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College and Career Readiness Event

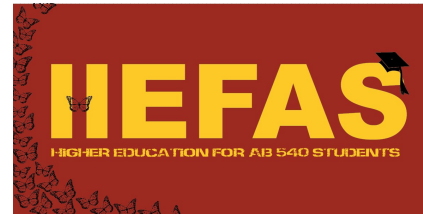
February 1 - March 31, 2021

Santa Clara County Office of Education
Parent Engagement Program

parentengagement.sccoe.org



Applying for DACA: 2021 Updates for New Applicants



Our Speakers and Honored Guests

Teresa Castellanos has worked with the diversity of immigrant communities for over 30 years and has been a guiding force behind the Santa Clara County's citizenship and immigrant integration programs.

Erika Rivera is an immigration attorney with over 12 years experience who recently joined the County's Office of Immigrant Relations. She assists with community presentations, legal services providers' support, and immigration policy analysis.



Our Speakers and Honored Guests

Ana Navarrete Avina is the Program Director at the SJSU UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center.

Angelica Esquivel Moreno works with the HEFAS program, the Vasconcellos Institute at DeAnza Community College, and is a community activist.

Beatriz San Juan is a SJSU graduate, was staff to the Latina Coalition SV and is currently working with Girl Scouts of Northern California.





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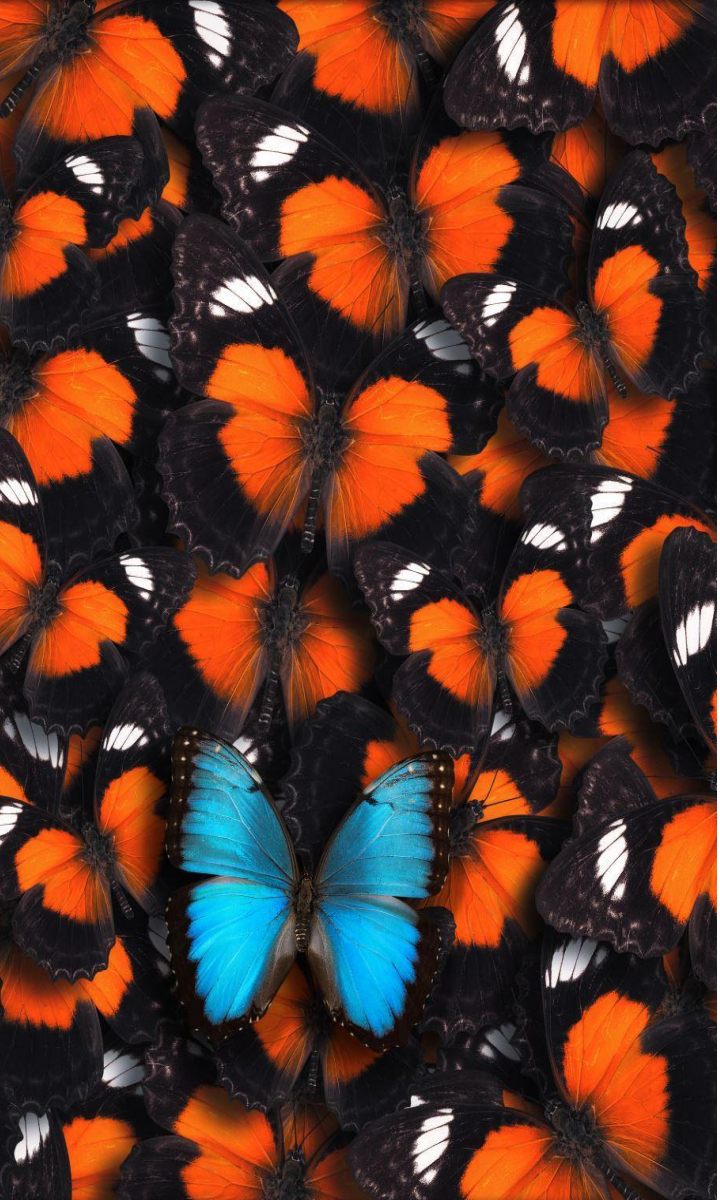
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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Information



