



Supporting Undocumented Students

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AGENDA

- **Overview of terms**
- **Updates on DACA**
- **Financial Aid for Undocumented Students**
- **Undocumented support groups at the different WA state universities**
- **Student Resources**
- **Staff Resources**

What does “Undocumented” mean?

The term ‘undocumented’ refers to people who are not U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents of the United States, who do not hold a current visa to reside in the U.S. and who have not been approved for legal residency in the U.S.

What is DACA?

DACA stands for “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.” DACA is a program, that protects eligible applicants from deportation and gives them work authorization for a renewal period of 2 years. It is important to note that DACA provides lawful presence, but it does not provide lawful status. DACA is a program fought for and won by undocumented immigrants.

What does “Dreamer” mean?

“Dreamer” refers to a young person who qualifies for the proposed Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. Like DACA and the term “DACA-mented,” **these terms politicize status and not everyone will qualify or be able to be included.**

What word should I use?

Language is contextual and often depends on the individual, their experience, and social pressures. Context matters, but in any instance, we disavow referring to people as illegal, as this is dehumanizing. No person or their body is illegal. Use the term that resonates with you. **If you are an ally, mirror the language that those who identify use to honor their experience.**

Where is DACA right now?

DACA IS STILL UNDER ATTACK!

DACA is still at risk of being removed by the Courts. If a student's DACA expires within the year, it is important that you renew as soon as possible.

DACA CAN NOW BE FILED ONLINE

Unfortunately, no first-time initial DACA requests are being granted at this time. More information on this [here](#).

ONLINE FILING ONLY APPLIES TO DACA RENEWALS!

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IMPORTANT

- You **cannot create a list of students who are "undocumented"**
- There **cannot be any records that signal a student may be undocumented** (ex. submitted WASFA)
- If a student discloses their status with you, **do not share with others unless you have permission from the student**
- **There's not one way to support undocumented students** - every situation is different and it is your job to foster inclusive spaces
- **Check your bias.** Contrary to popular political conversations, undocumented immigrants are not exclusively from Mexico or Central and South America.
 - According to the Pew Research Center in 2017, immigrants from Mexico represent less than half of the undocumented population for the first time since 1990.

Accessing Financial Aid





Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

While undocumented students do not qualify for student aid from the federal government, **Washington's Real Hope Act has expanded eligibility for the Washington State Need Grant to eligible undocumented students** who meet the program's eligibility requirements and residency criteria.

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Information gathered from WSAC



Eligibility

01

Earn a high school diploma, GED, or diploma equivalent before their first term at the college determining residency.

02

Maintain a primary residence in Washington for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before their first term at the college determining residency

03

Sign an affidavit saying they meet the above requirements (submitted to higher education institution attending)

Information gathered from WSAC

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND



Ensure students understand state residency vs. residency/citizen status



Students may need to submit additional information to enroll at a higher education institution



Student and parent information submitted on WASFA is protected



Students who have DACA can indicate wanting eligibility for work study on the WASFA (process varies by institution)

