This sheet is designed to help undocumented students and DACA recipients in Utah understand their options for attending and paying for college.

Dreamers are welcome here.

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Attending college

Attending college in Utah

Undocumented students and DACA recipients can attend college in Utah. All students, regardless of immigration status, are eligible for admission into any of the accredited colleges and universities (public or private) in Utah.

Attending college out-of-state

Each state has its own laws pertaining to college admissions for undocumented and DACA recipients. Talk to the admissions office at your prospective college to discuss your options.

Affording College

In-state tuition

Under Utah House Bill 144, undocumented students qualify for in-state tuition if they attend a Utah high school for three or more years and graduate from a Utah high school or obtain a GED in Utah. Students must submit an HB 144 Affidavit through their college to qualify.

Scholarships

Undocumented students may also qualify for private, some state, and/or institutional scholarships.

Students are encouraged to apply for any scholarships for which they are eligible. Helpful websites include:
- Keys to Success
- Dream Centers (SLCC & UU)
- Edúcate-Utah

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application students must complete each year to apply for federal financial aid, including Pell grants, work-study, and federal student loans.

Certain "eligible noncitizens" can complete the FAFSA and qualify for federal financial aid. In order to complete the FAFSA as an eligible noncitizen, you will need to enter your "Alien Registration Number" on the FAFSA.

Under current laws, undocumented students and DACA recipients are not included in the eligible noncitizen category, and therefore do not qualify for federal financial aid. In many cases, undocumented students and DACA recipients will not need to complete the FAFSA. If you are applying for a scholarship that requires you to complete the FAFSA, talk to the financial aid office at your college or university for assistance.

If you are a US citizen but your parent is undocumented, you can and should complete the FAFSA. You will need to enter zero's for your parent's Social Security number and print, sign, and mail the FAFSA signature page.