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Immigration Status & Postsecondary Opportunity

New Resources for State Policymakers

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Welcome & Today's Agenda

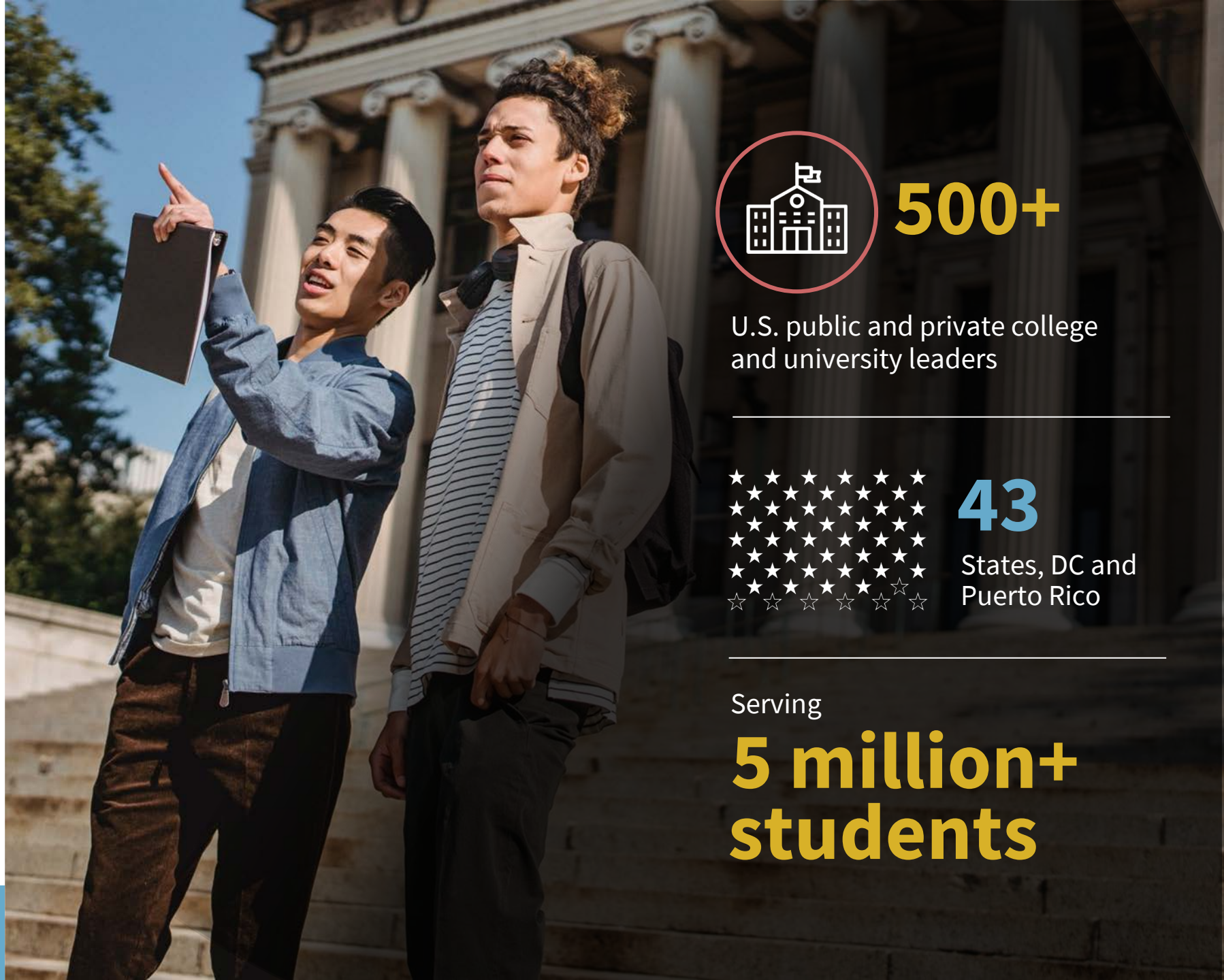
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I. Context and Background



**PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE:
WE FORMED OUR ALLIANCE
TO SUPPORT
UNDOCUMENTED,
IMMIGRANT, INTERNATIONAL
AND REFUGEE STUDENTS
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Only national organization singularly focused on the intersection of higher ed and immigration.