**Program Status, Benefits of the
Program, and DACA
Requirements**

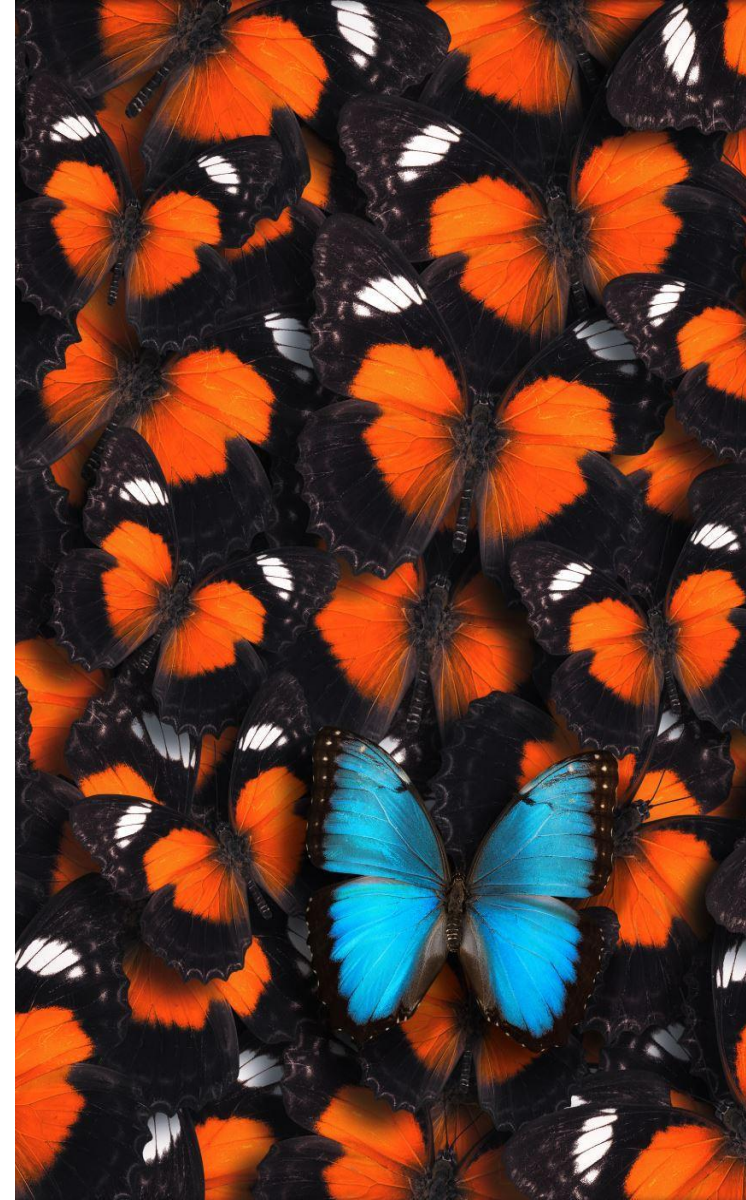


DACA PROGRAM STATUS

- **USCIS is accepting:**
 - **Initial DACA applications**
 - **DACA renewal applications**
 - **Advance Parole applications**
 - **Educational reasons**
 - **Work related grounds**
 - **Humanitarian reasons**

DACA General Information

- **The filing fee for DACA initials and renewals is \$495**
- **The processing time for renewals is 2-3 months**
- **The processing time for an initial application varies, can take 4-6 months or longer**
- **All DACA applicants will be fingerprinted and USCIS will run extensive background checks**



