This guide is designed for school counselors, student advocates, and high school students, in particular those who are undocumented.

Although the legislative information provided varies by state, the academic, fundraising and extracurricular tips are applicable to a typical high school audience.

As a general rule, please verify all information provided with local high school, college, and financial counselors. It is the hope of the Coalition of Advocates for Student Opportunities (CASO) that students find this guide a helpful tool in their pursuit of post-secondary
About Undocumented Students

Although it is difficult to determine the exact number of undocumented students in the American public school system, an estimated 65,000 undocumented students graduate from American high schools each year. This substantial number comprises Latino, Asian, and other students from diverse corners of the world. A great portion of this student population was brought to this country at a very early age without legal documentation or with a visa that has since expired. Thus, these students’ upbringings and cultural experiences are very much grounded in the United States - their assumed country of origin. Many undocumented students come from low-income, working families where parents often work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Students themselves often work extended hours after school and during the weekend to contribute to the household and finance their own education.

The challenges and barriers confronted by these students are numerous. In most states including Rhode Island, undocumented students are not entitled to federal financial aid and state-level grants, they live in constant fear of deportation, lack the means to participate in extracurricular activities or tutorial services, and must often fulfill family and household obligations that inherently create added pressures.

The experiences of undocumented students, however, help shape the character and strengthen the intrinsic motivation of these resilient and academically inclined students. In their quest for a better future, many undocumented students focus their energy and attention on pursuing higher education to gain social mobility and contribute positively to their community and the society at large.

IS COLLEGE A POSSIBILITY FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS?

YES!

According to the College Board, there is no federal or state law that prohibits admitting undocumented immigrants into colleges and universities in the United States-public or private. Furthermore, federal or state law does not require students to prove citizenship in order to enter U.S. institutions of higher education. However, institutional policies on admitting undocumented students vary. In addition, a student must meet the admission requirements (ex. GPA, SAT/ACT scores) established by each institution of higher education.
In-State Tuition in Rhode Island

In September 2011, the RI Board of Governors for Higher Education unanimously voted to allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates to attend Rhode Island public institutions of higher education (Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, University of Rhode Island) that would take effect in fall 2012.

Here is a summary of the policy:
All students who are “residents” of Rhode Island are eligible to pay tuition and fees prescribed by the Board of Governors for in-state students in public higher education. A student who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States, and who meets the requirements listed below to establish Rhode Island residency shall pay in-state tuition. This includes adult students and adolescents who live with their parents.

In-state tuition and fees are available to a student who meets the following criteria:
a. The student has attended an approved Rhode Island high school for three (3) or more years and continues to live in Rhode Island; and
b. The student has graduated from an approved Rhode Island high school or received a high school equivalency diploma (GED) from the state of Rhode Island; and
c. If the student is not a U.S. citizen and/or does not have lawful immigration status, he or she has filed an affidavit with the institution stating that the student has filed an application for lawful immigration status, or will file such an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so;
d. A student without lawful immigration status shall file an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he is eligible to do so; and
e. The student is not, and if he or she lives at home, his or her parents are not in the United States on a temporary visa as embassy representatives or international students.

If you have been accepted to any Rhode Island state college or university and are offered a “Presidential Scholarship,” you can accept it - in fact, we strongly recommend that you do! Undocumented students are NOT eligible for the Talent Development (TD) program at URI because it is a federally-funded program.

If you are applying for a private college in Rhode Island like New England Tech, Providence College, Brown University, Johnson & Wales, Bryant University, Salve Regina or Roger Williams University, you are eligible for any private scholarships that they offer. Be sure to inquire, and you should not be afraid to tell admissions counselors about your immigration status. If your grades are good enough to get you accepted into these private colleges, they should be good enough to make you eligible for a private scholarship.
Financial Aid

Everything You Need to Know About Funding Your College Education

Types of Aid:

Not Eligible:

State or Federal Grants
Even if you have a social security number (SSN) but you are not a "Legal Permanent Resident/U.S. Citizen," you are not eligible to receive any state or federal financial aid through FAFSA. However, some colleges may require students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) solely for the purpose of determining private aid eligibility. The student must have a Social Security number to complete the FAFSA online. The FAFSA will result in a Student Aid Report bearing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that the school needs to determine financial need. In this case, fill out the FAFSA, leaving your Social Security number blank and marking “c. No, I am not a citizen or eligible non-citizen” in box 13. The application will be rejected and returned to you, but will include your estimated family contribution, which can then be used by your school to determine your financial aid package. Remember, it is important for your parent(s) to submit only a valid SSN, and not one that is legal solely for employment purposes, stolen or made up. If your parent provides an inaccurate SSN, your FAFSA form will be rejected by the government. All information submitted on the FAFSA, whether online or on paper, must be completely accurate. Your parent should use 000-00-0000 on the FAFSA form if he/she does not have a SSN. Students who do not have Social Security numbers may be asked to submit the paper FAFSA to the financial aid office for a manual calculation of the EFC.

Federal Loans (Perkins, etc.)
Even if you have a SSN but you are not a "Legal Permanent Resident/U.S. Citizen," you are undocumented and you are not eligible for subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

Eligible:

Private loans (Sallie Mae, Citibank etc)
Private loan providers are usually less stringent in their application criteria, and, depending on the eligibility parameters, may be willing to provide loans to non-citizen students. Applicants for private loans should familiarize themselves with the loan terms (especially the interest rates and repayment conditions), since private loans may have higher, fluctuating interest rates and are not covered by the guarantees that protect federal student loan borrowers.

a. Some require a legal permanent resident/U.S. citizen co-signer with good credit
b. Student Loans- you want to apply for these because the interest is lower and you don't have to start paying them off right away
c. Parent Loan- interest depends on credit and you have to start paying back the borrowed money right away (like a credit card)

Scholarships and Private Fellowships
Non-citizen students may be eligible to apply for many private scholarships, depending on eligibility requirements set forth in the application. Private scholarships may be offered by non-profit institutions, individuals, government agencies from the student’s country of citizenship, and a number of other sources. Colleges and universities may offer you a scholarship, and you can accept as long as it is not a federally funded scholarship. Sometimes your application to these scholarships is included in your college application. Other times, you must apply to them separately,
Types of Scholarships

There are two main types of scholarships that you are eligible for: scholarships targeted at undocumented students, and scholarships that simply do not ask for proof of citizenship/tax forms.

Tips on Applying:

You are more likely to win local scholarships because the applicant pool is smaller. Check your high school guidance office for applications daily; often organizations will send out applications to the high schools, but will not advertise anywhere else. In addition, if you are employed, ask your employer if the company offers scholarships for employees.

Apply for scholarships regardless of the award amount: two $500 scholarships are just as good as one $1000 one. Also, don't be dissuaded by “one-time donation” scholarships, or scholarships that cannot be renewed for the next academic year. Even if you only get the money once, that's still less money coming out of your pocket!

A lot of students will not apply for scholarships that have a long application process (essays, letters of recommendation, etc.) Don't be that student!

Some scholarships require nomination; don't be afraid to ask your principal or guidance counselor to nominate you for a particular scholarship.

Start Early!

Some scholarships are due as early as October or November of your senior year. Start searching early so you don’t miss out on these opportunities.

Letters of Recommendation

Some scholarships require letters of recommendation. Unless otherwise specified, these usually come from a teacher you have had in the past. You can also request letters of recommendation from community service leaders, employers, church leaders, internship supervisors or any other adult you feel comfortable with and can speak to your qualities, characteristics, and capabilities.

Give the person at least a month in advance to write the letter. Provide them with the necessary postage (if the letter must be sent separately from the application), as well as with a copy of your resume to help them write your letter.

