Exciting News! We're thrilled to introduce UNITE (UndocuScholars Network for an Inclusive and Transformational Education), a new student organization on campus that focuses on supporting and uplifting our diverse undocumented communities at SJSU. Sign up to receive updates on upcoming meetings, events, resources, and more!

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Financial Aid Updates and Resources

2024-2025
CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

Priority Deadline: April 1st

Who can apply?
Undergraduate and graduate undocumented students who meet the requirements for AB 540 (CA Non-Resident Tuition Exemption).

This includes students who have/are: Undocumented (without a SSN), DACA, asylum seeker, SJS, TPS, U or T Visa

sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/paying-for-college
Explore our resource guide designed to support undocumented and mixed-status students in navigating the complexities of completing the 2024-25 FAFSA and CA Dream Act Application. We understand the unique challenges immigrant students and their families face, and our curated list of resources aims to provide clear and accessible information. From step-by-step guides on filling out the applications to FAQs addressing common concerns, our goal is to empower students to pursue their educational goals.

**FAFSA updates for Non-SSN Parents:**
Students with parents who do not have an SSN are still experiencing multiple barriers to completing a FAFSA including account creation, identity verification, and trouble accessing the application. Unfortunately, there is no timeline from the US Department of Education about when these issues will be resolved. Students and families can sign up to receive a follow-up from the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) on the status of FAFSA for Non-SSN contributors.

2024-25 SJSU Spartan Scholarships NOW OPEN
The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office administers three types of scholarships: SJSU campus scholarships, department scholarships, and private scholarships. Students should apply for as many scholarships as possible to lessen the need for loans or part-time work to attend school.

The deadlines operate on a rolling basis, with a final cutoff date set for May 1st.

*About Department Scholarships:* Various academic departments on campus manage their own scholarships. Students are strongly encouraged to keep in close contact with their major department for scholarship information. These scholarships each have their own specific criteria, deadlines, and application instructions. Students should contact their department directly for additional information.

**Outside Scholarships**

- **Sacramento Region Community Foundation Scholarships (up to $10,000)**
  Undergraduates and graduate students may apply. See the site for scholarship-specific requirements.
  Deadline: Earliest 2/23; Latest 3/15. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **Latinos in Tech ($6,000 - renewable)**
  Must be Latinx; show financial need; graduated from a specific Northern California High School; 3.0 GPA.
  Deadline: Feb. 29, 2024. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship ($1500)**
  Identify as Chicana and/or Latina; from eligible county; undergraduate and Graduate students; full-time enrollment.
  Deadline: March 31. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **Lola Scholarship ($1000)**
  Undergraduate and Graduate students; Live in California; Filipinx/a/o American Students
  Deadline: April 17. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **The Kilmer Fund (up to $5,000)**
  Undergraduates and graduate students may apply. Must be in specific STEM field. See the site for requirements.
  Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **SBB Research Group Foundation STEM Scholarship (Up to $2,500)**
  Pursuing a career in STEM; full-time student; 3.5 GPA
  Deadline: Feb. 28. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **(ISC)2 Scholarships (Up to $2,500)**
  Undergraduates and graduates; Pursuing a field in cybersecurity or information assurance.
  Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY]

- **ASME Engineering Scholarship (Up to $10,000)**
  Undergraduate and Graduate students; mechanical engineering or related field.
  Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY]
Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship Workshop (2/20)
Join current scholarship recipients during an online info session to learn about the 2024 CLF Scholarship, the application process, and what you can do to submit a strong application. Join via zoom starting at 6:30PM.

RSVP Today

Let’s Talk Money! Wealth and Money in Asian American Communities (2/27)
Join the Center for API Student Empowerment (CAPISE) for an informative and engaging workshops about money and personal finance. Let’s Talk Money will be Tuesday, February 27th from 4:30PM - 5:30PM in the Student Union Meeting Room 3A.

