

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 right colleges! 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) \$
- Claremont McKenna College (California)+ – Limited funding
- Colby College (Maine)+
- Columbia University (New York) \$+
- Dartmouth College (New Hampshire)\$+
- Davidson College (North Carolina)+#
- Duke University (North Carolina)+
- Emory University (Georgia)+#
- Franklin & Marshall College (Pennsylvania)\$
- George Mason University (VA)^
- Grinnell College (Iowa)+
- Guilford College (North Carolina)#
- Hamilton College (New York)+#
- Harvard University (Massachusetts)\$
- Haverford College (Pennsylvania)+
- Lehigh University (Pennsylvania)#
- Kaplan University (Online)^
- Macalaster College (Minnesota)+
- Marymount University (VA) – Limited funding
- Meredith College (North Carolina)#
- MIT (Massachusetts)\$+
- Mount Holyoke (Massachusetts) – Limited funding
- Northern Virginia Community College (VA)^
- Northwestern University (Illinois)\$
- Notre Dame University (Indiana)\$+
- Oberlin College (Ohio)\$+#
- Occidental College (California) – Limited funding
- Pomona College (California)\$+
- Princeton University (New Jersey)\$+
- Queens University of Charlotte (North Carolina)#
- Reed College (Oregon)\$
- Rhodes College (Tennessee)#
- Rice University (Texas)+
- 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)+
- University of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania)\$+
- University of Puget Sound (Washington) – Significant Funding
- University of Richmond (VA)\$
- University of Rochester (New York)*
- Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)+
- Vassar College (New York)+
- Wake Forest University (North Carolina)#
- Washington and Lee University (Virginia)+
- Wellesley College (Massachusetts)+
- Wesleyan University (Connecticut)+ – Limited Funding
- 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 below)

Denotes a Partner College for the Golden Door Scholarship (more information below)

^ Denotes a Partner College for the Dream US Scholarship (more information below)

** Denotes a Partner College for the Posse Scholarship (more information below)*

Some Scholarships Just for You:

Next, make sure you are applying to some scholarships outside of the college. 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 for 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>
 - Full-ride scholarship to QuestBridge partner colleges for high-achieving, low-income students. Some partner colleges will award scholarship to non-FAFSA eligible students (indicated with + on list above).
- **Golden Door Scholarship:** <http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/>
 - 4-year, full-ride scholarship to Golden Door partner colleges (indicated with # on list above) for students with DACA or TPS status. *Also open to students who are 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 who are currently enrolled in community college.*
- **Posse Scholarship:** <http://www.possefoundation.org/>
 - Full-tuition scholarship to Posse partner colleges for high-achieving student leaders. One partner college (indicated with * on list above) awards scholarship to non-FAFSA eligible students. Must be nominated to apply.
- **Herb Block Scholarship:** <https://www.herblockfoundation.org/scholarships>
 - \$8,000 renewable local scholarship open to DACA students who plan to attend Northern Virginia Community College. *Also open to students who are 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
- **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 who are currently enrolled in college.*
- **Next Gen Scholarship:** <http://www.perkconsulting.net/about/nextgen/>
 - Local scholarship open to non-citizen or international students with 3.0 GPA or higher. *Also open to students who are 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.
- **Davis Putter Scholarship:** <http://www.davisputter.org/apply/apply-for-scholarships/>
 - Open to students who actively participate in struggles for civil rights, economic justice, international solidarity or other progressive issues. *Also open to students who are 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:** http://www.maldef.org/assets/pdf/2017-2018_MALDEF_Scholarship_List_10.2016.pdf - Scholarship List
- **E4FC:** http://www.e4fc.org/images/E4FC_Undergraduate_Traditional_List_2016-2017.pdf - 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 often makes it **easier to obtain scholarships from private colleges**

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?

- *No, new applications for DACA status are no longer being accepted*

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*

Where can I go for more information?

- E4FC: <http://e4fc.org/resources/whatweknowcandonow.html>