



**University of North Texas  
DREAMER Resource Guide**





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Dear DREAMER,

Thank you for your interest in attending the University of North Texas, a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). It is with pleasure that we welcome you and provide you with this Dreamer Guide to help facilitate your attendance at an institution of higher education. As first-generation college students ourselves, we understand that applying to college is a long and complicated process and maybe even more so for our First Generation, DACA, and students who meet the residency requirements of Senate Bill 1528. Students under these circumstances are required to take some additional steps to complete their application.

In light of this, we are pleased to present you with your UNT Dreamer Toolkit!

In the attached links and documents, you will find:

- An individualized schedule of steps needed to complete your enrollment process at UNT
- Senate Bill 1528 Affidavits, which must be signed, notarized and returned to UNT Admissions and Financial Aid via fax, email, or mail.
- Information on the TASFA application for state financial aid
- UNT Admissions contact information
- A list of campus resources for DACA and SB 1528 students.

We hope that you will find this information useful on your journey towards becoming a part of the Mean Green Family. Please feel free to contact the Center for Belonging and Engagement with any questions or concerns you may have.

With **GREEN** Pride!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal J. Smatresk".

Neal J. Smatresk,  
President

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# WHAT IS DACA

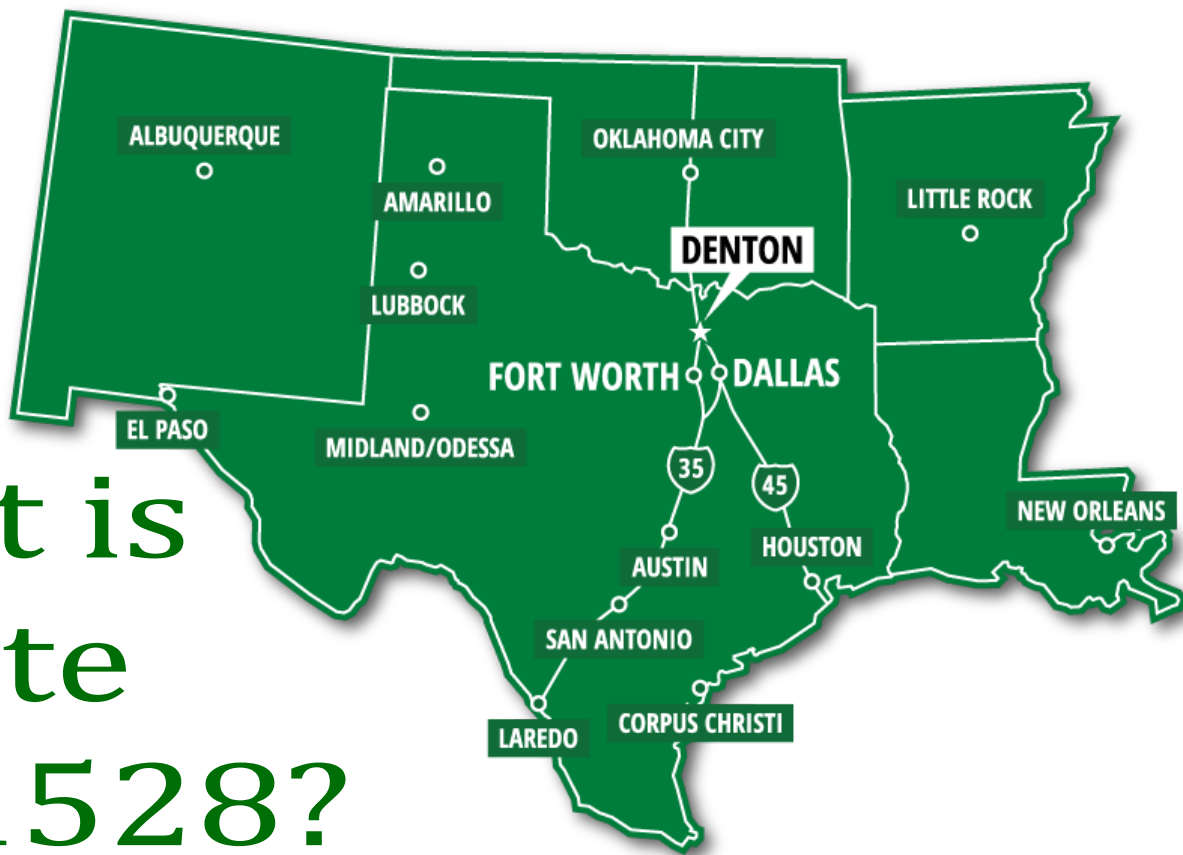
## **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**

DACA was an executive action taken by President Barack Obama which allowed undocumented immigrants who came to the US under the age of 16 to apply for protection from deportation. After completing a background check, those individuals were able to receive two-year permits to work and study in the US as well. Since 2012, roughly 800,000 people were protected by the program, and roughly 700,000 had active DACA protections. Please visit [unt.edu/DACA](http://unt.edu/DACA) for updates.



