Citizenship, Financial Aid, & College Options



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No

Are you a:

- US Citizen
- Green Card holder
- Refugee
- Asylee

Yes

You are eligible to complete the FAFSA and apply for funding from any school in the country.

As you're thinking about which colleges to apply to, take a look at the "Net Price Calculator".

collegecost.ed.gov/net-price

This tool asks about family income and gives you an estimate of the financial aid you'll receive. The Net Price Calculator will tell you exactly how much it will cost to attend each college you're considering.

Use this tool to ensure that the colleges you apply to will be affordable for your family.

The colleges that provide the most funding are typically very selective schools – meaning you must have high grades in order to be accepted.

In case you don't get accepted, you need to have a backup option. Apply to Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

Were you accepted to a college that provided you enough funding to attend?

Yes



No

Congrats! You should be good to go! Plan to attend NOVA – it is less expensive than a 4-year school. If you qualify for the Pell Grant through the FAFSA, you can go to NOVA for free!

Earn As and Bs at NOVA, then apply to transfer to a school that will provide you enough funding to attend.

You are not eligible to complete the FAFSA, but regardless of your citizenship status:

- It is safe to apply to 100% of colleges, and
- You can be accepted at 99% of colleges.

The issue is in making sure that you get the funding you need.

Not all colleges/scholarships offer funding to non-FAFSA eligible students, but some do. Choose from the list of colleges/scholarships on the next page.

The colleges that provide funding to non-FAFSA eligible students are all very selective schools – meaning you must have high grades in order to be accepted.

In case you don't get accepted, you need to have a backup option. Apply to Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

Were you accepted to a college that will provide funding?

Yes



No

Congrats! Most of the schools that provide funding to non-FAFSA eligible students promise to meet 100% of your financial need. You should be good to go! Plan to attend NOVA. Although you will not qualify for funding from NOVA, a community college is much less expensive than a 4-year school.

- Check to see whether your current visa or DACA status qualifies you for in-state tuition: bit.ly/DomicileVA
- Sign up for a payment plan at NOVA:
 - \$5,610 per year (in-state tuition)
 - \$561 per month on payment plan
 - o \$11,617 (out-of-state tuition)
 - \$1,161 per month on payment plan

Earn As and Bs at NOVA, then apply to transfer to one of the schools that provides funding to non-FAFSA eligible students.

Resources for Non-FAFSA Eligible Students



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Colleges that Provide Funding to Non-FAFSA Eligible Students:

First, make sure that you are applying to the <u>right colleges</u>! Some universities will not fund students who are non-FAFSA eligible; however, many schools do! For a specific list of colleges that give significant financial aid to non-FAFSA eligible students, see below. College policies change over time, so always be sure to follow up with the specific schools to which you plan to apply. If the school of your dreams isn't on this list, give that college a call and see if they might be willing to offer you some funds!

- Agnes Scott College (Georgia)#
- Amherst College (Massachusetts)\$+
- Bard College (New York) Limited funding
- Bates College (Maine)\$
- Berea College (Kentucky) Funding for DACA approved students only
- Bowdoin College (Maine)\$+
- Brown University (Rhode Island)\$+
- Bryn Mawr (Pennsylvania)\$
- California Institute of Technology (California)+
- Carleton College (Minnesota)+
- Claremont McKenna (California)+ Limited funding
- Colby College (Maine)\$+
- Colorado College (Colorado)+
- Columbia University (New York)\$+
- Cornell (New York) Funding for DACA eligible students only
- Dartmouth College (New Hampshire)\$+
- Davidson College (North Carolina)+#
- Duke University (North Carolina)\$+
- Emory University (Georgia)+# Meets full need of undocumented and DACA students
- Franklin & Marshall College (Pennsylvania)\$
- George Mason University (Virginia)^
- Grinnell College (Iowa)\$+
- · Guilford College (North Carolina)#
- Hamilton College (New York)+#
- Harvard University (Massachusetts)\$
- Haverford College (Pennsylvania)\$+
- Lafayette College (Pennsylvania)\$*
- Lehigh University (Pennsylvania)#
- Macalaster College (Minnesota)+
- Marymount University (Virginia) Limited funding
- Meredith College (North Carolina)#
- Middlebury College (Vermont)\$
- MIT (Massachusetts)\$+
- Mount Holyoke (Massachusetts) Limited funding
- Northern Virginia Community College (Virginia)^