500+

U.S. public and private college and university leaders



43

States, DC and Puerto Rico

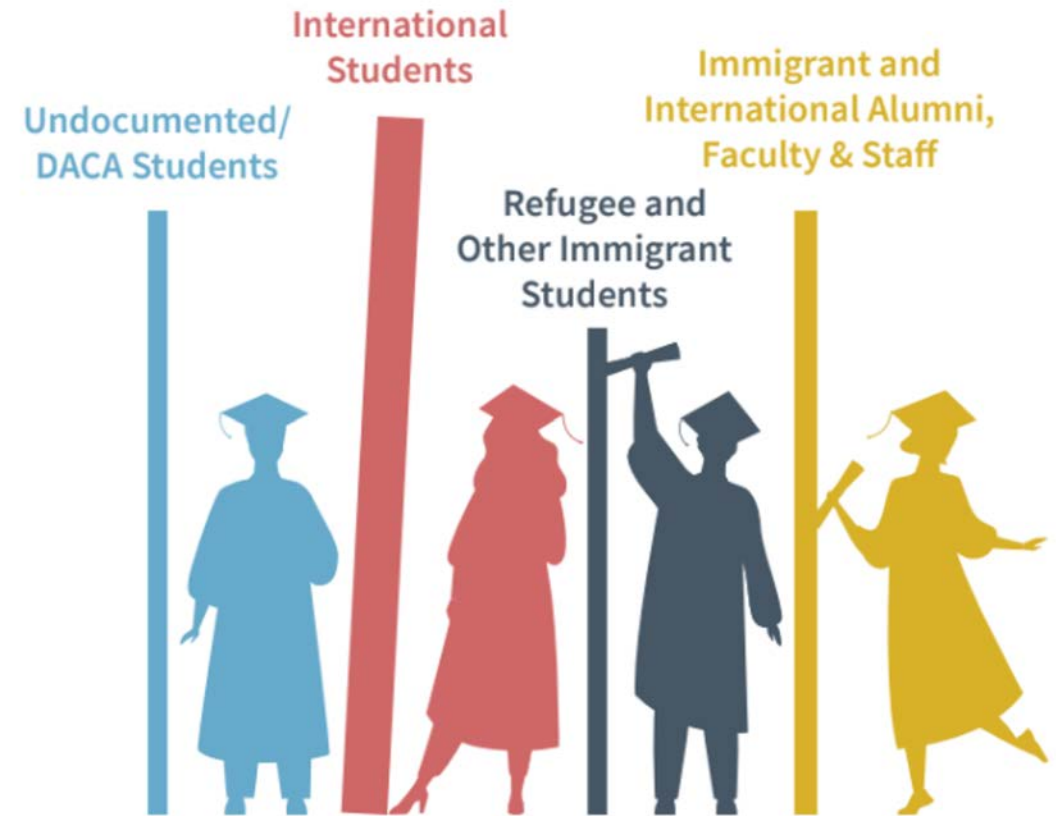
Serving

5 million+ students

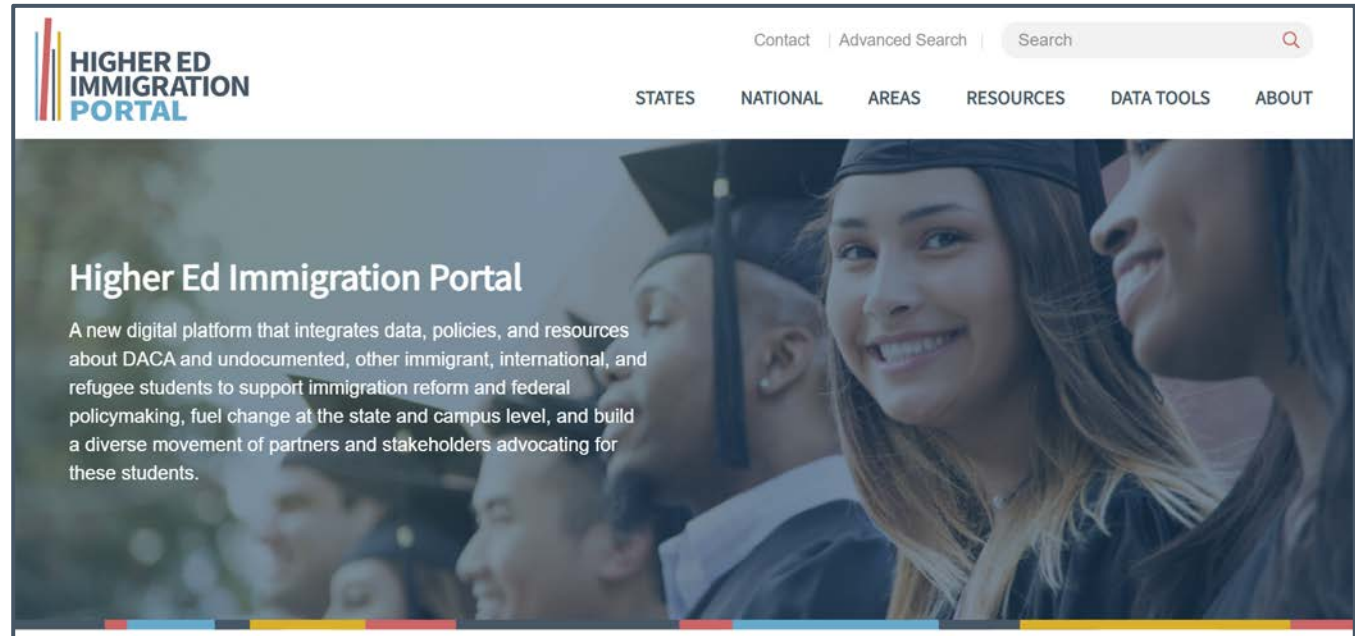
Building a Go-To Resource & Dynamic Tool

The **Higher Ed Immigration Portal**:

- Brings together **policy analysis, effective practices, data, and other resources** to support undocumented, other immigrant, refugee, and international students.
- Aims to serve as a **policy intervention tool**, helping implement policies and practices at the federal, state and/or campus levels.



II. Overview: Higher Ed Immigration Portal



Background: Key Higher Education Data



427,000

Undocumented students enrolled in U.S. higher education, including **181,000** who are DACA-Eligible.



98,000

Undocumented students graduating from U.S. high schools each year.