Learn More

Professional Development Opportunities

SJSU Career Center Job & Internship Fairs Spring 2024
Career fairs are great opportunities to connect with hundreds of students and recruit for open positions and anticipated opportunities. The Career Center hosts several career fairs throughout the year tailored to different industries and student populations.

Registration for Spring 2024 Career Fairs is currently open.

Upcoming Fairs:
- STEM Undergraduate Students Job/Fair (2/20 - 2/22)
- Health, Wellness & Public Service Job/Internship Fair (3/13)
- Late Spring '24 Job & Internship Fair (4/16)

RSVP Today

SJSU Career Center Guides: Designed to help students explore career paths, build experience, and successfully launch after graduation. Each interactive PDF guide provides templates, resources, and targeted tips based on topic.

Digital Resources for Career Support: SJSU students have access to several digital platforms to receive guidance on resumes, interviewing skills, building experience, and more.
**DEADLINE EXTENDED: February 23, 2024 ($7,000)**

Calling immigrant youth and allies! Applications for the 2024 Dream Summer fellowship are open. Apply today and join a community of passionate social justice and immigrant rights advocates!

The fellowship is open to all immigrant youth, regardless of immigration status (undocumented youth, youth with DACA or TPS, etc., are all welcome to apply).

**APPLY TODAY**

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**PRE-HEALTH DREAMERS**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PHD’S PILOT PROGRAM!**

**UNDOCU LAUNCHPAD**

The 5-week UndocuLaunchpad boot camp is an introductory course where individuals can learn information, develop their skills, and brainstorm with peers thinking about being healthcare entrepreneurs.

- This boot camp was created with undocumented students in mind.
- DACA or TPS is not required.
- Non-SSN holders are encouraged to apply.

**APPLY**

For more information and to apply visit phdreamers.org/launchpad.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024**
The 2024-25 DreamSF Fellowship Application is Now Open! (Paid Fellowship)

The DreamSF Fellowship is a paid San Francisco-based leadership and professional development program for immigrant students and aspiring professionals regardless of status. Fellows are paired with local immigrant-serving community organizations and gain hands-on experience in direct services, advocacy, and immigration law, and more while growing a network of mentors. Fellows receive professional mentorship and attend weekly enrichment seminars to support their growth as leaders and community advocates.

Applications are due April 1, 2024. Visit dreamsfellows.org to learn more.

FAQ on Background Checks for Undocumented Students

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Resources

Immigration Resources and Updates

Free Immigration Legal Services

FREE Services for SJSU Students, Staff, Faculty, and Family Members

- Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
- Advance Parole
- Temporary Protective Status (TPS)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJ)
- Family petitions
- U & T visas
- VAWA petitions
- Refugee/Asylum
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Resident Status
- Citizenship.
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released the final Fee Rule. Important to note that fees remain the same until the new rule goes into effect on 4/1/24.

All workers have employment rights regardless of their immigration status. Learn about the resources available to workers in California by visiting Legal Aid at Work.

Attention DACA recipients! Due to delays in DACA renewals, USCIS advises applicants to renew their DACA status within the 6-5 months before it expires. SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and their direct family members have access to free immigration services to receive assistance with the renewal process.

Navigating delays in your renewal process? Here's a quick guide with five essential steps from the National Immigration Law Center to ease the journey.

Community Resources

Wellness Support Groups for Undocumented Individuals: Immerse yourself in a 6-week journey with our compassionate mental health experts, guiding you through a secure online space. Crafted for undocumented individuals in search of solidarity, these exclusive virtual sessions provide a confidential haven for shared experiences, uplifting moments, and collective growth. Secure your spot—advance registration is required!

Free Help Preparing Your Tax Return: Bay Area Families and individuals with income less than $64,000 can access free services through Tax Aid. In-person services are available at the MLK Library on selected dates. To schedule an in-person appointment visit: calendly.com/tax-aid-appointments. For a complete list of Virtual Services and In-Person Tax Help throughout the Bay Area, click on the link below.