TheDream.US Scholarship

TheDream.US, is a nationwide scholarship program open to undocumented immigrant undergraduate students with or without DACA or TPS status who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before November 1, 2018. The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees at an approved Partner College up to a maximum of $33,000 for a bachelor’s degree.

TheDream.US National Scholarship is a renewable scholarship that follows students through the completion of a bachelor’s degree. Recipients must meet the continuing eligibility criteria established by the organization and renew the award each summer. Transfer Partner Colleges include Broward College, Palm Beach State College, and Miami Dade College.

Application opens November 1, 2023 for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Application closes February 29, 2024.

Please visit [https://www.thedream.us/](https://www.thedream.us/) for information on specific requirements and how to apply.

If you are a current TheDream.US scholar contact:

- Scholar Advisor: Derek Phillips, dphillip@fau.edu, 561-297-3530
- Tuition Waivers and Residency: Jennifer Zambrano, jzambran@fau.edu 561-297-3040
- Career Center Services: Cristina Lopez Vergara, clopezvergar2016@fau.edu 561-297-3533

**Non-Resident Tuition Waiver**

Florida law provides for FAU to waive the out-of-state fee for all students, including undocumented students, who demonstrate they:

- Attended a high school in the state of Florida for 3 consecutive years; and
- Graduated from a Florida high school immediately after those 3 years of consecutive attendance; and
• Applied for enrollment in a state university, Florida College System institution, or Florida career center or charter technical career center in Florida within 24 months after high school graduation.

The waiver is only available for up to 110% of the required credits hours of an undergraduate degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled. This waiver cannot be applied to non-degree work or graduate degrees. The approval of this waiver does not grant eligibility for financial aid, scholarships or loans from the University, the state, or the federal government, as defined in the Florida Statutes. Chapter 2014-62, Section 5, 1009.26 Fee Waivers. Additionally, receipt of this out-of-state fee waiver does NOT constitute classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes. Students who receive this waiver remain classified as non-Florida residents for tuition purposes and are NOT eligible for state financial aid, including Bright Futures.

Please note: DACA/TPS/Undocumented students without a legal status are not eligible for Federal, State or Institutional Funding.

Additional Resources

Where to go for what?

https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/


IMMIGRANTS RISING: https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-scholarships-and-fellowships/

PRIVATE LOANS

Private student loans (also known as alternative loans) are non-federal loans, made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or state agency. These loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students. For information on Private Loans, view the following link:
https://www.fau.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/loans/

View the private loan programs and lenders by using the search tool ELMSELECT

The Dreamer Graduate School Loan Program will provide loans to eligible TheDream.US alumni at an annual percentage rate comparable to the federal Grad PLUS program. For lender information and to apply view the following lending company link: FundingU or by using the search tool ELMSELECT