

Alternate Ways to Pay for College (non FAFSA)

Notes:

-If parents are undocumented, but the student is a legal citizen - they can file the FAFSA.

-If both people (student/parent) are undocumented, these are some options below:

1. [Wallin 2-Year Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 24

2. [Wallin 4-Year Scholarship](#)

Deadline: Jan 28

3. [Page Foundation Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 1

- No FAFSA or Dream Act required. You would need to provide W2 showing parent income.

4. [MNACC Bipoc Student Scholarship](#)

MnACC provides dozens of one-time scholarships for students of color who are in pursuit of higher education at one of our [67 member institutions](#). Students who are awarded this scholarship will receive a one-time award ranging between \$500 to \$2,500 to be used towards their education. *Please note: we DO NOT ask about citizenship status. We encourage undocumented, refugee, and DACA students to apply.*

5. [Point Foundation](#)

Point Foundation offers scholarships for LGBTQ+ and ally students attending accredited colleges and universities in the U.S. Point scholarships support community college, undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students.

6. [Students United Scholarships](#)

All Students United scholarships open on **February 1st**. The application process closes on **April 1st**, except for the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship, which is due on **June 1st**. Minnesota State University students are eligible for all scholarships.

7. [Workforce Development Scholarships](#)

The Minnesota Legislature has provided funding for hundreds of \$2,500 scholarships at the 30 community and technical colleges of Minnesota State in the high-demand fields of:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Health Care Services
- Information Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Transportation

8. [QuestBridge](#)

DACA and undocumented students attending high school in the United States are eligible to apply. [Eligibility](#)

9. High School Community Scholarships and STEP Scholarship (if attended)

Deadline: Varies by high school

10. [Institution Based Scholarships](#) (note, this is a partial list of schools. Check your college specific website if not linked) - need to check for eligibility and deadlines

11. [Alliss Grants](#)

12. [MN Self Loan](#)

MN SELF Loan

- Available to students attending MN colleges or MN residents attending in other states.
- No immigration requirements for borrower-all borrowers must have a co-signer
 - Co-signer must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident, live in U.S. and have no adverse credit.
- Will also require a SELF loan application:
 - www.selfloan.state.mn.us (online application for students with SSN)
 - Pick up paper application at college (students without SSN)
- Up to \$20,000 per year for 4-year degree programs or graduate students.
- Up to \$7,500 per year for shorter programs.

13. [Office of Higher Education - Resources for Undocumented Students](#)
(Scroll down for scholarships)

14. [MN Dream ACT - 2022-2023 Video Overview](#)

[Ready, Set, FAFSA - Completing the MN Dream ACT Webinar](#)

- [Application Link](#)

Additional Resources:

Resources

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ilrc) – offices in San Francisco and Washington D.C.
Infographics and bulletins in multiple languages <https://www.ilrc.org/daca>
- Free tax prep and help filing for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) available with Prepare + Prosper <https://prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation/>
- For eligibility questions and to check the status of a MN Dream Act Application- call Office of Higher Education @ (651) 642-0567 #2 Toll-free (800) 657-3866 or email **MNDreamAct.OHE@state.mn.us**

If student/parent prefers to speak Spanish, can call Meghan Flores directly at (651) 355-0610

If another language service is needed, we can arrange for translation services.

Meghan Flores

Manager of State Financial Aid Programs

Send documents and MN Dream Act questions to MNDreamAct.OHE@state.mn.us

To check the status of an application: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm 651.624.0567 Option 2

Additional Resources:

<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/outreach/target/noncitizens.jsp>

How should an eligible noncitizen student fill out the FAFSA[®] form?

An eligible noncitizen student should select the "Eligible noncitizen" option under the "Student Citizenship Status" section.

Tip: During the application process, students will often be worried about how and when they will be asked about their citizenship or immigration status. Walk students through the question on the FAFSA form by using screenshots from the FAFSA Preview Presentations available on the Toolkit's [Search Financial Aid Tools and Resources" page](#). Knowing how the question will be asked will help them prepare and may reduce any fear of completing the application or completing it wrong.

Talking point: If the student identifies as an eligible noncitizen and reports an A-number on the FAFSA form, that information is checked against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's database. If the match doesn't confirm the student is an eligible noncitizen, the student will have to submit immigration documentation to the college or career school they plan to attend for review. A student is not eligible for federal student aid until the student's status as an eligible noncitizen is resolved.