Transcripts

Approach your high school guidance counselor or university registrar and ask them to forward a copy of your official transcripts to the scholarship address. Provide them with the necessary postage. Note: Only unofficial transcripts may be included with your application, official transcripts must be mailed separately by your counselor or university registrar.

Be Careful

Beware of scholarships that ask for donations. Scholarships should be there to give money to you, not the other way around.

In addition, make sure the scholarship you’re applying for is available to students in your area!
You Received a Scholarship!
Great job! But ONCE YOU WIN YOU ARE NOT FINISHED. Most scholarships need you to send them more information about your school, etc. before they can send the money out. If you don’t send them this information, the money will never be forwarded to the school and you’ll lose out on all your hard work.

Once you’ve sent them the appropriate information, don’t assume the scholarship will make it all the way to the university. Keep checking your personal finance page at your school to make sure that all of your scholarships reach the university on time. If you notice that a scholarship has not reached your college, speak with your university Bursar. If he or she cannot help you, contact the scholarship organization directly to get the matter cleared up.

In addition, be sure to send a “thank-you” note to the local organizations who were generous enough to award you a scholarship. It assures the organization that it has a positive impact on college-bound youth, reflects well on your character, and will be remembered the next time you apply to that scholarship.

Finally
Don’t stop here! There are thousands of scholarships out there just waiting for you to apply! In addition to the scholarships available on this list, conduct your own search. Latinocolledollars.org, Rischolarships.com, Maldeff.org, and Finaid.com. are some good places to start. Once you have completed a year of college, the university will likely have more scholarships that you can apply for; check with your school’s financial aid office.

Remember
You are perfectly capable of winning these scholarships and attending the college or university of your choice!

**NOTE: Scholarship deadlines not guaranteed. Deadlines often change each year.**
Scholarships for Rhode Island High School Seniors

Alliance for Young Artists and Writers
Deadline to apply: January 9 (processing fee), January 11 (artwork)
Application materials: samples of artwork/writing and processing fee
http://www.artandwriting.org/affiliate/RI001A

- Portfolio Gold Medals ($10,000 presented to top students with Portfolio Gold winning work)
- Portfolio Silver Medals with Distinction ($1,000 presented to top students with Portfolio Silver winning work)
- New York Life Award ($1,000 presented to artists and writers with works that deal with loss or bereavement)
- AMD Game Changer Award ($1,000 presented to the top winners in the video game design category)
- Creativity & Citizenship Award ($1,000 presented to artists and writers with works that deal with voting)
- Best in Grade Award ($500 presented to artists and writers in each grade level of the Awards, chosen from the Gold Medal winning work across all categories)
- Ovation Film & Animation Award ($2,500 presented to National Gold Medal winners in Film & Animation)
- The “Future New” Award ($1,000 presented to students submitting innovative work that does not fall into the Awards standard categories, or students submitting work to “The Future New” created using 3D Design software)
- Duck Tape Brand Award ($500 for Gold Medal winning works within the Awards’ Mixed Media category)
- Duck Tape Brand Award ($500 for a work made specifically with Duck Tape brand duct tape)

Carlos J DaLomba Scholarship
Applicants must be of Cape Verdean descent
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: June 30
http://www.carlosjadalomba.org/
Application materials: application form, two (2) letters of recommendation, high school transcript, copy of college acceptance letter

Cox Communications Scholarship
Applicants must have a declared major in communication, telecommunications, engineering, or technology, have academic excellence, community involvement, and must live in or attend school in a Cox service town in CT and/or RI
Amount: $2,000
Deadline to apply: January-February
Application materials: application form, high school transcript, short essay
Desiree Mesolella Memorial Art Scholarship
Students must plan to pursue a career involving art or design
Amount: $1,250 per year for 4 years
Deadline to apply: April 20
http://desilee.org/
Application materials: application form, short essay, one (1) letter of recommendation, high school transcripts, art portfolio

