Deferred Action 2014
An Update for Qualifying Undocumented Students
Undocumented: A term used to describe foreign nationals who reside in the U.S. without the legal permission of the federal government.

Entered the country legally on a tourist or work visa but then chose to remain in the U.S. without authorization after the visa expired.

Entered the U.S. without any form of documentation.
In 2006 millions took part in a National March for Immigration Reform across the United States. It is estimated there are over 11 million undocumented immigrants within the United States today.

Over 65,000 graduate annually from high school with minimal access to higher education.

Every 3 minutes a family member is deported and separated from their loved ones.

511,000 undocumented immigrants reside in Illinois, and 11+ million are awaiting 2014 federal legislation for immigration reform.
Changes in the Law

- 1954: Brown vs. Board of Education
- 1974: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- 1982: Plyler vs. Doe
- 1996: Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act (IIRIRA)
- 2003: Higher Education In-state Tuition in the State of Illinois (HB60)
- 2011: Illinois Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act
In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court found in *Plyer vs. Doe* that because undocumented children are illegally in the United States through no fault of their own, they are entitled to the same K–12 educational opportunities that states provide to children who are citizens or legal residents.

Federal law does not require school districts or their employees to report undocumented students to immigration authorities. Doing so would constitute a violation of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) if information in a student’s education records is disclosed without consent.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals DACA

DACA S.S.# is SOLELY FOR WORK PURPOSES!!

DACA S.S.# CANNOT BE UTILIZED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, COLLEGE APPLICATIONS OR TO APPLY FOR FAFSA.

Renewal DACA released February 20, 2014 - APPLY!
Common sense immigration reform with a path to permanent legal status would **boost the U.S. economy $1.5 trillion** over ten years.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, the nation will face a **shortage of 150,000 doctors by 2025**. 73% of Medical Doctors and technicians are immigrants.

[http://www.illinoisbic.biz/](http://www.illinoisbic.biz/)
FINANCIAL OPTIONS for UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS by STATE

* Offered state tuition but rescinded in 2011

** Offers Dreamers Scholarship, but no financial aid

What Would the DREAM Act Do?

The Federal Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act is a proposed legislation that was first introduced on August 1, 2001, has been amended several times, and most recently re-introduced in the U.S. Senate on May 11, 2011.

- Provides undocumented students who entered the country at age 15 or younger AND entered at least 5 years before the passage of the legislation AND are not 35 years of age eligibility for legal status.

- This LPR status would be granted on a conditional basis and valid for six years, during which time the student would be allowed to work, go to school, or join the military.

- The conditional status would be removed and the person granted LPR status after six years once the student has either completed two years in a program for a bachelor’s degree or higher degree or has served in the uniformed services for at least two years and, if discharged, has received an honorable discharge.

- DREAM Act students would not be eligible for federal education grants. Students would, however, be eligible for federal work study and student loans, and individual states would not be restricted from providing financial aid to the students.
Students can pay in-state tuition at all Illinois public colleges and universities if they:

- Graduated from an IL high school
- Attended high school in IL for three years while living with a parent or guardian
- Sign an affidavit stating that they will seek legal status as soon as they are eligible
What is it? Why is it required?

To be considered for in-state tuition under HB 60 (Public Act 93 - 007), universities require undocumented students to sign an affidavit that indicates a promise to legalize their immigration status as soon as eligible.

Definition:

Affidavit (n). AF•Fi•da•Vit [àffi dáyvit] written version of sworn statement: a written declaration made on oath before somebody authorized to administer oaths, usually setting out the statement of a witness for court proceedings (example: a public notary)
1) Staff & Faculty Competencies
- What is the level of awareness on these issues among administration, faculty, staff?
- Are employees trained on these issues?
- *Who on campus directly works with these students?*
- Is there a support network for undocumented students? (*Undocumented Student Liaison*)

2) Admissions & Recruitment Practices
- How do you reach out to these students before enrollment? *How do you promote your resources?*
- How do you promote your transfer articulation agreements between 2yr/4yr partners?
- Does your admission application require a SSN?
- *Does an Affidavit have to be completed in order for a students application to be reviewed?*
- Do students file applications on-line or on paper?