Key Note

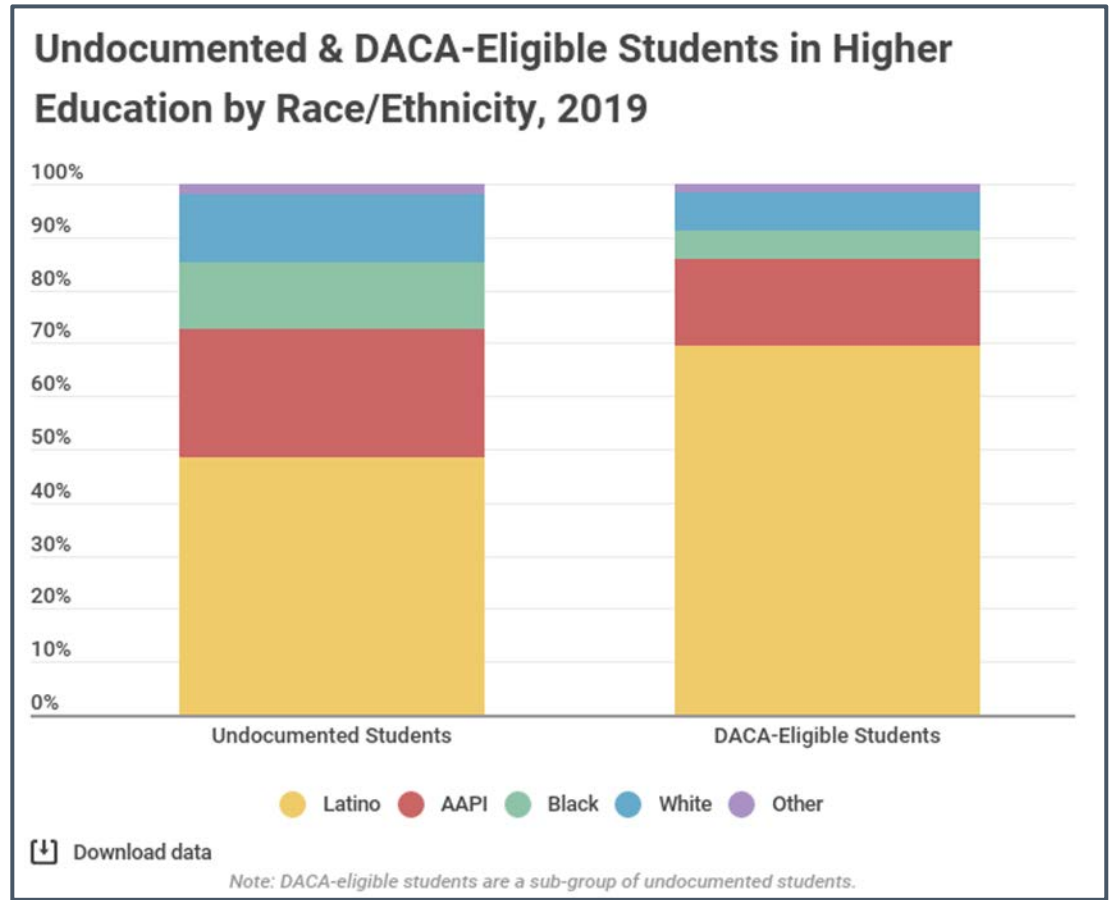
People sometimes use the term “DACA students” without recognizing that not all undocumented students have DACA or are eligible for DACA.

Better to try to be as inclusive as possible.

Undocumented Students in Higher Education

- **Undocumented Students are a diverse community:**

- 48.5% Latino
- 24.2% Asian American & Pacific Islander
- 12.9% White
- 12.5% Black
- 1.9% Other Race/Ethnicity



Common Barriers to Higher Education

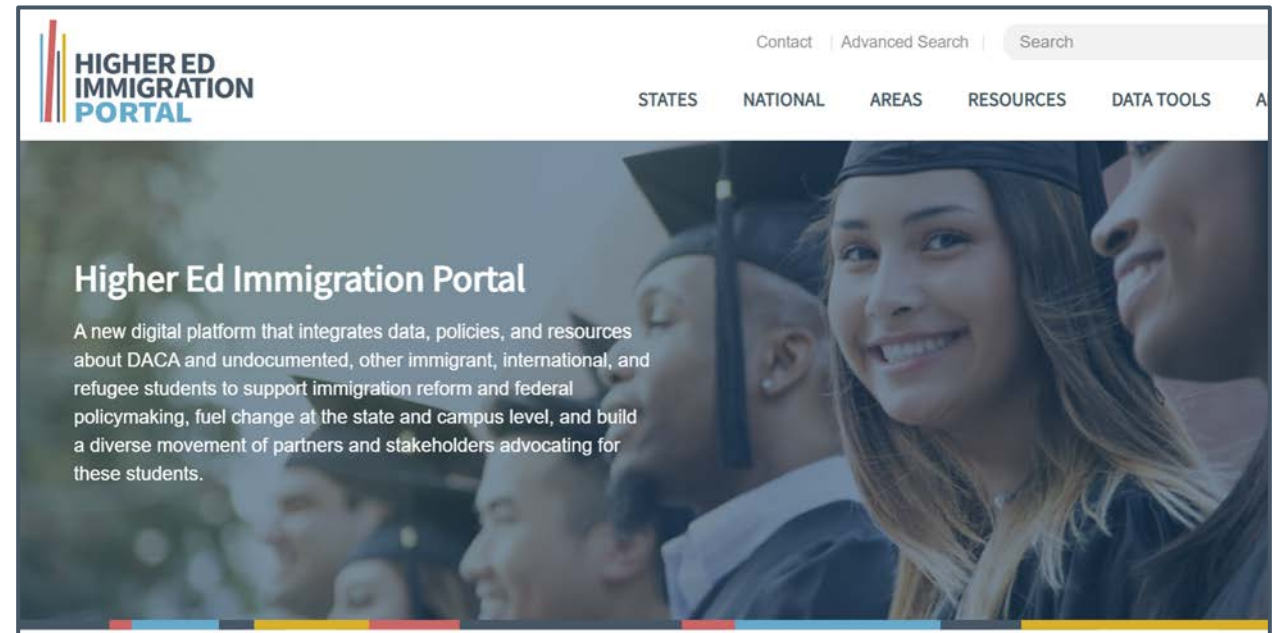
Lack of access to in-state tuition & state financial aid.