Douglas Schwinn Tech Collective Scholarship
Applicants must be female minority students pursuing a degree in information technology (software engineering, programming, etc.)
Amount: $2,500
Deadline to apply: March 15
Application materials: Application form, two short essays, high school transcript, one (1) letter of recommendation

Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship
Applicants must have performed with distinction and actively participated in extracurricular activities, community service, and an organized tennis program
Amount: $7,500 (over 4 years)
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA

Dwight Mosley Scholarship Award
Scholarship available to USTA ranked high school seniors of ethnically diverse heritage who have excelled academically and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program
Amount: $10,000 (over 4 years)
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA

Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship
Applicants must have excelled academically, demonstrated community service, played tennis in an organized program and who reside in an economically disadvantaged community
Amount: $2,500
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA
**Fibertech Scholarship**
Applicants must be females seeking a degree in Computer Science or Information Technology
Amount: $3,000
Deadline to apply: March 18
Application materials: Application form, two short essays, high school transcript, one (1) letter of recommendation

**Judy Brucks Memorial Scholarship**
Scholarship awarded to one boy and girl who are Rhode Island high school tennis players
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: October 24 (girls) and May 31 (boys)
Application materials: student form, essay (signed)

**Kate DeCubellis Memorial Foundation**
Applicants must be a Narragansett resident
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: April 27
http://kdmf.org/cms/?page_id=44
Application materials: application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation, short essay

**Make a Difference Scholarship**
Applicants must be current active members in their school’s SADD, you-to-youth, natural helpers or other school organization specifically targeted to substance abuse prevention
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: April 27
http://kdmf.org/cms/?page_id=44
Application materials: application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation from SADD leader, short essay

**Marian Wood Baird Scholarship Award**
Applicant must have excelled academically, demonstrated achievements in leadership, and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program, and are planning to attend a four-year college or university
Amount: $15,000 (over 4 years)
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA
No Glory – Everybody’s Gain Scholarship
Open to all applicants
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: April 27
http://kdmf.org/cms/?page_id=44
Application materials: application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation, short essay

RI Hockey Coaches Association
Applicants must have played high school hockey
Amount: not specified
Deadline to apply: February 15
http://www.rihsh.com/Links/Scholarship%20Application.doc
Application materials: Application form, high school transcript, three (3) letters of recommendation, short essay

RISPCA Lewis Scholarships
Applicants must have made significant contributions toward the betterment of life for animals, maintained a B or higher, demonstrated overcoming difficulty, hardship, discrimination, etc, applied to college
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: April 15
http://www.rispca.com/lewis_scholarship.htm
Application materials: application form, high school transcripts, two (2) letters of recommendation, short essay

USTA Serves College Education Scholarship
Applicants must have excelled academically, demonstrated community service and participated in an organized tennis program
Amount: $6,000 (over 4 years)
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA

USTA Serves College Textbook Scholarship
Scholarship awarded to students entering a two or four-year College or university
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: February
Application materials: application (signed), photograph of applicant, recommendations from a high school faculty member, tennis coach/program director, and individual of choice, official high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, copy of the FAFSA
Victims Relief Scholarship
Applicants must have been directly impacted by a drunk driving accident
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: April 27
http://kdmf.org/cms/?page_id=44
Application materials: application form, high school transcript, letter of recommendation, short essay

Scholarships for Students attending a Rhode Island Institution of Higher Education (public or private)

GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship
Applicants must have survived intimate partner abuse
Amount: $2,500
Deadline to apply: February 1
Application materials: application form, agency/counselor/social worker recommendation, two (2) letters of reference, letter of acceptance and/or enrollment from a U.S. Department of Education-accredited public or private post-secondary school

Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship
Applicants must have a declared major or minor in accounting, business administration, finance or criminal justice.

