

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS



Undocumented students are school-age immigrants who live in the United States after entering the country without inspection or after overstaying their visas. They face unique challenges in accessing and [paying for higher education](#). Across the country, these students and their allies are working to increase their opportunities to attend college.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 award year, the qualified children of undocumented immigrants who are eligible for in-state tuition under [§15–106.8 of the MD Education Article](#) also are now eligible to apply for various State financial aid grants and scholarships. For the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) User Guide, please click [here](#).

In Maryland, eligible undocumented students have access to several ways to help [pay for college](#). Undocumented students with excellent grades, ample volunteer experience, and high test scores will find that their path to earning a degree may not be as difficult as they expect.

The Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) is available to applicants who are ineligible to receive federal aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The MSFAA allows qualified children of undocumented immigrants, who qualify for in-state tuition under [§15–106.8 of the MD Education Article](#), to apply and be considered for certain types of State need-based financial aid, such as: the Educational Assistance Grant, the Guaranteed Access Grant, the Campus Based Educational Assistance Grant, the Part Time Grant, the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship, the Near Completer Grant, the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Award, the Legislative Scholarship Program, and the Richard W. Collins III Leadership with Honor Scholarship.