Confusing & unclear application & financial aid processes for admission.

Lack of support & resources in high school and, later, college campuses.

Why: A Necessary Tool

- Higher education leaders, policymakers, and other stakeholders **can use information and tools** to support immigrant and international students.
- The Portal is an **inclusive approach** - it brings together partners and contributors.
- It is a **centralized source** of information and messaging. Easy to navigate.



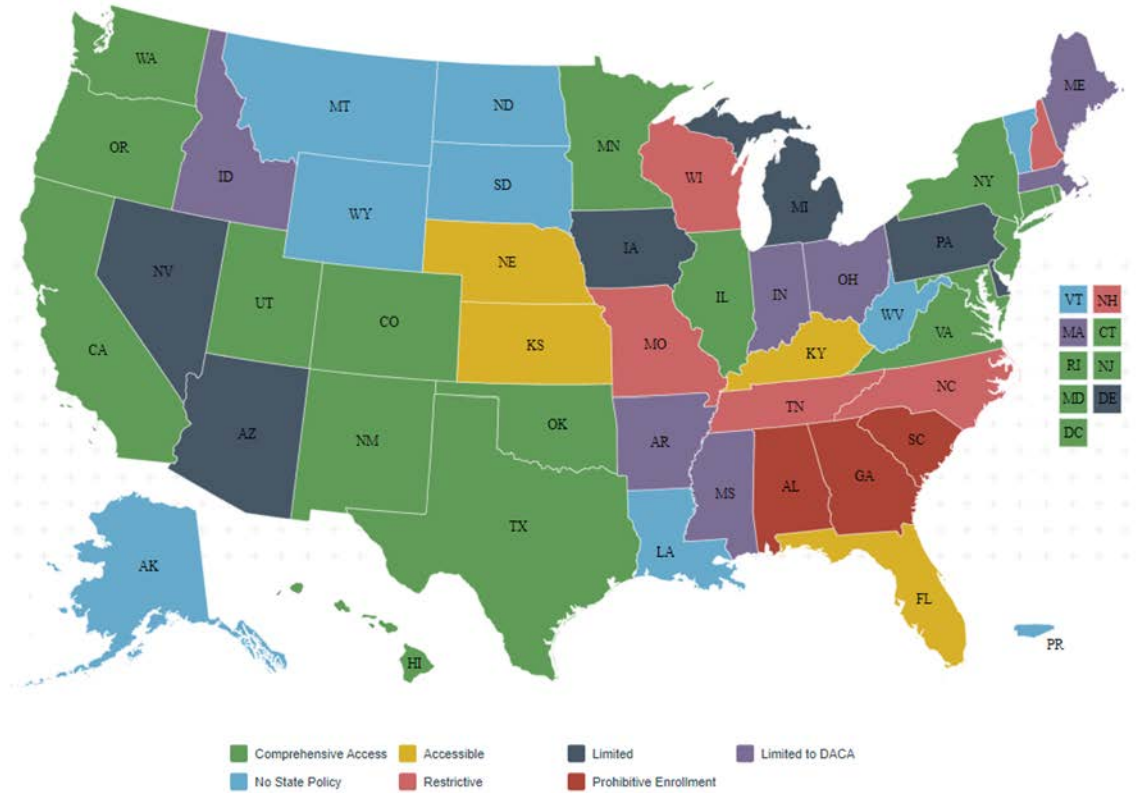
Higher Ed Immigration Portal: Key Features

- Data provided at the **national** and **state** level. Key characteristics.
- **Effective Practices** and other resources to support immigrant and international students across higher education institutions.
- Analysis of **state policies**.

The screenshot displays the 'Effective Practices' section of the Higher Ed Immigration Portal. At the top, the title 'Effective Practices' is centered, followed by a descriptive paragraph: 'The Effective Practices page contains resources and examples of practices related to supporting DACA and undocumented, other immigrant, international, and refugee students and scholars across higher education in two-year, four-year, public, and private institutions.' Below this, a definition states: 'We classify a resource as an **effective practice** if it has been implemented at an institution of higher education, is in a pilot stage on a campus or institution, or is implemented or recommended by an organization that works in partnership with higher education, including student organizations.' Two blue buttons are visible: 'View National Data >' and 'View State Data/Policies >'. A left-hand navigation menu lists categories with plus signs: Student Populations, Federal, States, Academic Level, Admissions & Recruitment, College & Career Prep, Financial Aid & Funding, Student Support Services, and Additional Topics. Two featured practice cards are shown. The first, 'Career Counseling Support for Undocumented Students', includes a photo of two students and a 'Continue Reading >' button. The second, 'Enrichment Assessment of Campus Support for Undocumented Students', includes a photo of a book cover.