Scholarships available to both RI high school and college students

César Chávez Scholarship
Applicants do not have to be of Latino heritage, but the project for which they are seeking funds must benefit the Latino community of Rhode Island. Undocumented students are invited to apply but must submit proof that you are in the process of establishing U.S. residency and/or citizenship along with your application
Amount: $50-$300
Deadline to apply: (three application periods): March 1st, October 1st, July 1st
http://www.cesarchavezscholarshipsri.org/Scholarships.html
Application materials: application form, two (2) letters of recommendation

Latino Dollars for Scholars
Applicants must be an RI resident of Latino descent.
Amount: not specified
Deadline to apply: April 15
http://www.ladori.org/Applicationinfo.html
Application materials: application form, high school or college transcripts.
Tam Tran Scholarship
Applicants must be an RI resident and an undocumented student. Must be or will be a high school/GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the 2013-2014 academic year. For the first two academic years, will accept applications from first year students who are currently taking coursework in an accredited college or university. Must demonstrate financial need, academic potential and promise.
Amount: not specified
Deadline to apply: February 23
http://www.casori.org/FAQ.html
Application materials: online application form, high school or college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and personal statement.

National Scholarships

A. Patrick Charnon Scholarship
Applicant must be admitted or enrolled in college.
Amount: $1,500
Deadline to apply: March 31
Application materials: application form, high school or university transcript, 3 letters of recommendation, short essay

Alvin Cox Memorial Scholarship
Using the fundraising website “Indiegogo” applicants must create a fundraising page. Once the page is created an applicant must insert a Youtube video of themselves, “discussing your college goals and life ambitions, as well as what makes you deserving of our scholarship.” Applicants then submit the link to the Alvin Cox Memorial website. If chosen the applicant’s link will be featured on the Alvin Cox Memorial website and receive a donation to their Indiegogo account. Applicants are also able to forward the link to family, friends, and others who may contribute to their efforts.
Amount: not specified
Deadline: not specified
http://www.alvincoxmemorial.com/
Materials: see description above

APALA Student/Young Leader Scholarship Fund
Donor based scholarship fund organized by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Amount: up to $10,000
Deadline: June 17
http://us2.forward-to-friend.com/forward/preview?u=b29ed80b3807ec04d1bf49120&id=a01513c669
Materials: available upon download of application

Barbara Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Peace Scholarship
Applicants must be either a senior in high school or a freshman in college, and provide evidence of leadership and/or personal initiative in activities or in an organization (including volunteer of paid work) relating to peace and social justice, nuclear disarmament, and/or conflict resolution
Deadline: March 1  
Amount: $250-500  
Application materials: application form, short essay, two (2) letters of recommendation

**Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program**  
Awarded to graduating high school students in grades 9-12 who intend to pursue a post-secondary education at a college, university, or vocational school in the U.S. or Puerto Rico in the fall immediately after their graduation.  
Amount: $1,000  
Deadline: February 15  
Materials: complete electronic application

**Center for Student Opportunity (CSO) Scholarship**  
Awarded to first-generation, low-income, and/or minority high school seniors enrolling at a CSO College Partner college/university.  
Amount: $2,000  
Deadline: May 25  
[http://www.csopportunity.org/ss/oppscholarship.aspx](http://www.csopportunity.org/ss/oppscholarship.aspx)  
Materials: see website for details.

**Comcast Scholarship**  
Offered to students in recognition of academic achievement as well as community service, leadership, and community involvement. Students are recommended by high school guidance counselors and/or principals.  
Amount: $1,000  
Deadline: see website for updated deadlines  
[http://www.comcast.com/Corporate/About/InTheCommunity/Partners/LeadersAndAchievers.html](http://www.comcast.com/Corporate/About/InTheCommunity/Partners/LeadersAndAchievers.html)  
Materials: see website

**Core Scholarship Program**  
Applicants must be of Latino descent. Undocumented students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must still be in high school at time of application  
Amount: Not specified  
Deadline to apply: February 26 (application materials released in late December)  
[http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe](http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe)  
Application materials: application form

