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Scholarship Name	Type (Undergraduate /Graduate)	Eligibility	Amount	Application Deadline	For More Information
La Unidad Latina	Undergraduate four-year college and graduate students	Must reside in the U.S.	\$500 to \$1,000	October 15, 2015	<a href="https://www.lulf.org">https://www.lulf.org</a>
Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest	Full-time college juniors and seniors attending U.S. colleges or universities	International and non-U.S. citizen students are eligible	\$500 to \$5,000	December 14, 2015	<a href="http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/entercontest.aspx">www.eliewieselfoundation.org/entercontest.aspx</a>
Byron Hanke Fellowship	Graduate students	Students must be working on topics related to community organizations	\$2,000 to \$5,000	May, 1, 2016	<a href="http://www.cairf.org/scholarships/hanke.aspx">http://www.cairf.org/scholarships/hanke.aspx</a>
Davis Putter Scholarship Fund	Undergraduate and graduate students	Citizenship is not a consideration; applicants must be living in the U.S. and planning to enroll in school in the US to apply	\$8,000	April 1, 2016	<a href="http://www.davisputter.org/about/contact-us/">http://www.davisputter.org/about/contact-us/</a>
Google Lime Scholarship Program	Undergraduate and graduate students at universities in the U.S. or Canada	No citizenship requirements; students with disabilities who are pursuing a degree in computer science, or a closely related technical field	\$10,000 5,000 CAD (for those studying in Canada)	January 18, 2016	<a href="https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-google-lime-scholarship/">https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-google-lime-scholarship/</a>
Scholarship for Prospective Educators	High school seniors	Planning on majoring in education	\$500 to \$2,000	April 1, 2016	<a href="http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/">http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/</a>



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Golden Doors Scholars	High school students or recent high school graduates	Interest in the STEM fields and demonstration of strong leadership skills	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.goldendoor-scholars.org">http://www.goldendoor-scholars.org</a>
Ayn Rand We the Living Essay Contest	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders worldwide	No citizenship requirements	\$300 to \$3,000	October 23, 2015	<a href="http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/WeTheLiving.aspx">http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/WeTheLiving.aspx</a>
Ayn Rand Anthem Essay Contest	8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 10 <sup>th</sup> graders worldwide	No citizenship requirements	\$200 to \$2,000	March 25, 2016	<a href="https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#anthem-1">https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#anthem-1</a>
Ayn Rand The Fountainhead Essay Contest	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders worldwide	No citizenship requirements	\$1,000 to \$10,000	April 29, 2016	<a href="https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1">https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1</a>
BMI Student Composer Award	Under the age of 28 as of time of submission	Citizens of a country in the Western Hemisphere; currently studying music, either in an educational institution or privately	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://bmifoundation.org/programs/info/bmi-student-composer-awards">http://bmifoundation.org/programs/info/bmi-student-composer-awards</a>
Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarship	Enrolled in school	Must demonstrate an interest in pursuing further development of their talents	\$2,500	November 1, 2015	<a href="http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm">http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm</a>



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Scholarship Name	Type (Undergraduate /Graduate)	Eligibility	Amount	Application Deadline	For More Information
Mexican American Dream Scholarship	Undergraduates at an accredited 4-year university or a 2-year program at a community college	Be an AB-540 student; <sup>1</sup> must reside or attend school in the following counties only: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Inland Empire, and Ventura.	\$500 to \$1,000	N/A	<a href="http://www.cofem.org/Resources/Documents/2014+-+2015+Mexican+American+Dream+Scholarship.pdf">http://www.cofem.org/Resources/Documents/2014+-+2015+Mexican+American+Dream+Scholarship.pdf</a>
Good Tidings Foundation Community Service Scholarship	High school seniors	Reside in one of the following California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, or Yolo	\$5,000	October 27, 2015	<a href="http://www.goodtidings.org/index.php?id=23">http://www.goodtidings.org/index.php?id=23</a>

<sup>1</sup> To learn more about AB 540 eligibility, please see [http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt\\_frm/cal\\_grant\\_dream\\_act\\_faqs.pdf](http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/cal_grant_dream_act_faqs.pdf).