III.State Policies: In-State Tuition & Interstate Tuition Agreements (ITAs)

Tuition & Financial Aid Equity for Undocumented Students



Why State Policy in the Context of Immigration?

- A number of states have expanded higher education access (e.g. in-state tuition and state financial aid) and protections (e.g. sanctuary jurisdictions) to immigrant communities (Colbern & Ramakrishnan, 2021).
- As we have witnessed in recent years, inclusive state policies can be powerful in responding to restrictive national developments. States can advance these social innovations, show evidence of their efficacy, and build momentum for their adoption at the national level.



Higher Ed Immigration Portal: Framework for the State Policy Section

Policy Areas: Postsecondary Access, Workforce Access, and Mobility.

In-State Tuition & State Financial Aid **Access and Affordability**

Comprehensive Access:

Policies provide statewide access to in-state tuition and some state financial aid or scholarships for the state's resident DACA recipients and undocumented students.

Professional & Occupational Licensure **Workforce Entry & Eligibility**

Comprehensive Access:

Policies allow individuals to obtain occupational licensure in all professions regardless of their immigration status, provided that they meet all other requirements.

Driver Licenses & Identification **Mobility**

Accessible:

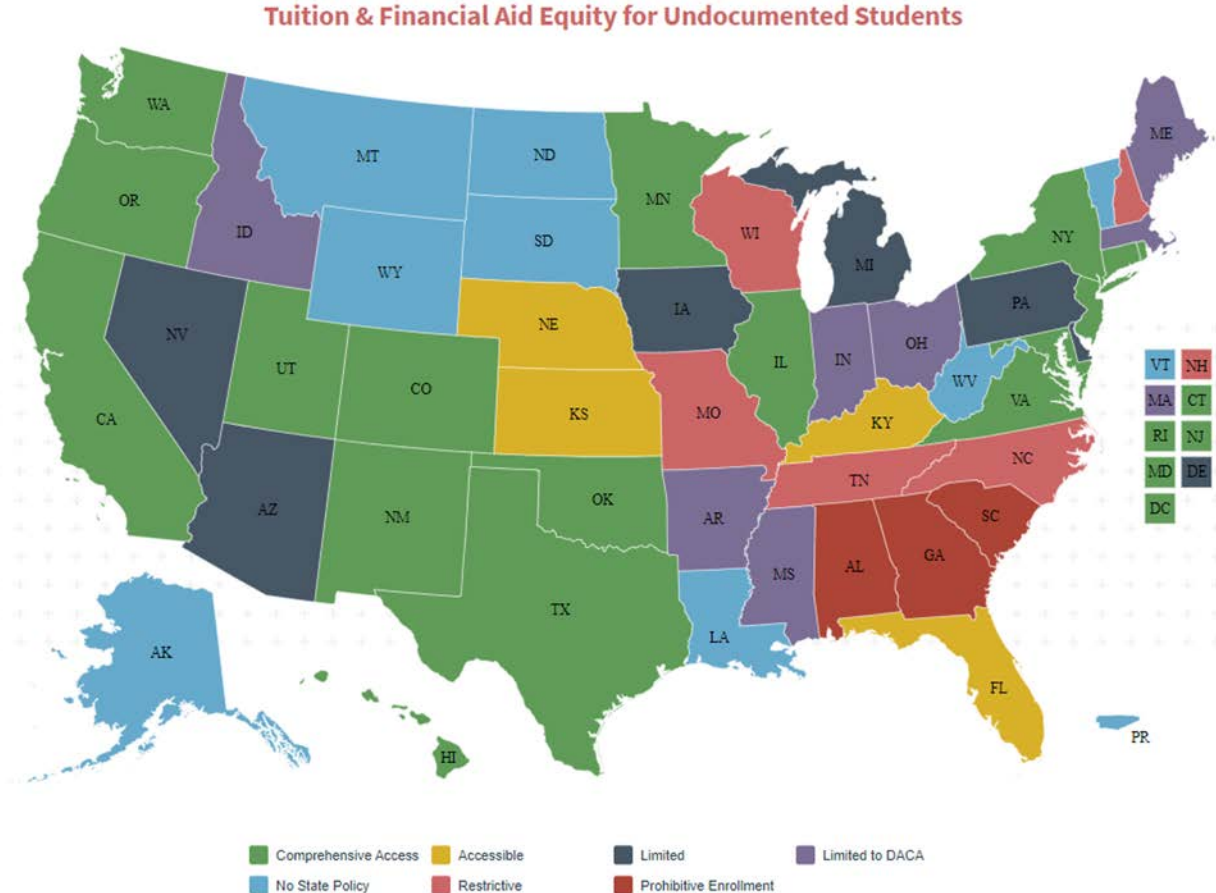
Policies provide the state's undocumented residents with access to driver licenses and/or state identification regardless of their immigration status, but these are not REAL ID compliant.