**Cruzando Fronteras/Ayudando a la Comunidad**  
Must be an undocumented student planning on pursuing higher education with the intention to return to their community. Applicants must be a high school senior and provide proof of enrollment in a university or college.  
Amount: not specified  
Deadline: currently no date available for 2013 (2012 application deadline was March 17)  
[http://www.csus.edu/org/mecha](http://www.csus.edu/org/mecha)  
Materials: visit website for 2013 application details
**Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund**
Provides need-based grants to students enrolled in an accredited college/university who have a strong interest and experience in human/civil rights, peace and justice.
Amount: varies, up to $10,000
Deadline to apply: April 1
http://dpsf.davisputer.org/
Application materials: application form, personal statement, 2 letters of recommendation, college transcripts, Student Aid Report, photograph, FAFSA and/or SAR

**Discover Financial Scholarship Program**
Applicants must be high school juniors
Amount: $2,500 - $25,000
Deadline to apply: January 31
http://www.discoverfinancial.com/corporate-responsibility/
Application materials: application form, high school transcript

**Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders**
Scholarship presented at the USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL. Recipients are required to attend the conference. To qualify a student must be enrolled or accepted at a four-year institution in the U.S. or in U.S. territory and demonstrate need for financial support. The applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic ancestry.
Amount: $1,000
Deadline: see website for updated deadlines
http://www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php
Materials: ITIN, completed application, see website for additional materials

**The Dream Scholarship Fund**
Any student who has successfully graduated from High School (or is within one semester of doing so), does not qualify for in-state tuition, and who intends to seek higher education at a U.S. college or university is eligible for financial assistance from the Dream Scholarship Fund
Amount: not specified
http://www.dreamscholarshipfund.com/about.html
Materials: see website for details

**Dream Scholarship Fund for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students**
Open to Korean-American and/or Asian American or Pacific Islander students. Students must be senior at a U.S. high school who plan to attend a college/university in the U.S.
Amount: not specified
Deadline: May 18, 2012 (Info for 2013 deadlines not yet available)
http://nakasec.org/blog/2859
Materials: Application form, 2 recommendations, 2 essays
**Fountainhead Essay Contest**
Applicants must read Ayn Rand’s *The Fountainhead* and write an essay about the book. Applicants must be juniors or seniors in high school.
Amount: $50-$10,000
Deadline to apply: April 26
Application materials: Essay, cover sheet

**Humane Education Network: A Voice for Animals High School Essay Contest**
An essay contest open to high school students. Rules/guidelines vary year to year.
Amount: not specified
Deadline: sometime in March (check website for postings on specific dates)
http://www.hennet.org/contest.php

**JA Worldwide & the Achievement Award, Inc. Nelnet Scholarships**
Open to high school seniors who will enroll in an accredited college or university
Amount: $1,000
Deadline: not specified
http://www.ja.org/programs/programs_schol.shtml
Materials: completed application, letters of recommendation, essay

**Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship**
Application available to students in two-year schools who want to transfer to a four-year institution, are nominated by their two-year institution, and have a 3.50 GPA or higher
Amount: not specified
Deadline to apply: December 5
http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/how-to-apply/
Application materials: Speak to campus representative for details

**Jimmy A. Young Memorial Education Recognition Award**
Applicants must plan to or have already enrolled in an accredited respiratory health program.
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: June 15
http://www.arcfoundation.org/awards/undergraduate/young.cfm
Application materials: Application form, verification of enrollment, official transcript, essay on respiratory health, 2 letters of recommendation

**La Unidad Latina Foundation**
Applicants must have already completed one year of college and be of Hispanic descent
Amount: $250-$1,000
Deadline to apply: February 15, October 15
http://www.lulfoundation.org/
Application materials: application form, university transcript, one (1) letter of recommendation
Leonard M. Perryman Scholarship
Applicants must be of United Methodist faith and have a declared major in journalism or communications
Amount: $2,500
Deadline to apply: March 15
http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrlZJ9PFKmG/b.3584835/k.34FF/Lenard_M_Perryman_Communications_Scholarship.htm
Application materials: application form, transcript, three (3) letters of recommendation, short essay, photograph, three examples of journalistic work

