DACA Application and Financial Resources

Starting the Application process:

If you are an incoming/new student, the process begins by completing the <u>Certification of</u> <u>Finances</u>. **This form is required and needs to be approved by the Financial Aid Office by May 1**st. This form requires creation of a Dynamic Forms account before it can be completed. For instructions on how to create a Dynamic Forms account, <u>click here</u>.

Since DACA recipients are not eligible for federal financial aid, you do not need to file the FAFSA. However, you may apply with admissions directly for any merit-based scholarships. Please contact your respective admissions office for full details. Keep in mind that scholarships are extremely limited in number and dollar amount. You should have a plan to pay for your education with alternative means.

One option to pay for school would be a private educational loan. You will need to find a lender for DACA students, most of whom require a credit worthy co-signer. You are free to use any lender of your choice. Do your research to make sure they are reputable and have repayment options that will work for your situation. To view a list of historical lenders, please review <u>MCW</u> <u>FastChoice Site</u>.

A brief video detailing the application steps & resources is linked <u>here</u>.

Scholarship opportunities from agencies with a mission to help DACA students:

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund Hispanic Scholarship Fund La Plaza Scholarship and Financial Aid Guide Dreamers of WI group TheDream.us Fastweb

We also encourage the use of "DACA Scholars" app to find scholarships & resources.

Local resources

Milwaukee field office of <u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u> <u>Voces de la Frontera</u>, which campaigns for the civil and social rights of immigrants <u>Catholic Charities Services for Immigrants</u>, <u>Archdiocese of Milwaukee</u>

Government resources

DACA FAQs Renewal of DACA Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation Program

Advocacy and legal aid resources

<u>United We Dream</u> <u>Here to Stay</u> <u>Repository of Resources for Undocumented Students</u>