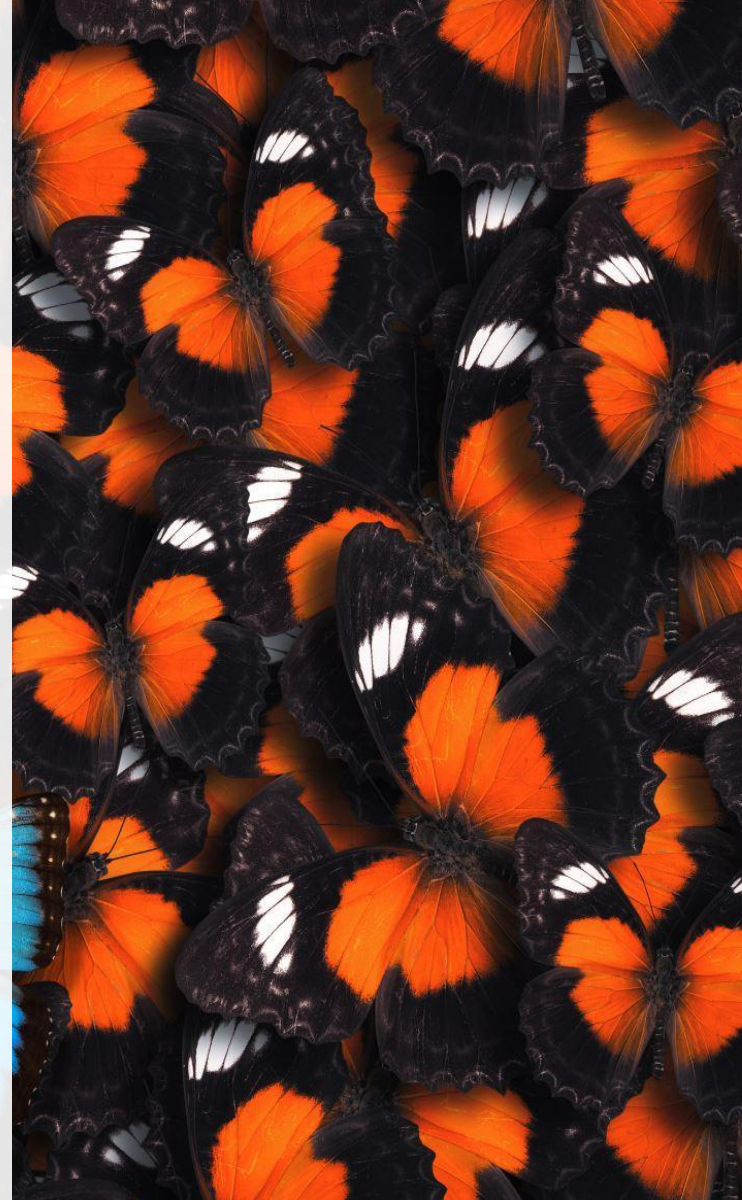
DACA BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

- **BENEFITS**

- **Employment authorization (work permit) that is valid for two years and can be renewed every two years**
- **Protection from removal (deportation)**
- **You have the option to travel abroad if you need to do so for educational, employment, or humanitarian reasons**

- **LIMITATIONS**

- **DACA is temporary, not permanent relief**
- **You cannot travel abroad freely**
- **DACA can be taken away/lost**



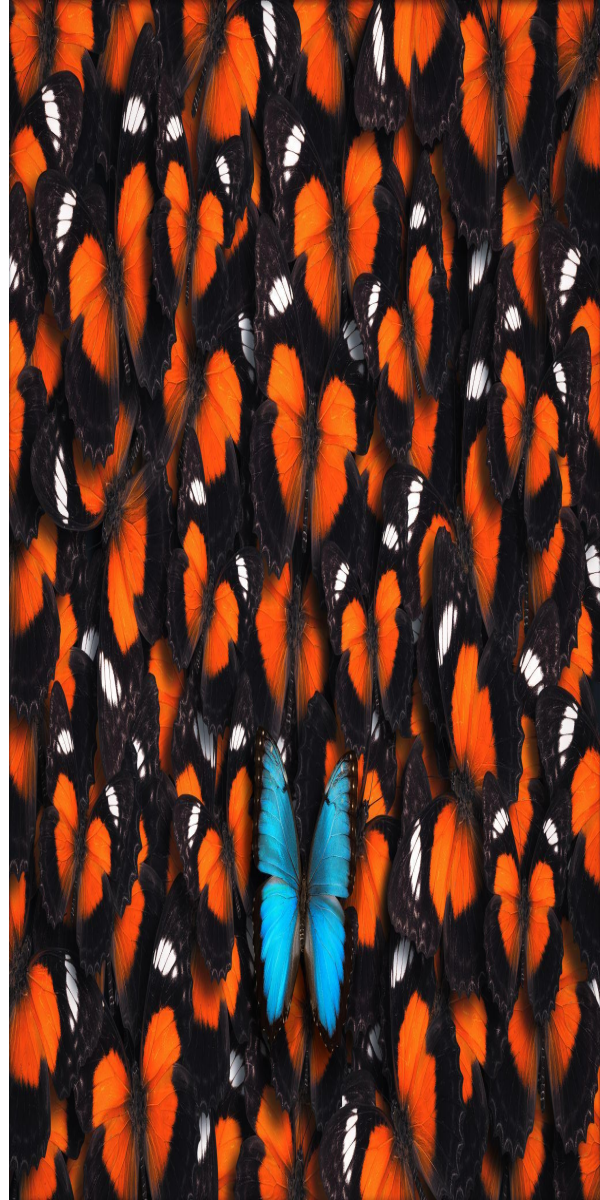


DACA REQUIREMENTS(1)