The Lowe’s Scholarship
awarded to high school seniors who demonstrate commitment to their community through service and/or leadership. Available to all eligible students in the U.S. Applicants must have a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale to qualify. Applicants should intend to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study in the U.S.
Amount: $2,500
Deadline: February 28
Materials: see website for updated requirements

MALDEF DREAM Act Student Activist Scholarship
A scholarship to support the nation’s college and graduate student leaders who have been outstanding advocates for the DREAM Act and all immigrant rights. Open to current college and graduate students.
Amount: $5,000
Deadline: check website for posting of 2013 application (2012 application deadline was July, 2 2012)
http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html
Materials: available upon download of application

The Mexican American Dream Scholarship of Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Nortéame
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Information about additional scholarships offered by COFEM are available via the link. These include scholarships that do not require a SSN and scholarships that are open to students regardless of their immigration status.
Amount: varies
Deadline: depends upon the scholarship
http://cofem.org/programs/scholarships.html
Materials: depends upon the scholarship
Microsoft Scholarships
Must intend to pursue a degree in computer science and/or related technical fields. Recipients receive benefits for one year and must complete a summer (salaried) internship with Microsoft. Full tuition and partial tuition scholarships are available. To qualify must be enrolled in a four-year institution in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico at the time of application. As long as enrolled in an institution of higher education in North America, applicants may qualify regardless of citizenship.

Scholarships include:
- General Scholarships
- Women’s Scholarships
- Minority Scholarships: African-American, Hispanic, Native American
- Students with Disabilities Scholarships

Amount: not specified
Deadline: February 1
http://www.microsoft.com/university/scholarships
Materials: application, transcript, recommendations, essays, resume

NACME Scholars Program
Applicants must be Native American, African American, or Latino and must enroll in a NACME partner university engineering program.
http://www.nacme.org/NACME_B.aspx?pageid=102
Amount: Varies
Application materials: Contact scholarship for details, scholarships@nacme.org

National Association of Hispanic Nurses Scholarship
Applicants must be enrolled in a nursing program and a member of NAHN for 6 months prior to application.
Amount: $2,500
Deadline to apply: April 15
http://nahnet.org/NAHNScholarships.html#sch2012
Application requirements: college transcripts, 1 letter of recommendation

National Peace Essay Contest
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: February 1
Application materials: essay

National Sculpture Society Scholarship
Scholarship available to both high school and college students.
Amount: $2,000
Deadline to apply: June 1
http://www.nationalsculpture.org/nssN/pdfs/Scholarships.pdf
Application materials: application form, biography or resume, 2 letters of recommendation, CD with photos of sculptures made by student, list stating titles, mediums, and dimensions of sculptures, proof of financial need (tax forms, university financial aid forms, etc)
Nordstrom Scholarship Program
Open to high school JUNIORS with experience in community service, maintain a GPA of 2.7 or higher.
Amount: $10,000
Deadline: May 1
http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship
Materials: see website for updated list of requirements

Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students
Applicants must identify as a part of the LGBTQ community
Amount: intended to fill the gaps that other forms of financial assistance cannot fill
Deadline: application process involves many rounds, first round opens in November 2013
http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply.html
Materials: see website for materials required (materials vary round to round)

Que Llueva Cafe Scholarship – Chicano Organizing & Research in Education
This scholarship is for undocumented, college-bound students. Open to all states in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Must be a high school or G.E.D. graduate who will enroll for the first time in a college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico.
Amount: varies (based upon donations)
Deadline: February 23
http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe
Materials: see website for details

