

— Coaching Students with DACA —

College Access

DACA and undocumented students can go to KY colleges and universities.

Per CPE policy KRS 13:0245 Section 8:

- An undocumented student who graduates from a Kentucky high school can enroll at Kentucky colleges/universities as in-state residents for tuition purposes.

Need help navigating the application process? Contact Assistant Director, Diversity Recruitment- Aimee Huffstetler
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Scholarships

These scholarships and resources are open to DACA, and in some other cases, undocumented students:

- » Migrant Network Collection
- » Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- » SHPE Foundation
- » Latino Student Resource Guide (LLEO)

Resources

- » United We Dream (UWD)
- » Dream Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP)
- » Scholarships A-Z
- » My (Un)Documented Life

Programs & Organizations

The Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp is a local, community based program that provides college coaching and leadership development to Latinx and immigrant youth including undocumented and DACA students. For more information visit www.thellcec.org

Kentucky Dream Coalition is an immigrant youth led organization focused on supporting the undocumented and DACA-mented youth and students in the state through organizing, workshops and mentoring.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/kentuckydream/

FAFSA

Unfortunately, undocumented and DACA-mented students cannot receive state or federal financial aid.

DACA students can complete the FAFSA for scholarship purposes.

Step 1: Like all applicants, your first step should be to create an FSA ID for yourself and your family. If parents do not have a SSN do **NOT** create an FSA ID with an ITIN (individual tax identification number). Undocumented parents and students cannot create an FSA ID or use an ITIN on FAFSA forms at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Step 2: There are 6 sections on the FAFSA: Student Demographics (which includes student eligibility), School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information and Sign & Submit. The two sections that are most confusing for DACA recipients are the Student Demographic section (particularly, the student eligibility questions) and Parent Information (if parents are undocumented).

Step 3: Students can enter their income information manually or through the IRS retrieval tool if they filed taxes.

Step 4: If the parents of a DACA recipient are undocumented, they must also not misrepresent themselves. When reporting parental information, do not use an ITIN in place of a Social Security Number. Parental information should be entered as follows:

- » A parent can complete FAFSA using “000-00-0000” for PARENT I SSN AND “999-99-9999” for PARENT II (**Note: if parent holds ITIN to file taxes, do not use in place of SSN**)
- » Parents' income info must entered manually. Do not try to use the IRS Data Retrieval tool.
- » Because parents don't have a SSN, they cannot create an FSA ID. Therefore, parents must print, sign, and mail in signature page. There is a bar code on the signature page that will match your parent's signature to your specific application once the signature page is mailed into the FAFSA office listed on the signature page. There is no need to print the entire application. Just send in the signature page.

Step 5: On the signature/submission pages, students can sign with their FSA ID. The parent must sign and mail in the signature page. For the 2019-2020 school year, send the parent signature page to:

Federal Student Aid Programs
P.O. Box 7652
London, KY 40472-7652

Step 6: You will be able to check the status of your FAFSA online via www.fafsa.ed.gov with the same FSA ID and PIN number you created when you filed the FAFSA. Once the parent signature page is processed, you will be able to access your Student Aid Report (SAR) to view your EFC (expected family contribution), which is the number that demonstrates your need This information is important for need-based scholarships.

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Tuition and Costs

Each student's academic journey is unique and the cost of obtaining a degree is important to consider when choosing what type of institution to attend. Some students choose to attend a community college, such as JCTC, to assist with keeping costs low while taking preliminary coursework. Students are then eligible to transfer to a 4-year institution like the University of Louisville to finish their Bachelor's degree. Other students may be prepared financially to start at UofL.

	TWO YEARS AT JCTC	TWO YEARS AT UOFL
Credit Hours Earned	60 hours to earn your Associates Degree	65-75 hours to earn your Bachelor's Degree
Estimated Tuition Costs	\$8,200	\$23,000

We are here for you!

We know that this process can be overwhelming. Being a DACA-mented students puts you in a unique situation and we are here to help you find the resources that you need to achieve your goal. There are different pathways that can be used to overcome the roadblocks you may be facing. Stay in touch and allow us to assist you and your family during this time.

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