- ❑ Were under the age of 31 on 06/15/2012**
- ❑ Must be at least 15 years old to submit a DACA application to USCIS**
- ❑ Must have arrived in the United States before the age of 16**

DACA REQUIREMENTS (2)

- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States**
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time**
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS**





DACA REQUIREMENTS (3)

- Have no lawful status as of 06/15/2012**
- Have not been convicted of:**
 - ONE felony**
 - THREE or more misdemeanors**
 - ONE significant misdemeanor**
- Applicant cannot otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety**



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QUESTIONS?

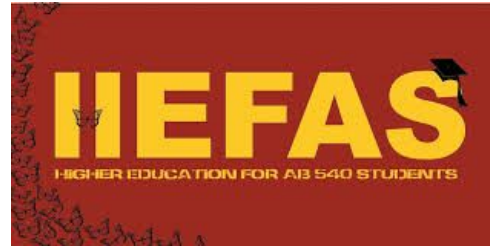
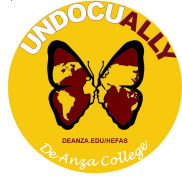


Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations

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408.678.1430

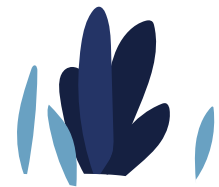
Email:
Immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org

Website:
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/oir.aspx>



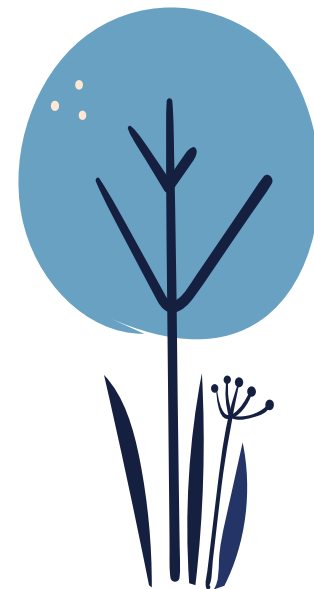
Access to College

- Anyone can attend college
- FERPA allows for privacy of student records
- DACA vs Educational Policies
 - AB 540
 - CA DREAM Act
- Financial Resources
 - Scholarships
 - Immigrants Rising
 - Dreamer's Road Map App
 - My Undocumented Life Blog



Access to College

- How to choose a college?
 - Undocumented Student Resource Center
 - Welcoming environment
 - Campus policies
 - 6 unit waiver
- Other tips
 - Know your rights
 - Legal resources
 - Lookout for deadlines
 - Contact someone at the college
 - Participate and get involved
- More Information:
ab540hefas@gmail.com



UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center (USRC):

Services Include:

- UndocuSpartan Virtual Summer Academy (July 12th-21st, 2021)
- 1:1 Personal and Academic Support
- Legal Support Services and DACA fee assistance
- Navigating Academics and Educational Opportunities
- Navigating Campus and Community Resources
- Budgeting and scholarships
- Workshops

USRC Contact

- Phone: (408) 924-2762
- undocuspartan@sjsu.edu

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Testimonials

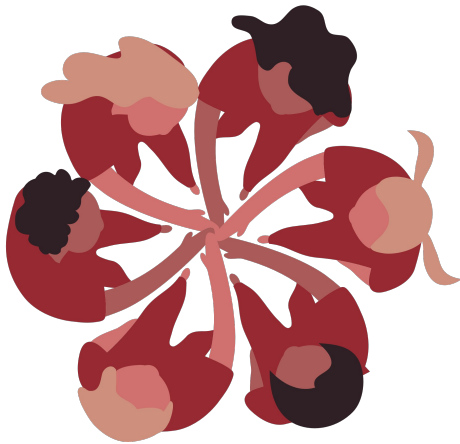
To all applicants,

“Find community”