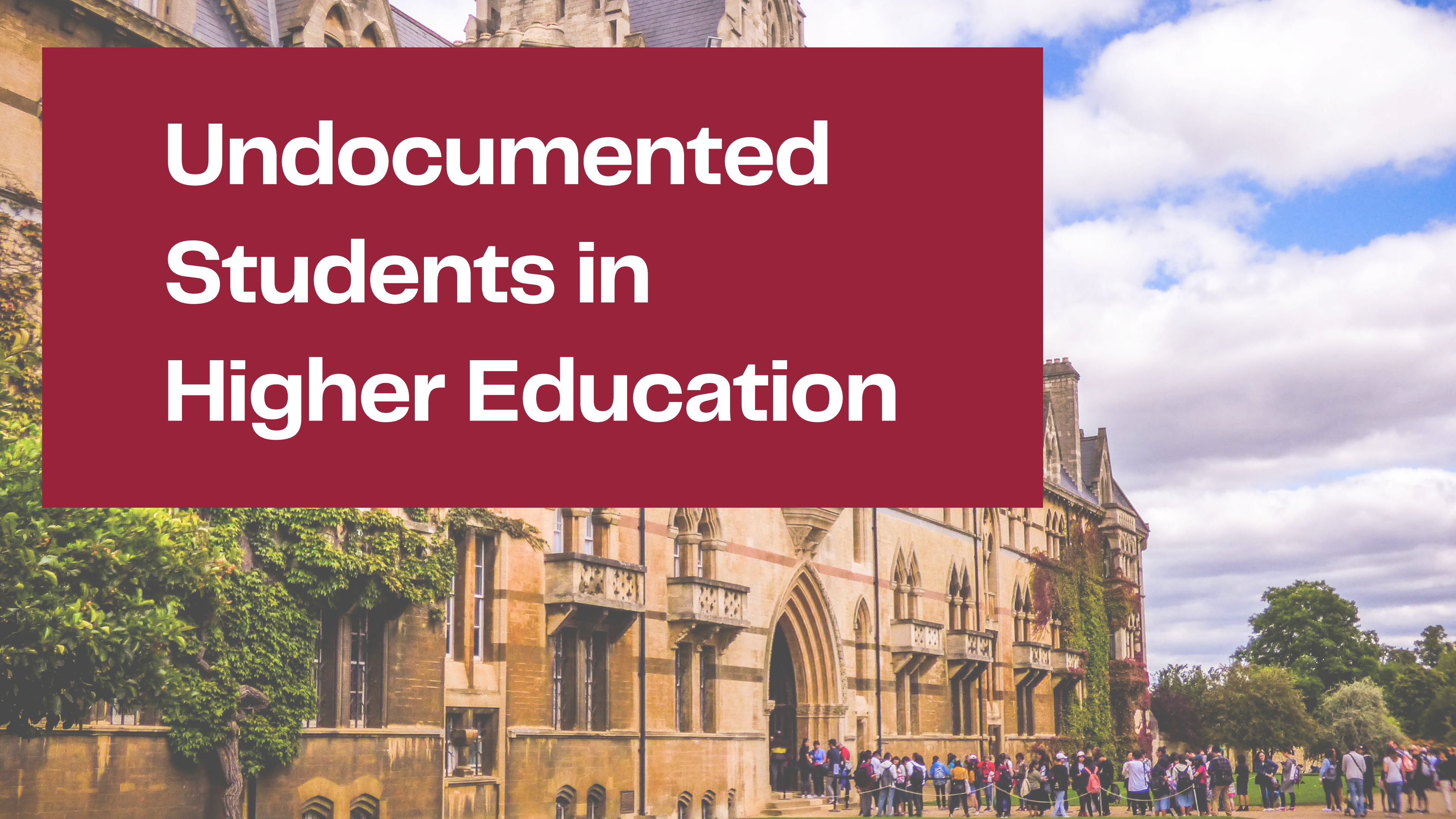
SCHOLARSHIPS



- [CSF Scholarships](#)
- [BMS Foundation](#)
- [Washington Apple Education Foundation](#)
- [Sea Mar Scholarships](#)
- [Beyond Dreaming Undocumented Students Scholarships WA State](#)
- [Immigrants Rising Scholarship List](#)

Many scholarships no longer require students to be U.S. citizens and may qualify for more scholarships than they think

Undocumented Students in Higher Education



Reminders

- Connect to their match school and ask about **enrollment requirements for undocumented students**
- **Sign WA state Higher Education Residency Affidavit** (submitted to higher education institution attending)
- **Students with DACA are eligible to study abroad** through Advanced Parole

Graduation & the Workforce

- Students with DACA can apply to jobs right away (except for a few that require U.S. citizenship)
- Students without DACA can advance their career by becoming independent contractors and seeking employment that way
- Undocumented people in WA can open businesses without a SSN

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITIES

- [University of Washington Leadership Without Borders Center](#)
- [Washington State University Dreamers](#)
- [Central Washington University Resources for Undocumented Students](#)
- [Eastern Washington University Resources for Undocumented Students](#)
- [Evergreen State College Resources for Undocumented Students](#)
- [Western Washington University Resources for Undocumented Students](#)

STUDENT RESOURCES

[Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#)

Direct legal services, advocacy, and community education, including free workshops.

[Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#)

Higher education presidents advocating on behalf of policy and resources for undocumented students

[United We Dream](#)

The largest immigrant youth-led community in the U.S. Resources, toolkits, guides, research, and community connections.

[Informed Immigrant](#)

Resources, informational guides, policy and law updates, and a directory of lawyers, social workers, and other service providers

[My Undocumented Life](#)

News, information, scholarships, and resources, with an emphasis on students

[National Immigration Law Center](#)

National clearinghouse for all kinds of immigration law and policy issues. Very informative and regularly updated information and guides

STUDENT RESOURCES

United We Dream Notifica App

A secure messaging app which will help you (or people you know) plan, learn, and act if you are at risk of detainment and deportation

The Dream.US

Resources for college-bound and college-attending undocumented youth. Scholarship resources, college information

Undocuprofessionals

Community for and by undocumented people.

- **Fill out a G-28 Form in the event that you are detained and need legal representation.**
- **Report incidents with Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) at 1-844-724-3737.**

Immigration Law Help

State by state directory of organizations which provide legal help to low-income immigrants

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Technical assistance and support to legal services providers, and educational materials for immigrant communities

- [United We Dream - Toolkits & Resources](#)
- [Key Takeaways from "Serving undocumented students in the college-going process"](#)
- [CCC - Supporting Undocumented Students](#)
- [UW Quartely Trainings](#)
- [CSF can Post Opportunities](#) for Undocumented, DACA, TPS and Mixed Status communities.