

DACA A Guide for Educators and School Support Staff

TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO HELP OPEN THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH

What Undocumented Students Must Know

- ➔ **You are not alone.** Thousands of undocumented students have gone to college and graduated in the United States. It won't be easy, but you can do it!
- ➔ **Get comfortable asking for help.** Find people you can trust to help you navigate the college process.
- ➔ Not all college options and services will be available to you, but many are. **Be creative. Be entrepreneurial.**
- ➔ You are not eligible for federal financial aid (FAFSA), but there is **no limit to the number of private scholarships that you can apply to.** Also, if you live in California, New Mexico, Texas and Washington you are eligible for state aid.
- ➔ **Community service** and **internships** greatly increase your chance of winning scholarships.
- ➔ Currently, **18 states offer in-state tuition** (in some capacity) for undocumented/DACAmented students, with different requirements in each state. For more information, visit www.unitedwedream.deep and bit.ly/Basic_Facts.
- ➔ As a high school student, you should **consider taking college courses** as a way to minimize college costs.
- ➔ If you have significant unmet financial need, **consider going to a community college first and then transferring to a four-year school to save money.** Many bright, talented and ambitious students choose this economical option.
- ➔ With DACA, eligible youth can **gain experience** in different fields through their **work permit** (paid internships, jobs, research opportunities, etc.).
- ➔ With DACA, **some youth can obtain their driver's license.** For more information, visit bit.ly/DACA_Drive.
- ➔ **With DACA, you are still not eligible for federal financial aid.** Do not use your work permit or Social Security number to apply for FAFSA.

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