Supporting
Undocumented Students

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Our Mission

We empower undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation.
The MOST Important Message...

Undocumented?
You're not alone.
We're in this together.

E4FC.ORG
National Statistics of Undocumented Individuals

Total population in the US: 11-12 million people

Under 18: Over 1.3 million people

Annual high school graduates: 65,000 students

Enroll in college each year: 7,000 – 13,000 students
Recognize Diversity

Countries of Origin of Undocumented College Student Respondents

In the Shadow of the Ivory Tower, 2015, UCLA
## National Population Estimates

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<td>Guatemala</td>
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<td>Honduras</td>
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<td>China</td>
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<td>Philippines</td>
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<td>India</td>
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<td>Vietnam</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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*DHS 2012, Using 2012 Census Data*
CA Statistics

- 25% of all undocumented immigrants reside in CA

- Population per county:
  - Alameda: 124,000
  - Santa Clara: 180,000
  - San Bernardino: 150,000
  - Los Angeles: 916,000
  - Orange: 289,000
  - Riverside: 146,000
  - San Diego: 198,000
Migration is Beautiful

Favianna Rodriguez
Artist, Agitator, Intellectual

Wear It On Your Sleeve!
Migration is Beautiful Temporary Tattoo
Common Challenges Undocumented Students Encounter

- **Secrecy** vs. Need for Support
- Living in Fear
- Complex immigration & economic concerns
- Often work to pay for school & help their families
- Many face legal constraints to work
- Inability to receive federal financial aid

- Lack of sufficient institutional awareness/support
Knowing Current Legislation Helps YOU Support Undocumented Students
We cannot foretell the future, BUT…..

Most STATE LAWS have NOT CHANGED!
100s of colleges & universities have proclaimed support for undocumented student populations
Cities across the state/country have sanctuary status
CA has a strong base of pro-immigrant legislation
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Executive Order by President Obama
- Gave 2 year Work Authorization & Stay of Deportation
- More than 750,000 DACA Recipients in the U.S.

- Current Recipients should RENEW, if possible
- NEW Applicants should APPLY after legal consultation
- Not Advised To Participate in Advanced Parole

- MOST Up-to-date Info: nilc.org, ilrc.org, e4fc.org
Replaces existing immigration enforcement priorities with new, significantly broader priorities that render virtually any individual in the U.S. without status as a potential priority for deportation;

Would prohibit federal grants (except for law enforcement purposes) to localities that DHS and AG deem a “sanctuary jurisdiction”
Coalitions of immigrant rights’ orgs, legal advocacy organizations, private immigration attorneys, labor unions coming together to:

- **Educate community members** about their rights when encountering immigration enforcement;
- **Initiate rapid response** to raids in community, including advocacy and representation of individuals detained;
- **Assess conduct** of raids for potential litigation to challenge unconstitutional or unlawful practices.
Help Students Know Their RIGHTS

www.unitedwedream.org/knowyourrights
## Important California Legislation

e4fc.org/thecaliforniadreamact.html

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### REMEMBERING THE DIFFERENCES!
**AB 540 VS. AB 2000 VS. CA DREAM ACT VS. DACA**

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<td><strong>Title</strong></td>
<td>Non-Resident Tuition Exemption</td>
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| **What It Does** | Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees | Expands AB 540 to include students who graduate early from high school with 3 years of HS credit | Opens certain scholarships administrated by public institutions to AB 540 students | Opens state-funded grants (including Cal grants, State grants, UC Grants & the BOG Fee waiver) and state programs (EOP & EOPS) to AB 540 students | Allows individuals to receive:  
- Employment authorization card with valid Social Security Number  
- Temporary Relief from Deportation  
- Advanced Parole, in some cases |
| **What It Does Not Do** | Does not change their state residency status | Does not change their state residency status | Does not include eligibility for federal grants or funds | Should not be confused with the Federal Dream Act | Does not provide a path to lawful permanent residence or citizenship  
- Does not give eligibility for federal financial aid awarded through the FAFSA |
| **Eligibility Requirements** | Student must:  
- Attend three full years of high school in CA or the equivalent for a GED  
- Graduate from a CA high school, obtain a Certificate of Completion | Student must:  
- Attend CA high school or graduate early with the equivalent of three or more years of credits  
- May attend | Student must meet:  
- AB 540 eligibility  
- Individual scholarship requirements | Student must meet:  
- AB 540 eligibility  
- Priority filing deadline  
- Income guidelines  
- GPA & other Cal grant eligibility | Individual must have or be:  
- Continuously present in US since 6/15/07  
- Physically in the US on 8/15/12 without lawful status or with an expired status  
- Under the age of 31 as of 8/15/12  
- Arrived to US before 16th birthday |
California Student Aid Commission Promises to Protect Dream Act Students

