**Undocumented & DACA Scholar Resources**

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# Quick List of Resources

* [Immigrants Legal Resource Center – Community Alert DACA Update 7/16/2021](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/daca_community_alert.pdf)
* [Immigrants Legal Resource Center – Preparing for the Future: Understanding the Rights](https://www.ilrc.org/preparing-future-understanding-rights-and-options-daca-recipients) [and Options of DACA Recipients](https://www.ilrc.org/preparing-future-understanding-rights-and-options-daca-recipients)
* [United We Dream - Top 5 things you need to know about the Texas case on DACA and Other Resources](https://homeishere.us/#resources)
* [Know your rights if stopped by the police](https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/stopped-by-police)

# General

* [Higher Ed Immigration Portal – Directory of Resources for Undocumented Students](https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/effective_practice/beyond-daca-a-directory-of-resources-for-undocumented-students-individuals/)
* [Dream Project – Family Preparedness Plan](https://19lwtt3nwtm12axw5e31ay5s-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/family_preparedness_plan_v3-20170323.pdf)
* [AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association) Know Your Rights if ICE Visits a](https://www.aila.org/advo-media/tools/psas/know-your-rights-handouts-if-ice-visits) [Home, Employer, or Public Space](https://www.aila.org/advo-media/tools/psas/know-your-rights-handouts-if-ice-visits) (Downloadable “Know Your Rights” handouts in Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, Arabic, Haitian Creole, and Punjabi)

# Legal Resources for DACA and Undocumented Students

* The [National Immigration Law Center (NILC)](https://www.nilc.org/) is a good starting place for legal support.
* The [American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)](https://www.ailalawyer.com/) an immigration lawyer search function.
* [Immigration Equality](http://www.immigrationequality.org/get-legal-help/our-legal-resources/path-to-status-in-the-u-s/daca-deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals/) offers resources and advice related to DACA renewal, with a special emphasis on LGBTQ individuals.
* Some college campuses offer legal advice and counseling to DACA and undocumented students.
  + [Here](https://undocumented.georgetown.edu/legal-aid/) is an example of support provided at Georgetown University.
  + [Here](https://harvardimmigrationclinic.org/for-clients/faqs/) is an example from Harvard Law School.
* The Department of Justice [List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers](https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers) by state
* [National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)](https://immigrantjustice.org/) offers consultations and legal representation for low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
* The [Student Assistance Program](https://www.jkcf.org/cooke-scholar-community/student-assistance-program/) (SAP) can provide legal referrals. (Register with Company ID 8774)

# Regional Pro-Bono or Low-Cost Legal Services

* [Catholic Charities of Central Texas](https://www.ccctx.org/immigration-legal-services/) (with UT Austin Law School)
* [RAICES](https://www.raicestexas.org/) (The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services) provides pro-bono and low-cost residency and citizenship services for asylum seekers, removal defense, DACA, and legal representation for families and children in Texas.
* [Greater Boston Legal Services](https://www.gbls.org/) (in partnership with Harvard Law School’s Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program)
* [East Bay Community Law Center](https://ebclc.org/) (In partnership with UC Berkeley Law)
* [University of Southern California Immigrant Legal Assistance Center](https://uscimmigrationclinic.org/ilac-and-citizenship-initiative/immigrant-legal-assistance-center/)
* [Advocates for Children of New York](https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/who_we_serve/immigrant_students_and_ells) represents immigrant students and parents in school administrative hearings, help parents enroll their children in effective English Language Learner (ELL) programs, and assist older immigrant youth in finding appropriate school placements.

# Ways to Get Involved for DACA and Undocumented Students

* [United We Dream](https://unitedwedream.org/) - join a local UWD affiliate to get involved in your community
* [My (Un)Documented Life](https://mydocumentedlife.org/) - up-to-date resources for undocumented immigrants.
* [Working with Undocumented, Dreamer, and Immigrant Students](https://nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/Working-with-Undocu-Dreamer-and-Immigrant-Students-Index.aspx) (from NACADA)

# College Application and Financial Aid Resources for DACA and Undocumented Students

* [Dream Project](https://www.dreamproject-va.org/) Mentorship and Scholarship Program
* [Best Colleges College Guide for Undocumented Students](https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students-guide/)
* [College Board’s FAQ on Paying for College for Undocumented Students](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students/questions-and-answers-about-paying-for-college)
* [US Colleges that Meet 100% of Demonstrated Need for Undocumented and DACA Students](https://www.cappex.com/greenlight/us-colleges-meet-need-undocumented-students)
* [Basic Facts About In-State Tuition for Undocumented Immigrant Students](https://www.nilc.org/issues/education/basic-facts-instate/)
* College Corps for California [AB](https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/californiansforall-college-corps/) 540 CA Dream Act Students

# DACA and Undocumented-friendly Scholarships (College-Graduate School)

* [Immigrants Rising List of Undergraduate Scholarships](https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/undergraduate-scholarships/)
* [Immigrants Rising List of Graduate Scholarships](https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/graduate-scholarships/)
* [Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship for DACA students](https://www.hsf.net/scholarship)
* [The Dream: US National and Opportunity Scholarships](https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/)
* [Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Scholarship Resources](https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/)
* [My Undocumented Life Scholarships List Open to Undocumented Students](https://mydocumentedlife.org/2016/09/12/scholarships-open-to-undocumented-students/)

# Post-College / Career Resources for DACA and Undocumented Students

* [Immigrants Rising Life After College Guide](https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/life-after-college/) - valuable information, tips, and resources to help undocumented students navigate life after graduation
* [Immigrants Rising ITIN, EIN, and Taxes Guide](https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/itins-eins-and-taxes-guide/) - ITINs (Individual Tax Identification Numbers) are used for tax purposes by individuals who can’t obtain Social Security numbers (SSN). EINs are Employer Identification Numbers.
* [Pre-Health Dreamers](https://www.phdreamers.org/) - group for undocumented students pursuing health careers
* [Undocumented Law Student Tips](https://prernalal.com/2014/03/undocumented-law-student-tips-for-surviving-law-school/) (March 2014)
* [Undocu Grad School Guide](https://www.nysylc.org/announcements/2021/gradschoolguide?fbclid=IwAR3zzrG4015pMdmD342mVnBSse_S3rs4Q9X8kXYQjXM2KV3M7C1LHok4Rkg) (April 2021)

# Mental Health Resources

* [United We Dream – Mental Health Toolkit](https://unitedwedream.org/2017/10/mental-health-toolkit/)
* [Informed Immigrant – Mental Health: Taking Care of Yourself and Loved Ones](https://www.informedimmigrant.com/resources/healthcare/mental-health-undocumented-immigrants/)
* [UndocuHealth National Mental Health Directory](https://homeishere.us/mental-health/undocuhealth-national-mental-health-directory/?link_id=3&can_id=e7294fdfece6e6e54f919d223322c916&source=email-time-to-breathe-slow-down-and-rest&email_referrer=email_996603&email_subject=time-to-breathe-slow-down-and-rest#dmv)
* [Immigrants Rising - Mental Health Resources](https://immigrantsrising.org/mental-health/)