<https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/02/politics/daca-explained/index.html>

# What is Senate Bill 1528?



Certain unauthorized immigrants are eligible to enroll in Texas public colleges and pay in-state tuition. In 2001, the Texas Legislature passed a bill that states that these students may be eligible for state grants. Eligible students **MUST** meet certain criteria provided in the legislation to be considered for Senate Bill 1528 status.

## **Requirements:**

- Any person, regardless of immigration status, who:
  - 1) Graduated from a Texas public or accredited private high school
  - 2) Resided in Texas the 36 months immediately preceding the date of graduation or receipt of the diploma equivalent,
  - 3) Resided in Texas the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date of the academic semester in which the person enrolls in an institution is entitled to classification as a resident for tuition purposes.
- Students who are not U.S. Citizens, U.S. legal permanent residents, or eligible non-citizens do not qualify for federal financial assistance to pay for college.
- Under SB1528 students are eligible to receive a variety of forms of state financial aid, but first must fill out the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
- In order to be classified as in-state under 1528 students who meet the above requirements must turn in the notarized SB 1528 Affidavit (on page 3) to the admissions office.

**Please fill out, have it Notarized and turn in to the Admissions Office**

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared

\_\_\_\_\_

known to me, who being by me duly sworn upon his/her oath, deposed and said:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_ years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and they are all true and correct.
2. I graduated or will graduate from a Texas high school or received my GED certificate in Texas.
3. I resided in Texas for three years leading up to graduation from high school or receiving my GED certificate.
4. I have resided or will have resided in Texas for the 12 months prior the census date of the semester in which I will enroll in \_\_\_\_\_ (college/university).
5. I have filed or will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity that I am eligible to do so.

In witness whereof, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(UNT Student I.D.# or DOB)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

**Scan and email to: [unt.freshman@unt.edu](mailto:unt.freshman@unt.edu) – if you are a transfer student we will also need your high school transcript**

# SB 1528 How to Apply

## Before Applying:

Begin researching schools and majors with your counselor or transfer center representative. Schedule an appointment with your high school/college counselor or Go Center to make sure you qualify for SB 1528. If your counselor is not familiar with SB 1528 ask them to contact your admissions representative at UNT for more information.

## Non-Immigrant Freshman Student Application Instructions

1. Go to the GoApplyTexas website at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
2. Click “Create your account now.” The following page will ask you biographical information that will be used to create your profile. It will also ask you to create a password for your account.
  - a. Privacy Policy: Please review and check the agreement box. This contains information about how GoApplyTexas stores and uses private information. If you have questions about the terms of the Privacy Policy, please contact GoApplyTexas directly.
  - b. Full Legal Name: Enter your full legal last, first, and middle name. Please do not include diacritical marks such as accents (') or tildes (~). Do not use nicknames or abbreviations or commas because this information will be used for your official record if you enroll. Use your full legal name on all documents sent to the institution to which you are applying. If you have a passport, enter your name as it appears on your passport (without diacritical marks).
  - c. Date of Birth
  - d. Place of Birth
  - e. Current Grade Level: optional
  - f. Are you a US citizen: Please answer this section accurately? If you have questions or need guidance, please see the diagram sheet titled Citizenship Question (Located in Page 6)

3. Please record your username and password information so that you can easily save and access your application.
4. Choose to start a new blank application.
5. Choose create a new 4 year university admissions application
6. Choose the University of North Texas (Denton) as your Target University.
7. Choose application type: Freshman, US.
8. Choose a semester of entry.
9. Choose your first choice school. You may also choose a second choice school if you wish, or you may leave this choice blank.
10. Choose your major. If you selected a second choice school, you will also choose a second choice major.
11. Save each page of the application as you complete it
12. If you do not have a Social Security Number, please leave that field blank.
13. Question 7 – Are you a US citizen? Answer this question accurately for your case. (See attached GoApplyTexas example on page 7)
14. Residency Section Answer this question accurately for your case. (See attached GoApplyTexas examples on page 7)
15. Once you have completed your information you must click submit my application now. Failure to do so will prevent your application from being transmitted to the University of North Texas. If you have any technical questions regarding the application, please use the GoApplyTexas help menu. If you need assistance filling out the application or have a question about a submitted application, please call the UNT Office of Admissions at (940) 565-2681.