- Northwestern University (Illinois)\$+
- Oberlin College (Ohio)\$+#
- Occidental College (California)\$
- Pomona College (California)\$+
- Princeton University (New Jersey)\$+
- Purdue University Global (Online)^
- Queens University of Charlotte (North Carolina)#
- Reed College (Oregon)\$
- Rhodes College (Tennessee)#
- Rice University (Texas)+ Meets full need of undocumented and DACA students
- Salem College (North Carolina)#
- Santa Clara University (California) Limited funding
- Scripps College (California)+
- Stanford University (California)\$+
- Smith College (Massachusetts)\$#
- Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania)\$+
- Tufts University (Massachusetts)\$+#
- University of Chicago (Illinois)\$+
- University of Notre Dame (Indiana)+ Meets full need of undocumented and DACA students
- University of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania)\$+
- University of Puget Sound (Washington) Significant Funding
- University of Richmond (Virginia)\$
- University of Rochester (New York)*
- Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)+
- Vassar College (New York)\$+
- Wake Forest University (North Carolina)#
- Washington and Lee University (Virginia)+
- Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri)+
- Wellesley College (Massachusetts)+
- Wesleyan University (Connecticut)\$+
- Whitman College (Washington)\$
- Williams College (Massachusetts)\$+
- Wingate University (North Carolina)#
- Wofford College (South Carolina)#
- Yale University (Connecticut)\$+

\$ Denotes a college that guarantees to meet the full demonstrated financial need of admitted students

- + Denotes a Partner College for the Questbridge Scholarship (more information on p. 22)
- # Denotes a Partner College for the Golden Door Scholarship (more information on p. 22)
 - ^ Denotes a Partner College for the Dream US Scholarship (more information on p. 22)
 - * Denotes a Partner College for the Posse Scholarship (more information on p. 22)

Some Scholarships Open to Non-FAFSA Eligible Students:

Next, make sure you are applying to some <u>scholarships outside of the college</u>. If a scholarship doesn't specify that you must have a certain citizenship status to apply, it could be worth a phone call or email to the sponsoring organization to see if you may be eligible! However, there are also scholarships that are specifically open to students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA. Check out the list below:

QuestBridge College Match Scholarship: http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-national-college-match

• 4-year, full-ride scholarship to QuestBridge partner colleges for high-achieving, low-income students. Some partner colleges award non-FAFSA eligible students (indicated with + on list above).

Golden Door Scholarship: http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/

• 4-year, full-ride scholarship for students with DACA or TPS status. Preference for students attending a Golden Door partner college (indicated with # on list above) *Also open to students currently enrolled in college.*

The Dream US Scholarship: http://www.thedream.us/scholarships/

• 4-year, full-tuition scholarship for DACA or TPS eligible students who are admitted to a Dream US partner college (indicated with ^ on list above). Also open to students currently enrolled in community college.

Posse Scholarship: http://www.possefoundation.org/

• 4-year, full-tuition scholarship to Posse partner colleges for high-achieving student leaders. Two partner colleges (indicated with * on list above) award non-FAFSA eligible students. Must be nominated to apply.

Herb Block Scholarship: https://www.herbblockfoundation.org/scholarships

• Local \$8,000 renewable scholarship open to DACA students who plan to attend Northern Virginia Community College. Also open to students who are currently enrolled in college.

Dream Project Virginia Scholarship: http://www.dreamproject-va.org/dream-scholarship/how-to-apply/

• Local scholarship open to students who were born outside of the United States or have at least one parent who was born outside of the United States. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Next Gen Scholarship: http://www.perkconsulting.net/about/nextgen/

Local scholarship open to non-citizens with 3.0 GPA or higher. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Esperanza Scholarship: http://www.esperanzafund.org/

• Local scholarship open to students born outside the US, or students who have two parents born outside the US.

