

College Bound as an Undocumented Student during COVID-19

Connect with your counselor or the financial aid office. They are available to support you through the financial aid process and to help ensure that you submit any needed documents. Remember, per state guidelines, you are still qualified to receive state aid. Several colleges and universities award enough grant funding to cover the cost of tuition* for eligible students. Explore the following updates as you complete the financial aid process.

High School Seniors and the TASFA

Although the priority deadline has passed, you can submit your TASFA applications through June 30, 2020.

Many colleges and universities have closed their physical campuses, so they may only accept online or emailed applications. The [2020–21 TASFA](#) is available online, making it relatively easy to abide by social distancing guidelines.

You should always contact the college's financial aid office for specific instructions for submitting your application and additional documents. The following is a general list of what you should be submitting:

- 📍 TASFA form
- 📍 2018 Tax Return Transcript (you and your parents', if applicable)
- 📍 A copy of your Selective Service card (for males)
- 📍 Residency Affidavit (check with your high school counselor or your college or university's financial aid office for a blank form)



Note: Colleges may require additional documents for verification. Contact the financial aid office or check your college's student portal. If you need a document to be notarized, some banks and credit unions offer drive-through notary services.

DACAmented Students

Given the impending DACA Supreme Court decision, it is highly recommended you renew your DACA status as soon as possible, especially if it will expire in 2020. The [United We Dream website](#) and the Informed Immigrant website both offer guidance for navigating the process during the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

And, if you are currently experiencing a job loss, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. Please visit the Texas Workforce Commission's [Unemployment Benefits page](#) for more information.

*Tuition is the price colleges charge for classes, a part of the cost of attendance. Other fees are applied for enrolling in and attending college. The cost of tuition and fees varies by college.

(College Board, 2020; TWC, 2020)

