2013/ar_residency_application.pdf</a>	<a href="http://wmich.edu/finaid/pdf/2014-15/daca.pdf">http://wmich.edu/finaid/pdf/2014-15/daca.pdf</a>

<sup>1</sup> Last updated Feb. 2015

## Community Colleges

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### Community College In-state/In-district Tuition

Each school's tuition policy may be worded differently and have different requirements, so contact the admissions office for more information. See below for some examples of community colleges that offer in-district tuition rates regardless of immigration status for students that meet the other in-district requirements.

- Delta College: <http://www.delta.edu/registrars-office/residencyrequirements.aspx>
- Gogebic Community College: <http://www.gogebic.edu/admissions/residence-requirements.php>
- Jackson College: <http://www.jccmi.edu/policies/student-services/policies/2809.pdf>
- Lake Michigan College: <http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/Default.aspx?DN=965087e5-7412-4f55-b3c4-72b3efe8f630>
- Mott Community College: [http://www.mcc.edu/cashier/cashier\\_tuition.shtml](http://www.mcc.edu/cashier/cashier_tuition.shtml)
- Oakland Community College: <https://www.oaklandcc.edu/FutureStudents/Residency.aspx>
- Washtenaw Community College: <http://www.wccnet.edu/studentconnection/residency/>

## Private Colleges & Universities

Private schools are not funded by the government. They have one set tuition rate for all students. Because they do not receive any money from the government they are typically have higher tuition rates, however, many private universities are also more likely to give undocumented students need or merit-based scholarships. Some private schools are known to be particularly supportive of undocumented students.

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