State Classifications: Higher Education Affordability & Access

- **Comprehensive Access:** Policies provide statewide access to in-state tuition and some state financial aid or scholarships for the state's resident DACA recipients and undocumented students.
- **Accessible:** Policies provide statewide access to in-state tuition for the state's undocumented students, including DACA recipients.
- **Limited:** Policies provide the state's undocumented students, including DACA recipients, with access to in-state or reduced tuition in at least some public institutions.
- **Limited to DACA:** Policies provide the state's DACA recipients with access to in-state tuition in at least some public institutions.
- **No State Policy:** No known policies on access to in-state tuition or state financial aid for the state's DACA recipients and undocumented students.
- **Restrictive:** Policies actively bar access to in-state tuition or state financial aid for the state's undocumented students, including DACA recipients.
- **Prohibitive Enrollment:** Policies actively bar enrollment in all or certain public institutions for the state's undocumented students, but may still allow DACA recipients to enroll.

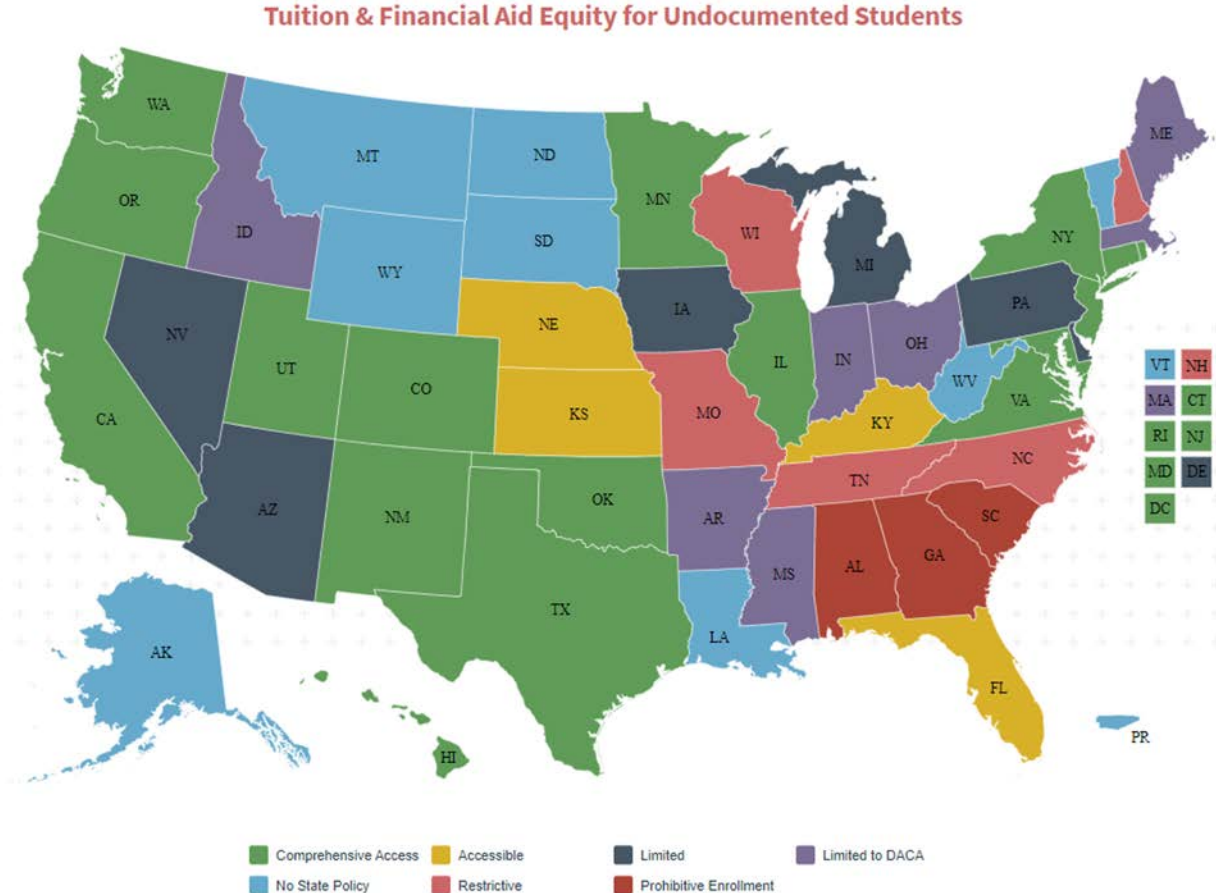
State Policies

- 17 states and D.C. (in Green) allow undocumented students to access in-state tuition and state financial aid.
- Four additional states (in Yellow) allow their state's undocumented students to access in-state tuition (but no financial aid).



State Policies

- Eight states block undocumented students from accessing in-state tuition and state financial aid.
- Two states, South Carolina and Alabama, block undocumented students from enrolling in public universities.



State Policy Section: Walkthrough

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/states/>

Interstate Tuition Agreements (ITAs)

Interstate tuition agreements (ITAs) offer students, who would otherwise be charged out-of-state tuition, access to an in-state or discounted tuition rate in a participating state.

The screenshot shows the Higher Ed Immigration Portal website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (STATES, NATIONAL, AREAS, RESOURCES, DATA TOOLS, ABOUT), and a search bar. The main content area features a large banner image with the title "Rethinking Tuition for Undocumented Students Through ITAs". Below the banner, there are buttons for "Download File" and "View Original". The article is attributed to Michael O'Shea and Christian Penichet-Paul. The article text discusses the challenges faced by undocumented students in accessing higher education and the potential role of Interstate Tuition Agreements (ITAs). A small image of a group of students is visible on the right side of the article preview.