Educational Opportunities for Alexandrians: https://www.educationalopportunitiesforalexandrians.org/

Local scholarship open to TC seniors with 2.5+ GPA who are ineligible for FAFSA & plan to enroll at NOVA.

Virginia ESL Scholarship: https://www.vesava.org/scholarships

• Local scholarship open to seniors with 3.0+ GPA who were enrolled in ESL for at least 1 year in grades 6-12.

Generation Hope Scholarship: http://supportgenerationhope.org/scholar-application/

Local scholarship for teen parents with DACA status. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund: https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/

• Open to students of Hispanic heritage, including students with DACA status; 3.0 GPA +.

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards: http://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

Open to students of Hispanic heritage with GPA of 3.0 or higher, including students with DACA status.

Goya Culinary Arts Scholarship: https://www.goya.com/en/scholarship

• \$5,000 scholarship for DACA eligible high school senior planning on studying culinary arts in college next year.

The Point Foundation Scholarship: https://pointfoundation.org/point-apply/application-faqs/

• Scholarship open to students who identify as members of the LGBTQ community, including undocumented and DACA students. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Science Ambassador Scholarship: https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/

• 4 year, full-tuition scholarship for females seeking an undergraduate degree in science, engineering, or math; open to all students regardless of immigration status. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Scholarship America Dream Award: https://www.scholarsapply.org/dreamaward/

\$5,000-15,000 renewable scholarships open to current college freshmen with DACA status and 3.0+ GPA.

Davis Putter Scholarship: http://www.davisputter.org/apply/apply-for-scholarships/

• Open to students who actively participate in struggles for civle rights, economic justice, international solidarity or other progressive issues. Also open to students currently enrolled in college.

Looking to find additional scholarships? Check out these scholarship lists for non-FAFSA eligible students to see if additional funds have become available.

MALDEF: https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/ - Scholarship List

Immigrant's Rising: https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-undergraduate-scholarships/ - Scholarship List

Scholarships A-Z: http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/scholarships/ - Scholarship List

DREAMer's Roadmap: http://www.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarships/ - Scholarship App

My (Un)documented Life: http://mydocumentedlife.org/ - Scholarship Blog

Criteria for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Eligibility:

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- 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;
- Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
- 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; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

DACA Benefits:

- Eligible for in-state tuition at Virginia colleges
- Get a Social Security Number
- Receive a work permit and the ability to have a job with benefits (like health insurance)
- Apply for a driver's license
- Ability to pass a background check
- You can apply for a credit card and begin to build your credit history
- Obtaining this status DOES NOT qualify you for federal financial aid, BUT it does make it easier to obtain scholarships

How to Qualify for In-State Tuition in Virginia with DACA Status:

Provided that you have current valid DACA status (and have been living in Virginia with valid DACA status for at least one year), you should be eligible for in-state tuition. However, you may be automatically classified as out-of-state and have to go through an appeals process in order to be switched to in-state. The following documents help prove your residency in Virginia. It's ok if you can't provide all of them, but show as much as you can to make the strongest possible case!

- DACA approval notice
- Virginia learner's permit/driver's license and Virginia car registration
- Piece of mail addressed to you at your current address
- Transcript from your high school showing your current mailing address
- Diploma from your high school
- W-2 and tax return (federal and state)
- Lease

Important DACA Updates:

President Trump has decided to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA). What does this mean for students who currently hold DACA status?

I meet the eligibility criteria for DACA status. Can I still submit a new application?

New applications for DACA status are not currently being accepted. Please check with SFA for updates

My DACA status is expiring soon. Can I submit a renewal application?

Yes, due to federal court orders, renewal applications are currently being accepted

I currently have DACA status. Does this change to the policy mean that I automatically lose DACA?

• No, your DACA is still valid until its expiration date