“Set reminders for DACA renewals (3-6 months before it expires)”

“Subscribe to emails and newsletters from organizations and centers for the immigrant community”

“Register for Know Your Rights trainings”



“Take financial literacy resources”

“Protect your permit and social security information
(hint: cybersecurity)”

“Save your DACA application copies”

“If you can, apply to Advance Parole”



Testimonials



To all students,

“Your school is your job, balance your time studying with breaks”

Take care of your mental, emotional, and physical health”

“When choosing classes consider which classes and professors you will you invest time on and tuition in”

“If you are studying abroad speak to your college advisors and lawyers months in advance, maybe even more like a year in advance”

“Visit resource centers. Take space. Do not shy away from taking the resources”

“Apply for scholarships, fellowships/internships. Even if you do not fulfill all the requirements, submit applications. What is the worst that can happen? You get rejected”



Testimonials



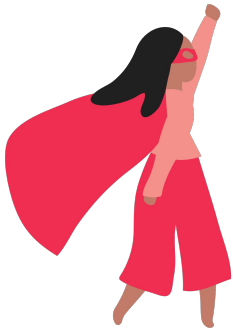
To all,

“You are exhausted physically and spiritually because the pace created by this system is for machines and not a magical and divine human being.

You are enough.

Rest”

- @TheNapMinistry



"Cheer up! Despite all the opposition, of this system created to defeat us, we are still present, united in community, and pushing forward"



Girl Scout Opportunities



Girl Memberships

Girls get hands-on experience, learn new things, build skills for today and tomorrow.

Summer Camp

Have fun as you hike mountains, pitch startups, or plan scavenger hunts.

Counselor in Training

The values and skills you'll learn will prepare as you go on to college and your adult life.

Volunteer

Gain organizational and leadership skills that will help you grow personally and professionally.

Apply to seasonal, part-time, full-time jobs

Join a movement of driven individuals with a passion for helping girls find their voice.



We are offering opportunities at no cost to families and volunteers,

contact Beatriz San Juan

e-mail: bsanjuan@gsnorcal.org call: (408)287-4170 ext.6004

call/text: (408) 634-9578



[Girl Scout Interest Link \(hyperlinked\)](#)
[Girl Scouts Lista de Interes \(enlace\)](#)

Resources

Girl Scouts of
Northern California

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CALLING ALL role models



Working at our camps takes a special kind of person! Staff members are selected for their relevant skill and experience, their commitment and willingness to create a supportive environment for children, their ability to help deliver an overall quality camp experience, and their sense of professionalism. It is expected that all staff will support the beliefs and principles of the Girl Scout organization, including our commitment to equity, anti-racism, and belonging and that they will foster open and welcoming communities for in which all campers and camp colleagues can thrive.

CAMP BOTHIN

Just over the Golden Gate Bridge, Bothin is closest to a town, has the most modern facilities and accommodations, and serves predominantly younger, first-time campers. The weather is comfortable in the summer, usually in the 80s.

CAMP HIDDEN FALLS

Surrounded by giant California Redwoods, Hidden Falls is a sweet, small camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains near Soquel. A short hike reveals two swimmable waterfalls. The weather is comfortably warm in the summer with cooler nights.

CAMP SUGAR PINE

Our furthest camp from the Bay Area sits in an alpine setting, and is surrounded by tall pines at the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. The weather is usually warmer in the summer, in the high 80s and drops to the low 50s at night.

Where do staff live?

Staff live in units with a group of campers in a staff bunk steps away from the camper bunks. Facilities at all of our camps are rustic, and your living arrangement may include a cabin, covered wagon, yurt, or even a hammock village depending on the location. Some housing does not have electricity and bathrooms are located a short walk away.

Do staff receive training?

Camp Staff are Youth Development Professionals. We provide a comprehensive, 12-day training session prior to the start of camp. This time is spent orienting our team to all aspects of camp and the job, including working with campers, leading activities, learning rules and regulations, specialty activity training, and understanding emergency procedures. We also spend this time settling into the rhythm of camp, growing together as a team, and discovering what makes camp so special to one another and to the campers we are about to welcome!

What will camp be like in 2021?

