

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The **Barrientos Scholarship** Foundation is based in Omaha. Helps reduce the financial burden for Latino students pursuing in-state education. <http://www.barrientoscholarship.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](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/>
- **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund** scholarship resource guide. <http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>
- **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**  
<http://www.creighton.edu/financialaid/typesofaid/creightonscholarships/index.php>

### 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>
- **CoolSpeak**. All the best tools, resources and information to help students on their college journey.  
journey.<http://www.coolspeakers.net/resources>
- **Center for Online Education**. College help for Undocumented students. <http://www.onlinecolleges.net/for-students/undocumented-student-college-guide/>
- 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/>

### 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/>