

# 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

The 2021–22 TASFA application cycle is open, and you are encouraged to apply for state financial aid as early as possible. Applications can be submitted through June 30, 2021, but the state priority deadline in Texas is January 15, 2021. Colleges and universities may have their own priority deadlines, so you should check in directly with your college or university for more details. The [2021–22 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
- 📍 2019 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

As of December 2020, DACA has been completely restored to its original form. If you're a current or former DACA recipient, you can continue applying for renewal, which is awarded in two-year terms. If you've never applied for or received DACA, you can now apply for your initial DACA application as long as you meet eligibility requirements. Visit [Immigrants Rising](#) for more information on eligibility requirements and initial application steps.

\*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)