This summer will bring changes to the daily schedule of camp, including some job responsibilities, new or different available positions, and day-to-day impacts on the camp activities as we all do our part to keep one another safe. Please visit camp.gsnorcal.org to learn more about our 2021 Adventure Pod programs.



Resources

Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/oir.aspx>

FREE TO LOW-COST DACA LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

The agencies listed below provide free to low-cost legal services such as application renewal assistance. Contact each agency to schedule an appointment.

*Note: Due to COVID-19, some agencies are providing services to existing clients only.

<p>Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN) (408) 387-9710 Accepting new clients beginning mid-March 2021</p>	<p>Center for Employment Training (CET) (408) 534-8451</p>
<p>Asian Law Alliance (408) 287-9710 Accepting new clients beginning mid-March 2021</p>	<p>Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center (408) 288-7039 Accepting new clients</p>
<p>Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (408) 619-7528 Accepting new clients</p>	<p>Step Forward Foundation (408) 915-8688</p>

PARS Equality Center
 (408) 261-6405
 Accepting new clients

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(408) 678-1430 - immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org - Social Media: @sccimmi

USCIS Now Accepting Initial DACA Applications

On December 4, 2020, a federal judge ordered the Department of Homeland Security to reinstate the original DACA program. Hence, USCIS is now accepting the following DACA applications or related forms of relief:

- Initial DACA Applications
- DACA Renewals
- Advance Parole Applications for current DACA Recipients

You may request DACA if you:

- Were under 31 years old on 06/15/2021
- Came to the U.S. before your 16th birthday
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since 06/15/2007 until the present time
- Were physically present in the U.S. on 06/15/2012, and at the time of making your DACA request
- Had no lawful status on 06/15/2012
- Are currently in school, graduated from high school or received a certificate of completion, obtained a GED, or are an honorably discharged U.S. military veteran
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors

USCIS Filing Fee for DACA Initial Applications and Renewals: \$495

<https://www.irc.org/>

RESOURCES:

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS:

- Rapid Response Network: (408) 290-1144
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center: irc.org
- National Immigration Law Centers: nilc.org
- ACLU: aclu.org
- SJSU Undocumented Center: www.sjsu.edu/undocenter/

SJSU Equal Opportunity Program (EOP):
www.sjsu.edu/eop/

SJSU Undocumented Student Resources:
www.sjsu.edu/undocumentedstudent-support/undocumented_students-on-campus-resources/

Stanford Undocumented Students:
<https://undocumented.stanford.edu/>

SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID:

- CA Dream Act: dream.caac.ca.gov
- DREAMers Roadmap: dreamersroadmap.com
- List of Undergraduate Scholarships that don't require proof of U.S. Citizenship: immigrantstudies.org/resources/undergradimmigrantsrising_list-of-undergraduate-scholarships.pdf
- CA College Grants: hina.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant

MENTAL HEALTH:

- United We Dream: unitedwedream.org
- Mental Health Connectors: immigrantstudies.org
- Mental Health Call Center: 24/7 Hotline: (800) 726-9826
- National Alliance on Mental Health 24/7 Hotline: (800) 273-8255
- Gender Mental Health Services: (408) 457-1101
- LBGTQ Youth Space: youthspace.org/counseling

They tried to BURY US they didn't know WE WERE SEEDS.

Art by: Meha Zaidi - Amplifier.org

Resource Guide for Undocumented High School Students

Status of DACA as of 02/2021
*Not intended as legal advice

Know Your Rights

This guide was originally created when the Trump Administration ended the DACA program in September 2017. Currently, the DACA program is accepting initial applications and the requirements to qualify for DACA are listed in this brochure.

Regardless of immigration status, there are ways you can still pursue higher education and in most cases be eligible for financial aid. The most important factor to remember is there is no federal law that requires proof of citizenship status for admission or participation at an U.S. college or university. The federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA, generally prohibits schools from releasing information in your educational record without your consent.

To be eligible for in-state tuition, you must meet the requirements for AB 540, SB 68, AB 2202, and CA Dream Act. AB 540 is an exemption from the payment of non-resident tuition for certain non-traditional students who have attended and graduated from a high school in CA, SB 68 and AB 2000 are an extension of AB 540 that expands the local benefits to be eligible for in-state tuition. The CA Dream Act gives AB 540/AB 2000 students the right to apply for state financial aid.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a wonderful way to help pay for college. Below is a list of a few scholarships you can apply for including the Dreamer's Roadmap, a scholarship app specifically for undocumented students. See [this page](#) for more information on scholarships.