3) Tuition-related Policies
- What do you require to show proof of residency?
- *What type of tax documents are needed to create an award packet?*
- How does your institution determine need? *Is there an appeal process?*
- What do you require to create a tuition payment plan? *Are institutional loans available?*

4) Financial Aid Policies
- NO UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SHOULD COMPLETE A FAFSA.
- What kind of institutional aid is available?
- Are there any policies *in writing* anywhere, such as in your Foundation’s bylaws, which forbid undocumented students from earning scholarships? *Private scholarships?*
- How will undocumented students *know* they can apply for institutional aid?
- Can you award tuition waivers to student employees?

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We are witnessing a period of extraordinary growth within the undocumented immigrant community. The world is constantly changing, and with that change come great challenges and opportunities. Regardless of what lies ahead, we are certain of one thing; access to education for the undocumented immigrant community is essential for the growth of Illinois and this nation.

Tomorrow’s leaders will need to be able to be great thinkers, possessing both wisdom and depth of understanding. And they must have heart—a profound sensitivity to people’s needs and motivations. The Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship seeks to create access to financial funding to further this growth and development for the undocumented immigrant leaders of tomorrow.

With the generous offerings of private donors and in-kind donations, the board of directors seeks to provide scholarships to undocumented immigrants who are incoming freshmen or current undergraduates and graduate students that possess a 2.5 GPA or higher in their field of study.

www.illiniosdreamfund.org

Deadline: March 15, 2014 at 11:59PM
Recorrido del Sol / Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk 2014!!
Sunday April 6, 2014 • 9am-11am
@ Grant Park's Avery Field.

Recorrido del Sol/Illinois Dream Fund 5K Run/Walk is a fundraiser for Fiesta del Sol and Illinois Dream Fund Scholarships. As many might be aware, the amount of scholarships available for immigrant students is limited. Many of us may have even referred a student to apply to one if not both of these scholarships. This event is a great opportunity to increase access to financial resources for further growth and development for the immigrant leaders of tomorrow.

Recruiting:
- **Committee Members**: Individuals who will be bringing ideas, creativity into preparing the event. Raising awareness about the event, and committing to meetings up until the event date.
- **Volunteers**: Willingness to help the committee members and runners in the day of the event. Recruiting runners and other volunteers to help for the event.
- **Runners**: Individuals who have gathered 10 people to commit to the 5K Run/Walk and register before April 6th. (You must be 18 or older). Team members can register online by accessing [http://www.2014recorridodelsol5k.mivoz.com/](http://www.2014recorridodelsol5k.mivoz.com/).

Twitter: @RecorridoDelSol
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Senator Patty Murray
Introduces Bill to provide In-State Tuition to Dreamers

The IN-STATE for Dreamers Act establishes the American Dream Grant program, which encourages states to increase access to higher education for low-income students, regardless of immigration status. This program would provide $750 million (over ten years) in need-based student financial aid to states that set equitable in-state tuition rates and offer financial aid to undocumented students.

American Dream Grants would supplement state financial aid funding, in order to increase higher education affordability for all students. States would qualify for grants by allowing in-state tuition for undocumented students or by expanding access to state financial aid for these students. *This legislation is not a state mandate and is fully paid for (Introduced in November 2013).*
The report, titled *Shattered Families*, found that:

• An estimated 5,100 children, currently living in foster care, have detained or deported parents. Nearly 15,000 more children are expected in the next five years.

• In the first six months of 2011, ICE deported 46,000 parents of U.S. citizen children, or 1 in 4 of all deportation cases.

• In areas where the local police act as immigration enforcement in collaboration with ICE, children in foster care were 29% more likely to have a detained or deported parent. The study found that Secure Communities has created “deportation hot spots” with increased numbers of children in foster care.

• Immigrant victims of domestic and gender-based violence are at a significantly greater risk of losing their children. 1 in 9 cases studied involved domestic violence.

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