

Undocumented Students Resource Guide

Welcome!

This guide is has been created to aid students and prospective students, utilize as many resources that this University and Ann Arbor can provide. This is in no way comprehensive or complete, and will continue with revisions as laws and policies continue to change. If you have any adjustments, additions, questions, or concerns about this guide please feel free to email Ayah Issa at issaayah@umich.edu.

I. Federal Resources

A. Applying for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

1. <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca#guidelines>

A. Federal Government Resource Guide

- a. Created by the US Department of Education to support undocumented youths in secondary and postsecondary settings
- b. <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf>

II. Applying to U of M

A. Thanks to the [Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#), school officials can not disclose personal information (including immigration status) about students.

1. To apply to U of M, complete the Common Application for Undergraduate College Admission (www.commonapp.org) along with the Michigan questions. You can If you do not have a social security number, leave that field blank on the app.
 - a) You can apply for a [waiver request](#) to waive the \$75 application fee.

2. Applicants who are currently in the DACA Status (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) will need to select "Other" for your citizenship status. List your citizenship and select "Other Visa Type" from the Currently Held United States Visa selection. Since deferred action does not provide an individual with lawful status, please complete the rest of the field. You might have to speak directly with the Admissions Counselor to explain a little more about your status. This is okay, remember about Family Education and Privacy Act, your privacy is a priority. If you have questions about "coming out" to a University employee please contact the [Coalition for Tuition Equality](#) for support.

B. Financial Aid

1. Undocumented students are not eligible for federal student aid or for state aid in Michigan. However it is still helpful for undocumented students to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), because the University can use it to calculate any need/merit based private scholarships. For help on how to apply for FAFSA as an undocumented student refer to [United We Dream's Resource apply for FAFSA](#).

2. Although undocumented/DACAmented students cannot receive federal or state financial aid, there private scholarships available (listed below) which may ask for a copy of your FAFSA. Filling out a copy is a good idea and keeping it with you for scholarship opportunities is helpful.
 3. When applying to the University of Michigan you may be requested to fill out a [CSS Financial Aid](#) profile. It is online profile for non-federal financial aid. This will help UM determine your need based assistance. There is a designated contact person to help undocumented students access financial aid - they will guide you through the process.
 4. [There is limited need-based financial assistance for undocumented students](#). For questions about financial aid please contact Kristin Bhaumik, Assistant Director for Special Programs at 2500 Student Activities Bldg., 515 E. Jefferson St. Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Tel: (734) 763-6600 Email: kbhaumik@umich.edu
 5. The University of Michigan has adopted “tuition equality” policies to allow DACA or undocumented students who meet the Michigan residency requirements (residency may be granted if the student attended Michigan schools and graduated high school in the state of Michigan within the last 28 months) to qualify for in-state tuition regardless of their immigration status
 6. The qualifications for Michigan residency are listed here: <http://ro.umich.edu/resreg.php>
 7. If you are an undocumented/DACAmented student who grew up in Michigan (meets criteria for 2 years of middle school and graduating from a Michigan high school) **but** are not enrolling within 28 months of graduating high school contact the [Coalition for Tuition Equality](#) on how to apply for in-state tuition and appeal your case.
- C. Rackham Graduate School and other Undocumented-Friendly Schools
1. Rackham Graduate School provides information on application process for prospective students, tuition costs, employment, health insurance, and resources in the graduate community for undocumented and DACAmented current graduate students <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/current-students/community-resources/undocumented-dacamented>
- D. The following schools have expressed a desire to create more inclusive policies for undocumented and DACAmented students.
1. [Medical School](#)
 2. [School of Public Health](#)
 3. [School of Public Policy](#)
- E. Scholarship Resources
1. Most Private Scholarships don't require citizenship information, and are the best way to obtain funding for school

2. Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)
Scholarships:<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplist.html>
 3. Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) Student
Guide:<http://www.e4fc.org/resources/studentguides.html>
 4. Geneseo Migrant Center (specific scholarship links
below):www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships
 5. Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities travel
award:www.hacu.net/hacu/Lanzate.asp
 6. Hispanic Scholarship Fund: www.latinocollegedollars.org
 7. MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund):
www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html
 8. Telacu Education Foundation <http://telacu.com/?s=scholarship>
 9. Hispanic Scholarship Fund
<https://hsf.net/en/resources/for-students/for-dreamers>
 10. Fastweb Scholarship Search www.fastweb.com
 11. Scholarships A to Z <http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/>
 12. Graduate Students Scholarship Database - [https://docs.google.co](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HjawgHP3GF31sAmZf2AwBZNZQaaOQX7hiy9IIIbheUk/edit#gid=1604224017)
 13. [m/spreadsheets/d/1HjawgHP3GF31sAmZf2AwBZNZQaaOQX7hiy9IIIbheUk/edit#gid=1604224017](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HjawgHP3GF31sAmZf2AwBZNZQaaOQX7hiy9IIIbheUk/edit#gid=1604224017)
 14. External Support Organizations (Including Legal Resources)
- F. **National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good:** Engages in a wide range of programs and activities that focus on increasing opportunities for students to access and be successful in college including immigration and undocumented students <http://thenationalforum.org/>
1. **uLEAD (University Leaders for Educational Access and Diversity)**
 - a) Launched by the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, it is a network of online community of university leaders committed to broadening postsecondary access and support for all students, regardless of immigration status
<http://uleadnet.org/>
- G. **Michigan Immigration Rights Center:** is a legal resource center for advocates seeking equal justice for Michigan's immigrants, provides direct representation to low-income immigrants in priority areas, and can provide referrals to other reputable organizations and private attorneys serving immigrants.<http://michiganimmigrant.org/>
- H. **Immigrant Legal Resource Center:** a national nonprofit resource center that provides immigration legal trainings, technical assistance, and educational materials, and engages in advocacy and immigrant civic engagement to advance immigrant rights <https://www.ilrc.org/>
- I. **Washtenaw County Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR)** is a community organization dedicated to supporting undocumented immigrants in Washtenaw County. They respond to immigration related-crisis like raids and deportations. <http://wicir.com/19.html>

III. Student Organizations

- A. **First Generations Student Organization:** There is an active network of students campus-wide that provide a support system and many resources for individuals who are the first in their family to go to college
<https://firstgen.studentlife.umich.edu/>
- B. **Migrant Immigrant Rights Advocates:** MIRA sets out to raise awareness amongst the University community about the situation of migrant and immigrants in the US, as well as to work for more just immigration policy that could better the lives of all people, no matter their country of birth
<https://maizepages.umich.edu/organization/MIRA>
- C. **Social Work Allies for Immigrant Rights:** aims to connect the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan to local, state and national efforts to advance immigrant rights through advocacy, social service, and policy reform
<https://maizepages.umich.edu/organization/swair>
- D. **Coalition for Tuition Equality:** The Coalition for Tuition Equality (CTE) is a coalition of students and student organizations that is asking the University of Michigan to adopt more inclusive policies towards undocumented students. CTE is also actively working, not only to change tuition policies, but to create a network of undocumented/DACAmented students on campus. If you are undocumented and need support on in-state appeals, finding a support system, applying for advanced parole, and overall finding a network of other undocumented students contact CTE at:
https://www.facebook.com/TuitionEquality/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

IV. On Campus Support Organizations and Resources

- A. **National Center for Institutional Diversity:** The National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) seeks to strengthen and integrate research about diversity, equity, and inclusion in education and society, and to promote its effective use in addressing contemporary issues. <http://ncid.umich.edu/>
- B. **Trotter Multicultural center:** To promote a campus and community environment in which all students can prosper academically and socially. To promote and provide services to build a supportive environment in which all students can develop a better understanding and appreciation for the Multicultural diversity represented at the University. <https://trotter.umich.edu/>
- C. **Multi-ethnic Student Affairs (MESA):** The Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs is responsible for promoting student development and empowerment of the entire campus community around issues of diversity and social justice through the lens of race and ethnicity. <https://mesa.umich.edu/>
- D. **Spectrum Center:** With sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression as our framework, the Spectrum Center is committed to enriching the campus experience and developing students as individuals and as members of communities. Our work is accomplished through a student-centered, intersectional lens. The Spectrum Center envisions an inclusive campus

community free of discrimination in all forms where social justice inspires community engagement and equity. <https://spectrumcenter.umich.edu/>

- E. **Center for the Education of Women:** CEW advances diversity and inclusion at the University of Michigan by serving as a resource, voice, and advocate to empower women and nontraditional students. CEW provides immediate and ongoing services and financial support needed to ensure educational success and degree completion. <http://www.cew.umich.edu/>
- V. Additional Resources
 - A. **United We Dream:** the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the nation. United We Dream runs programs to advocate for access to higher education: stop the deportations of undocumented youth and their parents; and strengthen alliances and support for DREAMers at the intersection of queer and immigrant rights. <http://unitedwedream.org/>
 - B. **Educators for Fair Consideration:** works to empower undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation <http://www.e4fc.org/home.html>
- VI. Key Contacts
 - A. Office of Financial Aid
 - 1. Krissy Bhaumik; Assistant Director for Special Programs
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 - B. National Center for Institutional Diversity
 - 1. Laura Sanchez-Parkinson; Program Coordinator lasanche@umich.edu
 - C. National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good
 - 1. Maria Ibarra-Frayre; uLEAD Research Associate
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 - D. Residency Classification Office
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