- MALDEF
- The Children's Foundation
- The Dream US
- Chinese American & Resource Education (CARE) for Youth Leadership
- NY Undocumented, Inc.
- Chinese Scholarship Fund
- Immigrant Rising and Scholarship Fund
- Immigrant Women

Career/Technical Education

Career and technical education or vocational training prepare people to work as a technician or to take up employment in a skilled craft or trade. This is a type of educational institution specifically designed to provide hands on skills education in the fields of cooking, construction, first responders, dental assistance, mechanics, cosmetology, the tech industry, etc.

There are private and public technical schools. In public technical schools, skills can be gained without a lot of debt.

4-Year University

San Jose State University and Santa Clara University both have centers or student organizations that focus on working with undocumented AB 540 students and allies to create a space that is welcoming of all students regardless of their immigration status. At Stanford University, the BEAM program has career coaches that specialize in supporting diverse student populations including undocumented students.

San Jose State University - Undocumented Center, Equal Opportunity Program
 Santa Clara University - LEAD program, Undocumented Students and Allies Association
 Stanford University - BEAM program

All Cal State campuses provide direct immigration legal services that are free of charge to all students and employees. Attempts and pathways are available to assist students with general consultations, DACA renewals and general assistance in filling out forms such as family-based petitions. Many UCs have similar programs.

- Learn & practice new skills for healthy coding
- Know your rights and identify available resources
- Protect yourself from immigration scams
- Know that you are not alone!

Community Colleges

Community college isn't only a good option to save money but also safe and immigrant-friendly colleges. Most public community colleges in Santa Clara County offer the College Promise Program which can give you up to two years for free, including books and transportation. The following colleges have undocumented students: Foothill College, De Anza College, West Valley College, Evergreen Valley College, Mission College, and San Jose City College.

Many community colleges provide free immigration legal services, including education and outreach services, to students, staff, and faculty on California community college campuses statewide. For more information, visit: www.cccco.edu.

Mental Health Services

With the current political climate, it's important to know there are resources available to you regardless of your immigration status. Check with the college or university you plan on attending to see if you are eligible for school-based health options. See [this page](#) for mental health resources.

REMEMBER TO SELF-CARE:

- Validate your feelings - hearing other stories
- Identify your triggers
- Build on your strengths
- Connect or reconnect with your joy
- Learn & practice new skills for healthy coding
- Know your rights and identify available resources
- Protect yourself from immigration scams
- Know that you are not alone!



Resources About DACA

DACA Updates

- [HOME IS HERE | Get the latest information on DACA.](#)
- [DACA Class Action Lawsuit](#)

Resources for initial applicants:

- [Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#) (USCIS Home Page)
- [Initial document checklist in ENGLISH](#) ([Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Tagalog](#), [Vietnamese](#)) (United We Dream)
- [Preliminary DACA Screening Tool](#) (UC Immigrant Legal Services Center)



Legal Resources and Scholarships for DACA

DACA Scholarships/Grants

- [Find DACA Help Near You](#) (Search Engine) - InformedImmigrant.com
- <https://missionassetfund.org/>
- [Santa Clara County DACA Renewal Scholarships](#)

Free Legal Services Directory

- [CSU Legal Support Services](#):
Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to **CSU students, employees, and family members** across all 23 CSUs. Visit the CSU website for campus contact information.
<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/legal-support-services.aspx>
- [Immigration Services \(California Department of Social Services\)](#):
The California Department of Social Services funds programs at community based organizations that help immigrants who live in California. Search for resources within your county.
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/immigration-services>
- [Legal Services Referral List \(Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations\)](#):
List of nonprofit Attorney and BIA accredited agencies in Santa Clara County (Nominal fees may apply).
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Documents/Immigration%20Legal%20Services%20Flyer%20OIR%20December%202017.pdf>



Resources

De Anza College

Resources for Undocumented Students

<https://www.deanza.edu/students/undocumented.html>

Foothill College

DREAMers and UndocuALLY

<https://foothill.edu/dreamers/>



Thank You!



Have questions or feedback?

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Parent Engagement website

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