CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE

TRANSITION TO CSUN: THE UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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DREAM Center



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GENERAL CSUN INFORMATION

Admissions And Records

- **(818)677-3700**
- Located in Bayramian Hall 1st Floor Lobby (BH100)

Financial Aid and Scholarship Department

- **(818)677-6787**
- Located in Bayramian Hall 1st Floor Lobby (BH100)
- financial.aid@csun.edu
- **(818)677-4907**
- scholarships@csun.edu



CAMPUS VIRTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Explore CSUN in a virtual experience!

Meaningful programs and services virtually

- 2020/2021 Virtual Graduation Ceremonies
- University Student Union (USU) Events
- Chicana/o Studies Dept. weekly Instagram lives
- Sustainable Fashion Workshops
- Healing Spaces with different departments and center
- Essential Talks about racial battles

And many more.....



DREAM CENTER MISSION AND GOALS

DREAM stands for Dreamers, Resources, Empowerment, Advocacy and Mentorship.

The DREAM Center provides resources and services to undocumented students, mixedstatus families, staff, faculty, allies and future undocumented students while fostering a more inclusive campus community.

We help empower students so that they can become advocates during their educational trajectory.

We increase knowledge of the ever-changing political climate that affects students in their personal and professional lives.

We believe students thrive and undergo a transformation when they feel supported and empowered in their autonomies to confidently pursue their aspirations and goals.

SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESOURCES

A resource space for undocumented students and/or students from mixed-status households and allies

Services

- Career development
- Community building
- DREAM Center professional staff
- Faculty mentors
- Financial aid counselor
- Free legal services
- Let's Talk
- Student assistants

Events and programs

- Coffee Talks
- Know Your Rights workshops
- Policy updates
- Undocu-Student Orientation and Undocu-Graduation
- Undocumented experience

Resources

- Support with filling out:
 - California DREAM Act application and FAFSA
 - AB 540 and other campus forms
 - MataCare Emergency Grant application
- Scholarship assistance
- Graduate school and career exploration
- Referrals to campus and community partners

CHECKLIST

- □ Apply for the Financial Aid by March 2nd.
- Fill out your CSU Residence Questionnaire and CSU- Non-Resident Tuition Exemption (AB 540 forms).
- □ Apply for on-campus housing at csun.edu/housing/apply.
- □ Apply for CSUN scholarships at csun.edu/financialaid/csun.
- ☐ File your intent to register by May 1.
- □ Accept any financial aid offers.
- □ Submit official transcripts by July 15.
- □ Register for orientation *csun.edu/nso*.

FAFSA V. CADAA

To ensure your eligibility for aid, fill out the correct financial aid application:

FAFSA DEADLINE TO APPLY MARCH 2ND!

- U.S Citizens
- Legal Permanent Residents (LPR)
- T Visa Holders
- Refugee
- Asylum Granted

CA DREAM Act DEADLINE TO APPLY MARCH 2ND!

- Undocumented individuals
- DACAmented
- U Visa Holders
- Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION

- The application cycle is Oct. 1-March 2.
- Provide tax information for yourself and your parents (if you are under 24).
- List CSUN on your application.
- Create a WebGrants account.
- Men are required to register for Selective Service.
- Fill out and submit your AB 540 affidavit and CSU Residency Questionnaire found here: csun.edu/current-students/forms.

CSU RESIDENCY QUESTIONNAIRE AND AB540

- You must be classified as AB 540 to receive financial aid through the California DREAM Act application (CADAA).
- Your application must be submitted by the financial aid verification deadline (late April) to avoid delays in financial aid disbursement.

MYNORTHRIDGE PORTAL, TO-DO LIST AND CSUN EMAIL

- Always check your to-do list on the myNorthridge Portal and clear your list before the deadline. Examples of items to clear:
 - Advisement hold
 - Dependent verification form
 - •W2
 - Independent verification form
 - Parent's tax transcripts

Holds have the potential to delay your financial aid by nine weeks!

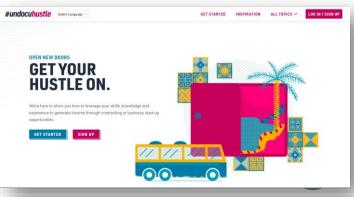
WORK OPPORTUNITIES RESOURCES

- Beyond DACA
- DACA#Undocuhustle
- immigrantsrising.org
- <u>Undocu-Hustle</u>: Income
 Generation Alternatives
- <u>USU Board of Directors</u> (BOD)
- Build Poder: Need to be AB540 but not DACA
- Each resource is tailor to provide tips, skills and entrepreneurship content for people with undocumented status.

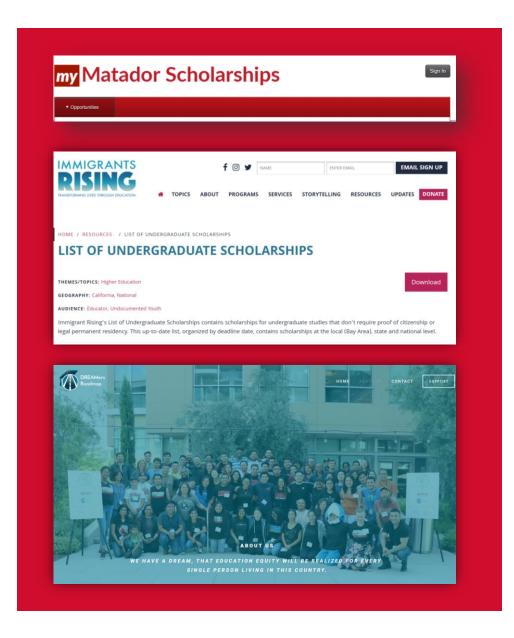








SCHOLARSHIPS



- CSUN Academic Works
 (Scholarship Portal):
 DREAMERS Scholarships, are open to
 CADAA applicants
- Immigrants Rising Scholarship
 Packet (External); Different
 categories scholarships are divided
 into
- Dreamers Road Map; App you can download on your phone
- Seek for scholarships within your own community ex: "San Fernando Education Commission"

OTHER RESOURCES

- **DREAM Center Mentors:** 3 faculty members who you can make an appointment with to speak to them about Graduate School
- Academic Advisement: Meet with your major advisor for academic & registration feedback

https://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/academic-advisement

- Dreams To Be Heard Student Organization: A family advocating for immigrant rights
- University Counseling Services (UCS), Mitchell Family
 Counseling Clinic: Counseling services for students some of
 free of charge
- CSUN Oasis Wellness Center: Provides students with virtual services such as: self-care tips, wellness education, and healing space







STAY CONNECTED

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You can also schedule a Zoom meeting, with at least 48 hours' notice, by calling (818) 677-7069.

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Student Panel Q&A