College Financial Resources for
DACA, Undocumented & non-citizen students

Many non-U.S. citizens qualify for federal student aid. Don’t assume you can’t get aid just because you’re not a citizen. For information: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens

Nebraska/Local resources:

- **ScholarshipQuest** is a database of over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. Students create a profile and then ScholarshipQuest generates a list of scholarships that match their criteria. **When creating your profile, be sure to select “Non-citizen” on the citizenship status question (demographics tab) and “have been awarded DACA” under special situations (family tab)**
  http://www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest/

- **Susan T. Buffett Scholarship.** http://www.buffettscholarships.org/scholarships.shtml This is arguably the most popular scholarship in the state and is for first-time college students with no previous college experience. You’ll complete the College Funding Estimator in place of the FAFSA (http://www.educationquest.org/college-funding-estimator/), and the deadline for this is February 1st.

- The **Barrientos Scholarship** Foundation is based in Omaha. Helps reduce the financial burden for Latino students pursuing in-state education. http://www.barrientosscholarship.org/scholarships/qualifications.asp

- **True Potential Scholarship.** Pays one year full-tuition to community colleges in Nebraska & Iowa, DACA eligible. https://peseklaw.com/en/true-potential-scholarships/

- **Dreamer’s Pathway Scholarship @ UNO.** http://www.unomaha.edu/student-life/achievement/academic-and-career-development-center/dreamers-pathway.php

- **Nebraska Appleseed.** Scholarship opportunities that are available to young Nebraskans regardless of their immigration status. https://neappleseed.org/blog/20445

National scholarship resources:

- The “Que Llueva Café” Scholarship aims to support college bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education. http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe_scholarship_program

- The **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) NextOpp** is an online database of scholarship and leadership opportunities. It also provides helpful reading materials to educate users about the college-going process. https://www.chcinextopp.net/

- The **HSF Scholarship** is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree. Must be able to complete FAFSA. https://www.hsf.net/scholarship

- **Latino College Dollars.** The fastest way to find free college money. Unlimited access to the database of 2.4 million scholarships. http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/


- **US Hispanic Leadership Institute Scholarships.** Click OUR PROGRAMS → Scholarships. http://www.ushli.org/

- **Generation Progress.** Scholarships for undocumented students. http://genprogress.org/about/scholarships-for-undocumented-students-2/
Nebraska College-specific resources:

- College of Saint Mary Misericordia Scholarship
  [http://www.csm.edu/Future_Students/Financial_Aid/Outside_Scholarships/](http://www.csm.edu/Future_Students/Financial_Aid/Outside_Scholarships/)

- Creighton University Year of Mercy Scholarship

Informational resources:

- CollegeBoard Big Future, Questions and Answers About Paying for College.
  [https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students/questions-and-answers-about-paying-for-college](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students/questions-and-answers-about-paying-for-college)

- CoolSpeak. All the best tools, resources and information to help students on their college journey.
  [http://www.coolspeakers.net/resources](http://www.coolspeakers.net/resources)

- Center for Online Education. College help for Undocumented students.

- United We Dream. DREAM Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP) is a catalyst for educational justice and empowerment for immigrant students. Scholarship information included.
  [https://unitedwedream.org/about/projects/education-deep/](https://unitedwedream.org/about/projects/education-deep/)

Other services:

- Justice for Our Neighbors-Nebraska is a nonprofit organization welcoming immigrants into our communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.
  [http://jfon-ne.org/](http://jfon-ne.org/)