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Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders	Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories	At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry	\$1,000	December 31, 2015	<a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/dr--juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/1004012">https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/dr--juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/1004012</a>
Princeton Prize in Race Relations	9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders	Students of participating regions	\$1,000	January 31, 2016	<a href="http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/faq/">http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/faq/</a>
MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program	Law school students	Record of service to the Latino community	\$1,000 to \$5,000	September 1, 2015	<a href="http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html">http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html</a>
MALDEF Dream Act Student Activist Dream Scholarship Program	College and graduate students	Record of activism around immigrant rights and/or active in the Dreamer movement	\$5,000	N/A	<a href="http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/">http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/</a>
TheDream.US	High school graduates	Have come to the United States before reaching your 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday; demonstrated financial need	Covers tuition and fees for an associate's or bachelor's degree at partner colleges	February 15, 2016	<a href="http://www.thedream.us">http://www.thedream.us</a>



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New Leader Scholarship	Students who have attended the school for one academic year or more, with 60 units or more, 24 of which were attained at the present university	Enrollment in one of the following Bay area public universities: California State University, East Bay Campus; San Francisco State University; San Jose State University; Sonoma State University; or University of California at Berkeley	\$8,000	March 10, 2016	<a href="http://newleaderscholarship.org/apply/">http://newleaderscholarship.org/apply/</a>
10,000 Degrees Undergraduate Scholarship	Enrolled in an average of 12 academic units per term during 2016-17 academic year	Demonstrated financial need	N/A	March 2, 2016	<a href="http://www.10000degrees.org/students/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/">http://www.10000degrees.org/students/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/</a>
Chicano Organizing & Research in Education–Que Llave Café Scholarship	High school graduates who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico.	All students in all U.S. States and Puerto Rico	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.ca-core.org/que_llave_cafe_scholarship_program">http://www.ca-core.org/que_llave_cafe_scholarship_program</a>
Illinois Latino Council of Higher Education (ILACHE)	High school seniors or a continuing undergraduate level college students	Latino/a students in Illinois	\$1,000	N/A	<a href="http://ilache.com/scholarship.html">http://ilache.com/scholarship.html</a>



**Oklahoma** allows undocumented students meeting certain criteria to be eligible for out-of-state tuition waivers and *some* financial aid (e.g., the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program).

Currently, to qualify,<sup>49</sup> an undocumented student must have:

- Graduated from a public or private Oklahoma high school;
- Resided in the state with a parent or legal guardian while attending classes at an Oklahoma public or private high school for at least two (2) years prior to graduation;  
*and*
- Satisfied admission standards for the institution.

Undocumented students with no current path to legal status are required to file an affidavit with the institution stating that he/she will file an application to legalize his or her immigration status at the earliest opportunity the student is eligible to do so and will present a copy of this application to the institution no later than one year after the USCIS provides such a formal process.<sup>50</sup>

For more information, please see these resources:

<http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/2015/Chapter%203-2015.pdf>

<http://www.law.uh.edu/ihelg/undocumented/2008-1-2-guidancetoinstitutions.pdf>

[https://www.okcollegestart.org/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Oklahoma\\_Grants/Oklahoma\\_Tuition\\_Aid\\_Grant.aspx](https://www.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Oklahoma_Grants/Oklahoma_Tuition_Aid_Grant.aspx)

<https://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/docs/otag-handbook.pdf>

<http://www.dreamactok.org/>

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<sup>47</sup> Papanikolaou, Constantia T. "Memorandum: Residency Status for Tuition Classification Purposes — Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." *Massachusetts Department of Higher Education*:

<http://www.mass.edu/bhe/lib/documents/DACAMemo11-21-12.pdf>, 2012. Accessed: September 3, 2015.

<sup>48</sup> "Board of Higher Education Residency Policy for Tuition Classification Purposes." *Massachusetts Department of Higher Education*. <http://www.mass.edu/bhe/lib/documents/2008-11-12ResidencyStatuswithFormandDocuments.pdf> Accessed: September 3, 2015.

<sup>49</sup> "Policy and Procedures Manual - Chapter 3 - Academic Affairs." *Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education*. <http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/2015/Chapter%203-2015.pdf> Accessed: September 2, 2015

<sup>50</sup> Ibid.



