UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center Winter Hours

Closed: December 22, 2023 - January 2, 2024
Open: January 3rd, 2024
Regular Hours: Mon.- Thur. 9am-5pm; Fri. 9am-4pm

Better CADAA
Better FAFSA

The 2024-25 CA Dream Act (CADAA) and FAFSA are changing!
Stay updated on the recent modifications to FAFSA and the CA Dream Act to understand how you and your family can prepare to navigate this process confidently. Stay tuned for additional details on campus resources for Spring 2024.

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<td>Application Window: December 2023 - April 2, 2024</td>
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<td>The Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).</td>
<td>Updated language will use the term “contributor” to describe students, parents, guardians, and spouses.</td>
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<td>Will have the same number of questions.</td>
<td>Contributors will need to consent to data sharing with the IRS even if they didn’t file taxes.</td>
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Source: Financial Aid Fact Sheet (Spanish)
Apply for scholarships during the winter break. Don’t miss out on these great opportunities!

**The Achieve Today Scholarship Fund ($1,000)**
Eligibility: Must be 18 or older and enrolled in a US university or college. No GPA requirement.
Application Deadline for Spring: Dec. 31, 2023
Apply

**LULAC National Scholarship Fund ($1,000)**
Enrolled in a community college or university;
Deadline: January 5, 2024
Apply

**MarvelOptics Scholarship ($1,000)**
Current, full-time student at a 2 or 4-year American college
Deadline: January 5, 2024
Apply

**Samuel Huntington Public Service Award (Up to $30,000)**
Graduating college seniors; Award is intended to fund a one-year public service project anywhere in the world immediately following graduation.
Deadline: Jan. 12, 2024
Apply

**FORD Fund Scholarship ($5,000)**
Graduate and Undergraduate Student; Min 2.5 GPA; Enrolled at least part-time; eligible major.
Deadline: February 1, 2022
Apply

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

Additional Scholarship Resources for Undocumented Students:

**Online Resources and Information**

- CADAA Updates
  - Better CADAA - CSAC Update
  - About the CA Dream Act

- FAFSA Updates
  - Better FAFSA for Mixed-Status Families: Top 10 Things to Know So You Can Prepare
  - Creating FSA ID for a Parent with No SSN (Spanish)
  - List of non-US Citizens eligible for FAFSA

- SJSU Resources
  - FAFSA @ CADAA Simplification Updates from SJSU
  - How to Apply: Connect with an SJSU Financial Aid Advisor

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UCLA 2024 Dream Summer Fellowship ($7,000)
Dream Summer is an annual, 8-week, national fellowship of the UCLA Labor Center’s Dream Resource Center (DRC). Through Dream Summer, the DRC has provided close to 900 fellowship opportunities to immigrant youth and allies and has partnered with over 265 social justice organizations across the country.
Fellows are placed within social justice-based host organizations and work closely with their host organization to incorporate and strengthen the role of immigrant rights issues alongside the organization’s social justice work. Over the summer, fellows engage and lead social justice efforts by aligning the call for immigrant rights alongside the unique challenges of queer and transgender communities, Asian and Pacific Islander communities, Black immigrant communities; the ongoing mass incarceration and criminalization of people of color; worker rights; and health care access for all.

**Fellow Application**
Application Opens: January 5, 2024
Application Deadline: January 31, 2024 at 12 PM (noon) PT
New Americans Fellowship
Policy and Power

The New Americans Fellowship (NAF) is a 10-week summer leadership program that offers professional development and a stipend of up to at least $10,000.

Program runs from
June 3, 2024 - August 8, 2024

Fellows will:
- Gain professional experience in government and research
- Advocate for community-driven policies & solutions affecting the diverse immigrant communities of Santa Clara County
- Develop social consciousness and promote equity through research projects
- The program requires you to commit to 40 hours each week; while the program offers flexibility in hours, leaders are asked to commit to an 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. schedule

Applicants must:
- Currently work, live, or attend school in Santa Clara County and be a recipient of: DACA, U or T nonimmigrant visa, VAWA, Temporary Protected Status, or have been granted asylum or refugee status in the U.S.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2024
Learn more & apply at
desj.sccgov.org/new-americans-fellowship
Questions? Email us at:
immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org

Undocu-Theorizations Conference
Call for Proposals

We are accepting proposals for the 2024 UCSC Undocu-Theorizations Conference taking place at UC Santa Cruz on April 26-27, 2024.