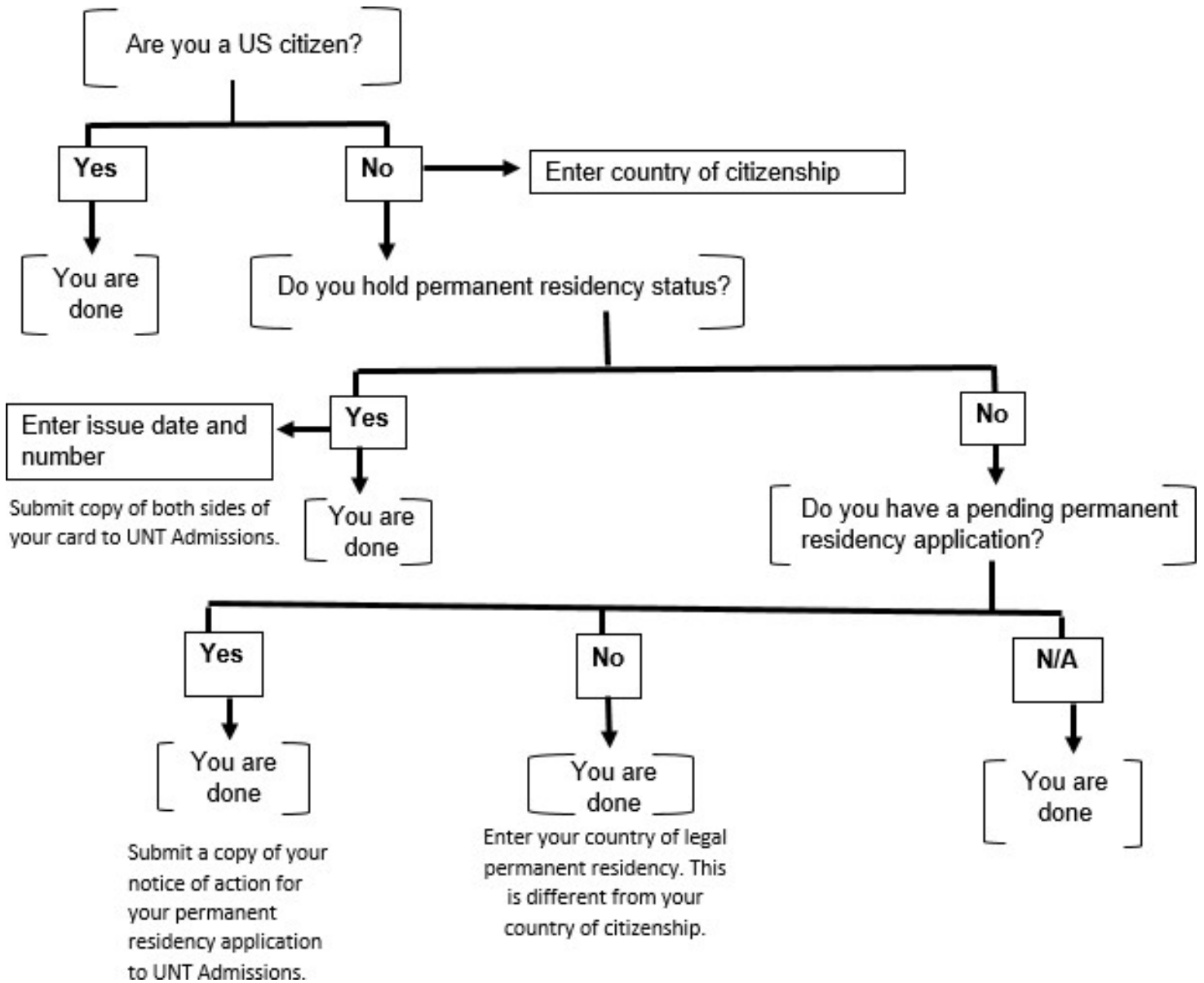
### **Financial Aid and Admissions Counseling**

TASFA applications opens in October 1<sup>st</sup>. Submit your TASFA and SB 1528 Affidavit to Financial Aid. A copy of the TASFA and the link to the online application are located in your dreamer tool kit (PAGE 9). Check your my.unt.edu account weekly for updates regarding your admission status and financial aid requirements!



# Citizenship Question

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# Citizenship Question Guidelines

7. Are you a U.S. Citizen? - **REQUIRED**

Yes  No

Non-U.S. Citizens complete the following

a. If no, of what country are you a citizen?

Citizenship country

b. Do you hold Permanent Residence status (valid I-551) for the U.S.?

If Yes, please submit a copy of both sides of the card.

Yes  No  Not Applicable - Reset Answer

c. If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, do you have an application for permanent residence (form I-485) pending with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)?

(If "Yes," submit a copy of your Notice of Action from the USCIS, form I-797C.)

Yes  No  Not Applicable

d. If you have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and do NOT have a Social Security Number filled in above, please enter it below. Otherwise, please leave blank.

No spaces, dashes or letters.