## Many non-U.S. citizens qualify for Federal student aid.

*Don't assume you can't get aid just because you're not a citizen.*

### I am a non-U.S. citizen. Can I get Federal student aid?

Check with your college or career school financial aid office for more information. You are considered an “eligible noncitizen” if you fall into certain categories, such as the ones listed below:<sup>1</sup>

1. You are a:
  - U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island) or
  - [U.S. lawful permanent resident](#) with a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card, Resident Alien Card, or Alien Registration Receipt Card), also known as a “green card”.
2. You have an [Arrival-Departure Record \(Form I-94\)](#) from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) showing:<sup>2</sup>
  - “Refugee,”
  - “Asylum Granted,”
  - “Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending),”
  - “Conditional Entrant” (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980), or
  - “Parolee” (you must be paroled for at least one year, and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident).
3. You hold a [T nonimmigrant status \(“T-visa”\)](#) (for victims of human trafficking) or your parent holds a [T-1 nonimmigrant status](#). Your college or career school’s financial aid office will ask to see your visa and/or certification letter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.<sup>2</sup>
4. You are recognized as a [“battered immigrant-qualified alien”](#) who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).<sup>2</sup>
5. You are a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau. If this is the case, you may be eligible for only certain types of Federal student aid.
  - Citizens of the Republic of Palau are eligible for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Federal Work-Study.

<sup>1</sup> Certain Native American students born in Canada with a status under the Jay Treaty of 1789 may also be eligible for Federal student aid.

<sup>2</sup> To qualify for Federal student aid, certain eligible noncitizens must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that they are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.



- Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are eligible for Federal Pell Grants only.

**If I have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), am I eligible for Federal student aid?**

Undocumented students, including DACA recipients, are not eligible for Federal student aid, but you may still be eligible for State or college aid, in addition to private scholarships.

**If I have been granted DACA, should I still complete a FAFSA?**

You should check with your high school counselor or financial aid office to see whether completing the FAFSA is the way to apply for State and college student aid. To begin your FAFSA, you must enter your Social Security number. While completing the FAFSA, you must answer the “Are you a U.S. citizen?” question as “No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.” After submitting your FAFSA, you should check with your school’s financial aid office to see what types of financial aid you may be eligible to receive.

[Read our fact sheet about undocumented students and financial aid.](#)

**Does my parents’ citizenship or immigration status affect my eligibility for aid?**

No, your parents’ citizenship or immigration status does not affect your eligibility for Federal student aid. In fact, the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) doesn’t even ask about your parents’ status. [Learn about filling out the FAFSA.](#)

**What if I have other documentation that isn’t listed above?**

You are NOT an eligible noncitizen and cannot receive Federal student aid if

- You have only a “Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence” (I-171 or I-464),
- You are in the U.S. in F-1 or F-2 nonimmigrant student status, or in J-1 or J-2 nonimmigrant exchange visitor status, or
- You hold a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations).

**If I’m not an eligible noncitizen, can I get any type of financial aid to study in the U.S.?**

Yes, there may be some scholarships and other aid you can get.

- Check with your country’s embassy or a consulate here in the U.S. or with the appropriate government office back in your country to see what they offer.
- Review the scholarships list on pages 38-43.
- Try the U.S. Department of Labor’s [free online scholarship search](#).
- Ask the college or career school you plan to attend whether they offer any aid for students like you.
- Check out the [Education USA](#) Web site.





ELIGIBILITY CHART: FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES BY CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Types of Financial Assistance		U.S. Citizen or U.S. National	Lawful Permanent Resident	Other Noncitizens <sup>1</sup> <i>(Check with your college or career school financial aid office for more information.)</i>	DACA recipient (granted by USCIS)	Undocumented (has no documentation)
Title IV, Federal Student Aid <sup>2</sup>	Grants	Yes	Yes	Yes, if: <sup>3</sup>	No	No
	Loans	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are in T nonimmigrant status (“T visa”) or your parent is in T-1 nonimmigrant status.</li> <li>You are recognized as a “battered immigrant-qualified alien” who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse, or your parent is designated as such.</li> <li>Your Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) from DHS shows “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” “Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending),” “Conditional Entrant,”<sup>4</sup> or “Parolee.”<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	No	No
	Work Study	Yes	Yes		No	No
State Aid (grants/loans)		Varies by State				
Institutional Aid		Varies by institution				
Private Scholarships		Varies, depending on eligibility requirements				
Private Loans		Yes	Varies. A U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident may be needed as a cosigner.			

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<sup>2</sup> Note: This includes programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA), such as the Federal TRIO programs.

<sup>3</sup> To qualify for Federal student aid, other eligible noncitizens must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that they are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.

<sup>4</sup> Valid only if issued before April 1, 1980.

<sup>5</sup> You must be paroled for at least one year, and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.