The purpose of the Undocu-Theorizations Conference is to push the field of undocumented theorizing forward through multi/inter/un-disciplinary fields in the hope of interacting with diverse ideas and different ways of knowing.

We welcome submissions from undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty, and community members in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts for presentations highlighting the diverse projects developed by and for undocumented people. While we welcome all submissions, we will prioritize the work of undocumented/formerly undocumented/mixed-status scholars.
Call for Program Proposals: Undocu Student Summit at CSULB

We are seeking dynamic speakers within and outside of the CSU system to present on topics related to the undocumented and mixed-status experience. Over the last 10 years, the CSU has made several strides to support the undocumented student population in several ways. While the growth is notable, there are still several challenges that students are facing daily. For this reason, we hope to provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience where students from across the CSU system can come together to engage and learn from diverse speakers. We invite student scholars, alumni, practitioners, and community leaders to consider submitting a program proposal that aligns with the mission of our event.

Proposal Timeline:

- Proposal submission deadline: January 5th, 2024 (11:59 PM PT)
- Announcement of decisions: January 26, 2024
- Session Confirmation Deadline: February 02, 2024
- Conference Date: March 16, 2024

Visit the website for more information.

College to Career Bootcamp for New Graduates

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 12-2 PM PST

Plan your next steps to career success after college. Hear from industry professionals and employers who will share valuable tips and advice on how to navigate your job search and successfully make the transition from college to career. Time will be allotted for audience Q&A and small employer breakout sessions, so come prepared with your career questions!

SJSU Student RSCA Competition

Apply by Feb. 2, 2024

The SJSU Student RSCA Competition is an annual event allowing graduate and undergraduate students to gain experience and skills in presenting their original research, scholarship, and creative activity (RSCA). Students compete for selection as SJSU’s representatives at the annual California State University (CSU) Student Research Competition.
Uplift Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the San Francisco Bay Area
Apply by December 31, 2023

The Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) is hosting a SEED Entrepreneurship Program to help undocumented young adults kickstart their businesses. Participants will receive business development training along with $2,500-$5,000 grants. Interested individuals must be 18-30 years old and be residents of San Francisco, Alameda, or Contra Costa counties. Spaces are limited with applications due for the English and Spanish cohort by December 31. For more information, reach out to Meagan Cherney at mcherney@bacr.org.
2023 Medical School Q&A: Undocumented Students Pursuing Medicine

DACA, TPS, or non-SSN

Pre-Health Dreamers (PHD) created a comprehensive document to answer common questions that come up for undocumented students when considering a path into medicine.

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Immigration Legal Services and Updates

Free Immigration Legal Services

2024 Appointments Begin Mid-January

Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to ALL SJSU students, recent Alumni, employees, and their immediate families. Individuals can schedule an appointment with an immigration attorney from Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) for:

- 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 (SIJS)
- Family petitions
- U & T visas
- VAWA petitions
- Refugee/Asylum
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Resident Status
Recording: Traveling While Undocumented
Current DACA recipients are eligible to apply for a travel permit called Advance Parole, which allows them to travel outside of the United States and then lawfully re-enter. This webinar provides an overview of the requirements of advance parole for DACA recipients and what type of travel is covered by advance parole, highlights various factors to consider before traveling outside the United States, and tips to consider when traveling. This webinar also provides information on traveling domestically as an undocumented person.

Download PowerPoint Presentation

Watch the Webinar Recording

Resources
The Higher Education Legal Services Project provided access to informational webinars and resources on topics related to immigration programs, know-your-rights, and policy updates. Visit findyourally.org.