



Resources for DACA & Undocumented Students

Though Cedar Crest does not have a formal status as a sanctuary school, we place immense value on all our students, their families, and thus we have protections in place for our undocumented students.

With the end of DACA, many undocumented students have lost governmental protections in place allowing them to attend college. However, Cedar Crest is a welcoming, safe community that will do all in our power to protect the safety and best interests of our undocumented students. This means that Cedar Crest is dedicated to making college affordable, safe, and welcoming for students regardless of citizenship status.

Cedar Crest Resources

- Admissions Counselor : Lacey Wismer Lacey.Wismer@cedarcrest.edu
- Student Financial Services : Phone: 610-606-4602 - Office Hours Monday - Friday: 8:30-4:30 financialservices@cedarcrest.edu
- Institutional Liaison to DACA & undocumented students: Tatiana Diaz, Dir. Diversity & Inclusion 610-606-4666 ext.3596Tadiaz@cedarcrest.edu

Important information for undocumented students:

- Due to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), school officials may not disclose immigration status about students without their permission.

Financial Aid - Cedar Crest Merit scholarship

<http://www.cedarcrest.edu/stufinserv/tritionalscholarships.shtm>

Traditional Student Scholarships

Merit scholarships are awarded to traditional, *full-time first-year* students based on academic criteria that is evaluated during admissions process. Scholarship is awarded regardless of documented status. For more information contact above admissions office representative.

Transfer Student Scholarships

Merit scholarships are awarded to full-time transfer students based on their cumulative GPA from all transfer institutions. Scholarship is awarded regardless of documented status. For more information contact above admissions office representative.

Financial Aid - How to fill out the FASFA

(Full guide on found on <http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students-guide>)

- Do not falsify applications or other documents. Do not use identification or documents belonging to someone else on your application, as this constitutes fraud.

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Meet with a financial aid officer of the college in order to determine the level of aid you may receive.

- Without a Social Security Number, you are ineligible for federal aid. However, if you do have a Social Security Number, you should submit a FAFSA.
- “The FAFSA does not require the citizenship status of the applicant’s parents, but does request their SSNs. Applicants must write in “000-00-0000” as the SSN for any parent or legal guardian who is undocumented. Applicants will encounter the following question: “Are you a U.S. citizen?” Undocumented students must check the box for “No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.” The form also features questions about the “legal state of residence” for the applicant and their parents. The correct answer will vary, as each U.S. state has different requirements for legal state residency. Applicants should consult their high school career counselor before completing this section. The online FAFSA form features an IRS Data Retrieval tool that allows applicants to submit their tax information and that of their parents. If the applicant or their parents did not file an income tax return during the previous year, then tax information may be entered manually.”

Resources for undocumented students.

Educators for Fair Change (E4FC) is an organization dedicated to making education affordable and accessible for undocumented students. This includes scholarships and programs geared toward undocumented individuals who seek greater opportunities through education.

<http://e4fc.org/aboutus/e4fcstheoryofchange.html>

MALDEF, Civil rights organization has supported the next generation of civil rights advocates for the Latino community. MALDEF currently offers a Scholarship Resource Guide for high school, college, and graduate students; and a Law School Scholarship Program for law students.”

<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

College Board, A list of resources for undocumented students applying for college,

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students>

Dept. of Education FAQs about undocumented students and their eligibility for financial aid:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf>