
Access to Higher Ed for Undocumented Students



FLORIDA IMMIGRANT COALITION

Who are we and why we do this work?



What do you need to know?

- **A Little Goes A Long Way:** Living without legal status means constantly hitting dead ends. Any encouragement to help think through alternatives gives students strength to continue fighting the odds of their challenging reality.
 - **Visibility Breaks the Ice:** Make your office welcoming and approachable by posting a sign that says: “I am an unafraid educator with and for undocumented students”
 - **Uplift Diverse Journeys to Success:** Don't undervalue undocumented folks who, for whatever reasons, are unable to pursue a college education.
 - **It's Complicated:** Understand that the conditions holding back undocumented students go beyond the classroom or academics. Race, gender, orientation, religion, social class affect too.
 - **Words Matter:** The use of the word “Illegal” or “Alien” will only create barriers with you and those primarily affected by it.
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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

You may request DACA if you:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States and had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;

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5. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from

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In order for an undocumented student be eligible for the waiver, they must meet the following requirements:

1. Attended a secondary school in Florida for 3 consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in this state;
 2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24 months after high school graduation; and
 3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.
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The University System

- *Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (Tallahassee)*
- Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton)
- *Florida Gulf Coast University (Ft. Myers)*
- Florida International University (Miami)
- Florida Polytechnic University (Lakeland)
- Florida State University (Tallahassee)

- New College of Florida (Sarasota)
 - University of Central Florida (Orlando)
 - *University of Florida (Gainesville)*
 - University of North Florida (Jacksonville)
 - University of South Florida (Tampa)
 - University of West Florida (Pensacola)
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The College System

- Broward College (Ft. Lauderdale)
 - College of Central Florida (Ocala)
 - Chipola College (Marianna)
 - Daytona State College (Daytona Beach)
 - Eastern Florida State College (Cocoa)
 - Edison State College (Ft. Myers)
 - *Florida Gateway College (Lake City)*
 - *Florida Keys Community College*
 - *Florida State College at Jacksonville (Jacksonville)*
 - Gulf Coast State College (Panama City)
 - Hillsborough Community College
 - *Indian River State College (Fort Pierce)*
 - *Lake-Sumter State College (Leesburg)*
 - *State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (Bradenton)*
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The College System

- *Miami Dade College (Miami)*
 - *North Florida Community College (Madison)*
 - *Northwest Florida State College (Niceville)*
 - *Palm Beach State College (Lake Worth)*
 - *Pasco-Hernando State College (New Port Richey)*
 - *Pensacola State College*
 - *Polk State College (Winter Haven)*
 - *St. Johns River State College (Palatka)*
 - *St. Petersburg College (St. Petersburg)*
 - *Santa Fe College (Gainesville)*
 - *Seminole State College of Florida (Sanford)*
 - *South Florida State College (Avon Park)*
 - *Tallahassee Community College (Tallahassee)*
 - *Valencia College (Orlando)*
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QUESTIONS?

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