“CSAC promises not to share information with federal authorities and DACA status is not required to apply for CA Dream Act.”

-Executive Director Lupita Cortez Alcalá

Ed Source Article  11/28/16
## FAFSA vs DREAM

### How to Guarantee You Use the Correct Financial Aid Application in California

**Be sure to receive all financial aid for which you are eligible!**

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Steps & Tools to Apply

www.e4fc.org/thecaliforniadreamact.html

APPLY FOR THE CA DREAM APPLICATION TO GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE!

APPLY ONLINE

dream.csac.ca.gov

PRIORITY FILING DEADLINE

OCT 1st to MARCH 2nd 2017

CHECKLIST FOR 2017–18 CA DREAM APPLICATION

☐ Be aware of AB 540 or AB 2000 requirements. In order for DREAM aid to be released, students must meet these requirements. U visa holders are also eligible. T visa holders should apply through FAFSA. TPS students contact each school.

☐ Create a username and password for the CA Dream Application. SAVE them somewhere safe, where you won’t forget!

APPLY FOR A CAL GRANT!

VERIFY YOUR GPA

www.csac.ca.gov

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CHECKLIST FOR 2017–18 CAL GRANTS

☐ Have graduated or will graduate from a California High School or received/ will receive a GED in California.

☐ Be able to meet AB 540 or AB 2000 requirements. U visa holders must provide visa information to the school.

☐ Meet all other eligibility requirements at www.csac.ca.gov

☐ Successfully submit CA DREAM Application by March 2nd, an important priority deadline for the entitlement grants.
Scholarships Available for Undocumented Students

- E4FC Scholarship List
  - Undergrad & Grad
- School Specific
  - CC & 4 year
- Community Based Organizations

Many Many MORE PLACES to FIND SCHOLARSHIPS!

e4fc.org/scholarshiplists.html
SUPPORTING
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Educators for Fair Consideration
www.e4fc.org/resources

- Engage with an Open Mind
- Create a Safe Space
- Learn About Legislation
- Advocate for Financial Support
- Build Your Educator Network
- Identify & Connect Role Models
- Build Agency & Power
What WE CAN DO NOW!

www.e4fc.org/whateducatorscando.html

POST-ELECTION:
WHAT EDUCATORS CAN DO
TO SUPPORT
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS
Framework for Conceptualizing Institutional Support

Individual
   Foundational

Group of People
   Emerging

Institutional
   Comprehensive
How Educators Can HELP

Institutional Level
- Letters of Support and/or Sanctuary Campus, Trainings, Financial Support, Institutional Practices

With Students & Their Families
- Create Safe Spaces, Investigate Potential Remedies, Integrate, Offer Support & Make it Visible!

Individually
- Self-Care, Connect with Other Educators, Know the Laws,
Strengthen Your Support Network
Undocu-Friendly School
#HeretoStay K-12 Toolkit for Educators

A school that is inviting and public about their support for undocumented students and invests resources in their students by providing information, scholarships and programs.
Sanctuary School & Safe Zone Movement
Understanding the Sanctuary School and Safe Zone Movement

A Quick Guide for Educators
How Can Universities Protect Undocumented Students?

- Limit the sharing of student information with federal immigration authorities
- Restrict immigration agents’ access to campuses
- Prohibit campus security from collaborating with federal immigration authorities for the purposes of enforcement
- Provide resources and information for immigrant students and their families
UndocuCollege Guide & Equity Tool
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- Institutional Focus
- Identifies Statewide Challenges
- Highlights Best Practices
- Equity Tool Provides Structure to Foster Campus Conversations
- GOAL: Strengthen Institutional Practices
Wave Your FLAG!

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