Quest Bridge National College Match Program
Quest Bridge partners with colleges to provide aid to high school seniors facing long-term economic hardship. Of the colleges/universities that partner with Quest Bridge several will consider undocumented students for a full scholarship. These include: Brown, Grinnell, Pomona, Princeton, Swarthmore, University of Chicago, Washington & Lee, Williams, and Yale. (Note that colleges that partner with Quest Bridge and use federal and/or state funds for scholarships may not accept undocumented students, however may consider undocumented students on a case-by-case basis)
Amount: varies
Deadline: application process begins in August 2013
www.questbridge.org
Materials: completed Quest Bridge application, 2 teacher recommendations, 1 counselor recommendation, transcript, test scores, school profile

RCA Ethnic Scholarship Fund
Applicants must be a member of Reformed Church in America, and currently a senior in high school. Priority given to students of racial/ethnic minority.
Amount: $500
Deadline to apply: August 1
https://www.rca.org/ethnicscholarship
Application materials: Application form, college acceptance letter
SHPE Foundation Scholarships
Merit-based and need-based general scholarships are awarded to qualified high school graduating seniors, undergraduate students, and graduate students who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
Amount: $1,000-3,000
Deadline: May 1
http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/ahetems-general-scholarships/
Materials: completed application, letter of recommendation, personal statement, transcript, resume

Transportation Clubs International Scholarship
Applicant must be of Mexican descent and must be entering or currently enrolled in a university level program in transportation industry.
Amount: $1,000
Deadline to apply: May 31
http://www.transportationclubsinternational.com/scholarships.html
Application materials: application form, official transcript, 3 letters of recommendation, photograph, and short essay.

Univision's “Es El Momento” Scholarships
Includes extensive list of scholarships affiliated with Univision.
http://vidayfamilia.univision.com/es-el-momento/becas-a-z/
See website for details, deadlines, amounts, and materials for specific scholarships posted by Univision.

VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program
Audio-essay competition for students planning on attending an institution of higher education or vocational education in the U.S. To find the competition’s theme for a given year visit the website.
Amount: ranges from $1,000-30,000
Deadline: November 1, 2013
http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/
Materials: completed application, audio-essay (submit as CD AND in typed form)
Colleges that give scholarships or financial aid to students without a Social Security Number

**Rhode Island**
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Johnson & Wales  
Providence College  
Roger Williams University  
Salve Regina University

**Connecticut**
Fairfield University  
Manchester Community College  
Saint Joseph College  
University of New Haven  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University

**California**
Claremont McKenna College  
California State University - Monterey Bay  
Dominican University of California  
Harvey Mudd College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Mills College  
Mount St, Mary’s College  
National Hispanic University  
Occidental College  
Pomona College  
San Francisco State University  
Santa Clara University  
Stanford University  
University of California - Berkeley

**Massachusetts**
Amherst College  
Anna Maria College  
Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University  
Assumption College  
Babson College  
Bard College at Simon’s Rock  
Bay Path College  
Bay State College  
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology  
Boston Baptist College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Clark University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Curry College  
Dean College  
Eastern Nazarene College  
Emmanuel College  
Endicot College  
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering  
Greenfield Community College  
Hampshire College  
Harvard University  
ITT Technical Institute: Norwood  
Lasell College  
Lesley University  
Marian Court College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Merrimack College  
Mount Holyoke College

**Maine**
Bates College

**Iowa**
Grinnell College
Mount Ida College
New England Conservatory of Music
New England Institute of Art
Newbury College
Nichols College
Northeastern University
Pine Manor College
Quincy College
Regis College
Simmons College
Smith College
Stonehill College
Tufts University
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Wellesley College
Western New England College
Wheelock College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State College

New Jersey
Princeton University

New York
Bard College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Vassar College

Ohio
Kenyon College
Oberlin College

Oregon
Reed College

Pennsylvania
Bryn Mawr College
Franklin and Marshall College
Swarthmore College

Vermont
Middlebury College

Washington
University of Puget Sound
Whitman College

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