ITAs and Undocumented Students in Prohibitive States

Table 3

Interstate tuition agreements (multi-state and state-to-state agreements) for restrictive states and prohibitive states (italicized)

State	Multistate Agreement	State-to-State
<i>Alabama</i>	Academic Common Market & Regional Contract Program	No
<i>Georgia</i>	Academic Common Market	No
Missouri	Midwestern Exchange Program	Missouri-Kansas Reciprocal Agreement on Architecture, Dentistry, and Optometry
New Hampshire	New England Regional Student Program	No
North Carolina	No	No
<i>South Carolina</i>	Academic Common Market	No
Tennessee	Academic Common Market	No formal program
Wisconsin	Midwestern Exchange Program	Wisconsin-Minnesota_

Table 5

Interstate tuition agreements (multi-state and state-to-state agreements) and undocumented students' eligibility.

Tuition Reciprocity Program Name	Information about undocumented students available online?*	Undocumented students eligible?*
Academic Common Market (Southern Regional Education Board)	No	No, unlikely; possibility of case-by-case eligibility in certain states
Regional Contract Program (Southern Regional Education Board)	No	No, unlikely
Midwestern Exchange Program (Midwestern Higher Education Compact)	Yes (Minnesota only)	Yes (Minnesota residents); other states: potentially on a case-by-case basis
Tuition Break (New England Board of Higher Education)	No	Case-by-case: depends on institutions' and state policies
Western Undergraduate Exchange (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)	No	Case-by-case: depends on institutions' and state policies
Western Regional Graduate Program (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)	No	Case-by-case: depends on institutions' and state policies

ITAs: Moving Forward

- Undocumented students' eligibility **varies by region, state, and institution**. When eligible, their participation in the ITA is generally approved on a **case-by-case basis**.
- State higher education boards and regional organizations have **an opportunity to begin or continue advocacy for undocumented students and their eligibility to participate in ITAs**.

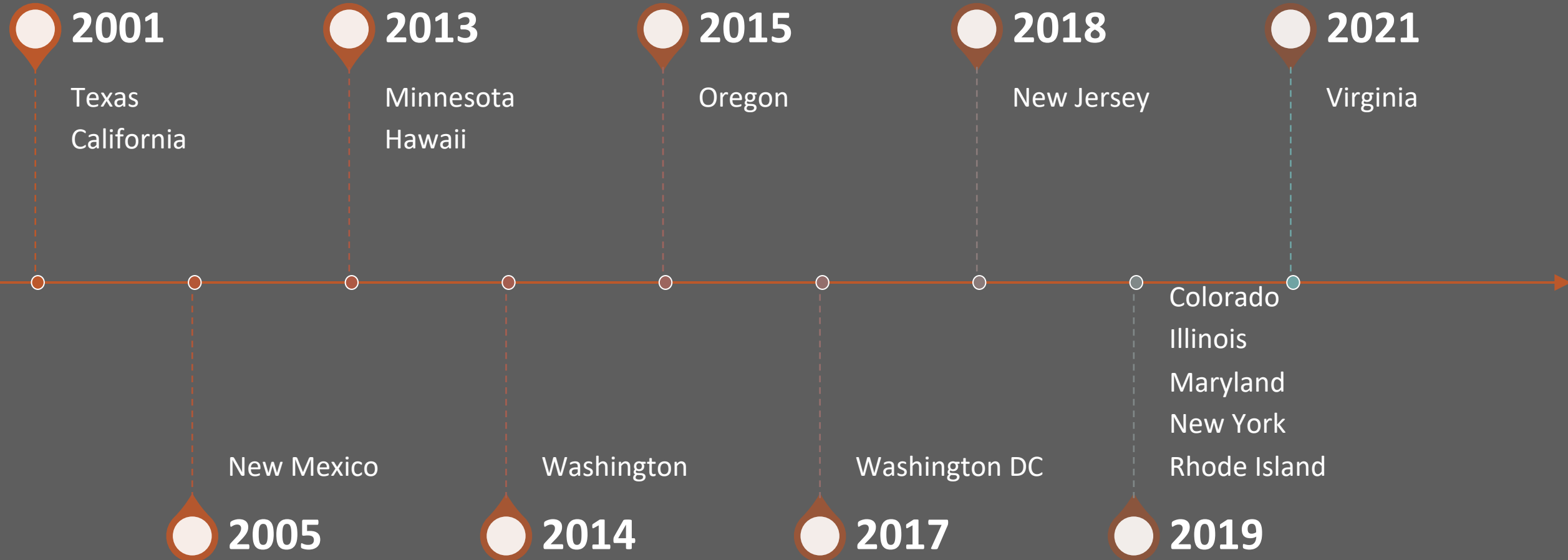


IV. Expanding State Financial Aid to Support Undocumented Students

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State Financial Aid Expansion



