

# Resources for Undocumented Students

Illinois State University is committed to supporting undocumented students in their dream of attaining a college degree. While undocumented and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) students do not qualify for state or federal aid through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) due to their status, there are other resources that can be pursued to help with educational costs.

If at any time your status changes, please let our office know.

To qualify for federal financial aid, a student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen. A DACA student can have a social security number, however that alone does not qualify you for the FAFSA. If you are unsure of whether or not you can file a FAFSA, you can check eligibility requirements here:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>

\*You do not have to file a FAFSA to be eligible for scholarships\*

## Illinois State University Financial Aid Office

<http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/>

Cost of Attendance estimates found in *Paying for College* section

Loans section talks about Alternative Loans. You are eligible to take out an alternative loan through any bank/lender of your choice. You will be required to have a US citizen as your co-signer.

Scholarships section includes scholarship listings for all students:

- Illinois State Scholarships
  - By college
  - By major
- Off-campus Scholarships
  - For all students, sorted by category
- National search websites

Also, be sure to “Like” our Facebook page, **Scholarships at Illinois State University**, for weekly updates on available scholarships and tips for filling out scholarship applications



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## Employment at Illinois State University

Students who have a work permit/visa are eligible to have an on-campus job at ISU. For a full listing of available positions and to apply go to:

<https://www.jobsilstu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1478186500597>

## Myths vs. Facts About Immigration

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

[https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/legacy/reports/Immigration\\_MythsFacts.pdf](https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/legacy/reports/Immigration_MythsFacts.pdf)

CNN Money

<http://money.cnn.com/2014/11/20/news/economy/immigration-myths/>

## Resources for Questions and Referrals

National Immigration Law Center

<http://www.nilc.org>

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

<http://www.iacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Consolidated-Guide-to-Scholarships-and-Resources-2012.pdf>

The Immigration Project

<http://www.immigrationproject.org>



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Helpful Websites for College Information and Scholarships	
College Advising Guide for Undocumented Students <a href="http://www.iacac.org/undocumented">www.iacac.org/undocumented</a>	Pre-Health Major Dreamers <a href="http://www.phdreamers.org/">http://www.phdreamers.org/</a>
College Guide for Undocumented Students <a href="http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students-guide/">http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students-guide/</a>	Hispanic Scholarship Fund <a href="https://hsf.net/en/resources/for-students/for-dreamers">https://hsf.net/en/resources/for-students/for-dreamers</a>
US Department Of Labor Free Online Scholarship Search <a href="https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx">https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx</a>	United We Dream <a href="http://unitedwedream.org/">http://unitedwedream.org/</a>
Golden Door Scholars <a href="http://www.goldendoorscholars.org">www.goldendoorscholars.org</a>	My (Un)Documented Life <a href="https://mydocumentedlife.org/">https://mydocumentedlife.org/</a>
THE DREAM.US Scholarship <a href="http://www.thedream.us">www.thedream.us</a>	Illinois Dream Fund <a href="http://illinoisdreamfund.org/">http://illinoisdreamfund.org/</a>

## Other Resources at Illinois State University

<http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/undocumented/>  
<http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/espanol/>

## Questions? Contact us:

Financial Aid Office:  
(309) 438-2231

[FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu](http://FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu)

- Walk-ins welcome any time to speak with a financial aid counselor



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