Importance of State Grant Aid for Undocumented Students

Talent Development

State residents

Overcome adversity

Education pays



Affordability

Tuition

Other expenses

Lack of Pell

Campus & private



Prosperity

Entrepreneurship

Inclusion

Economic mobility

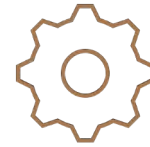
Application



Separate



Streamlined



Simplified



Secure

Aligning Program Eligibility

Fund
expansion

Residency –
often higher
bar

Grant vs.
Loan

State role re.
DACA

Separate
programs

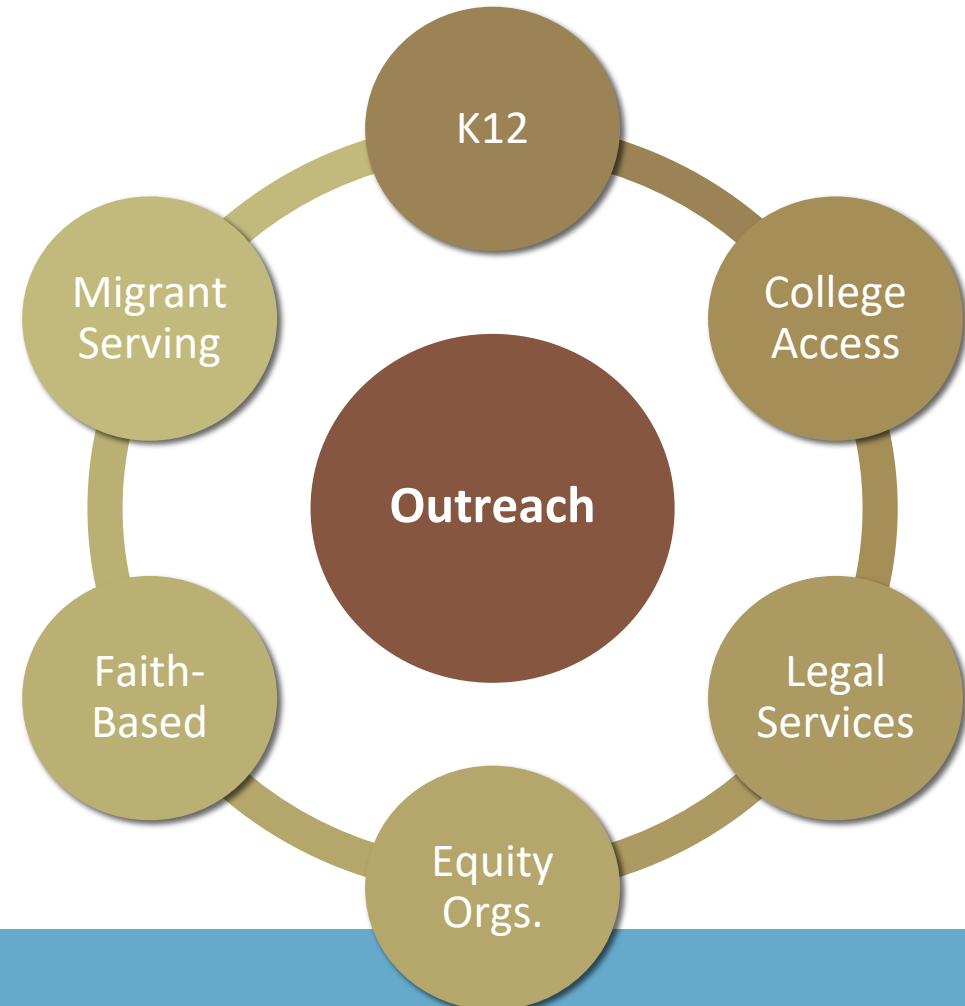
Sustained Partnerships

Expand networks

Build Trust

Leverage FAFSA Outreach

Train-the-Trainer



Case Study: Washington State

- In-state tuition in 2003
 - 3 consecutive years
 - Graduate HS in WA
- Early commitment program created in 2007 – DACA deemed eligible in 2013.
- Expansion to all financial aid in 2014.



Separate Application: WASFA

Starting with the Basics – Rule of 1

Opens October 1 every year
Apply early to maximize aid opportunities

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid fafsa.gov	OR	WASFA Washington Application for State Financial Aid readysetgrad.org/wasfa
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WASHINGTON APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (WASFA)

State Financial Aid for DREAMERS

Eligibility for several Washington state financial aid programs has expanded to include students who are ineligible for federal financial aid due to immigration status. Students who meet individual program's criteria, as regularly determined for the **State Need Scale**, the **College Bound Scholarship**, **State-Grant Study**, or **College Achievement** should complete the free WASFA Washington Application for State Financial Aid to apply for state financial aid.

Before getting started, review the **WASFA Instructions** and gather any documents or other information you may need.

New User	Returning User
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a new profile Eligibility requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a LASTPROMAX account Submit an application for a new year

[Start A New WASFA](#)
[Login](#)

Application Resources:

Washington Application for State Financial Aid
WASFA
Visit wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA/WASFA BY JANUARY 15 FOR PRIORITY AWARDS
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- Boys & Girls Club Seabe Branch, 875 S. 4th St., Tacoma, WA 98402
- Eastside Community Center, 112 S. 34th St., Tacoma, WA 98404
- Peace Community Center, 2100 E. Columbia Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405
- Tacoma Community College, 400 S. 7th St., Tacoma, WA 98402
- Tacoma Urban League, 2200 S. Pacific Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402

WHAT TO BRING

- FSA ID for both student and parent. File at fsaid.gov (WASFA applicants only)
- Have parent's signature if possible.
- You and your parent's income information (tax statements, 1042 or pay stub, or 2017 tax return, and additional financial information)

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wsac.wa.gov/wasfa Application for those that don't qualify for federal aid

Questions & Answers



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