ITIN:   
Confirm ITIN:

e. If you are not a citizen or permanent resident or have no application pending with the USCIS, did you live or will you have lived in Texas for 36 consecutive months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED?

If "Yes," please submit a completed [Affidavit of Intent to Become a Permanent Resident](#).

(This PDF document requires Adobe Acrobat Reader to access it: [Download Adobe Acrobat Reader now.](#))

Yes  No  Not Applicable

f. If you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident, are you a foreign national here with a **visa that makes you eligible to domicile for Texas residency purposes** ([see list of eligible visas](#)) or are you a Refugee, Asylee, Parolee or here under Temporary Protective Status?

(If you select an option below, please submit a copy of your Notice of Action from the USCIS, form I-797C, or a copy of your current visa.)

If so, indicate which

# Residency Question Guidelines

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residency information

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## Residency Information

About this section:

The college or university to which you are applying will use the information you provide in this section to determine your status for residency eligibility. This page will continue to reload with the questions appropriate for your particular situation. At the very end, there will be a text box for you to enter any additional information that you would like to provide. That page will be followed by a certification page where you will be asked to confirm that everything you entered was correct. It is extremely important that you take care when answering this section to provide accurate information.

During the 12 months prior to the term for which you are applying, did you attend a **public** college or university in Texas in a fall or spring term (excluding summer)? - **REQUIRED**

Yes  No

[save and continue to next question](#)

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residency information

[delete residency answers & start over](#)

## Residency Information

Of what state or country are you a resident? - **REQUIRED**

State/possession/province or country:

Did you live or will you have lived in Texas for 36 consecutive months leading up to high school graduation or completion of the GED? - **REQUIRED**

Yes  No

When you begin the semester for which you are applying, will you have lived in Texas for the previous 12 months? - **REQUIRED**

Yes  No

[save and continue to next question](#)

# What is TASFA?

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid is used to collect information to help determine eligibility for state financial aid programs that are administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students who are classified as Texas Residents who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. Please note that Texas Residency can only be determined by the institution that you plan to attend. This application cannot be used to determine your state residency status or final eligibility for state aid.



Texas state priority deadline for many institutions of higher education will vary by college for the expected award year. It is recommended that applicants complete and submit this application and any other required documentation to the Financial Aid Office prior to the state priority deadline date. The Financial Aid Office starts taking applications October 1st.

## UNT SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of North Texas offers various scholarship opportunities to help you finance your education. A scholarship is a financial award given to a student on the basis of academic achievement and promise. Many scholarships are awarded based on merit. However, some also take into account financial need.

## WHERE TO START

- Apply and be admitted to a UNT program. Activate your MyUNT account.
- Complete the General Scholarship Application  
<https://unt.academicworks.com/> Monitor your EagleConnect email account

# Instructions:

- Request an IRS Tax Return Transcript from two years prior to your starting term either online, telephone, or by paper. Request either your parents' return or your own if you do file taxes.
- Download, fill out and print the current TASFA Application
- Before you turn in your application to the Financial Aid Office, make sure you gather the following documents
  - HB 1403/SB 1528 Residency Affidavit (if it is your first time applying)
  - Completed TASFA Application
  - IRS Tax Return
  - Selective Service Statement of Registration (Male Students) for more information visit [sss.gov](http://sss.gov)
- Turn in documents to the Financial Aid Office Located in The Eagle Student Services Center at 1155 Union Circle #311370 Denton, Texas 76203

**TASFA** 2024-2025  
TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

**THECB**  
Texas Higher Education  
COORDINATING BOARD

The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a **free** application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas.

Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2024-25 award year. The federal application covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, then you should submit a completed FAFSA.

**DO NOT COMPLETE BOTH THE FAFSA AND TASFA.**

The 2024-25 state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is **March 15, 2024**. It is important to complete and submit this application with all required documentation to the financial aid office **on or before March 15** to be considered for the most financial aid possible.

To complete this application, answer each item within each applicable section. If a question does not apply to you, answer N/A for *not applicable*. For clarification on certain items, refer to the **TASFA Notes on pages 7-12**. If you have further questions about this form, contact the financial aid office at your institution. More information on the TASFA can be found at [www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/](http://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/).

**Note:** Personal information collected on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

**SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION**

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

1. Last Name	2. First Name	3. Middle Initial
4. Date of Birth	5. What is your Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
6. Your permanent mailing address number and street (include apt. number)		

## TASFA APPLICATION

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=A3119543-CBF8-C202-F1B0EEFD5F4B9805>





# What kind of loans can DACA students receive?



It is possible for DACA students to apply for private students' loans, although there are a lot of hoops to jump through. Your DACA status can be used as proof that you are in the country legally. However, you also need good credit and proof of income in order to qualify for a loan without a cosigner.



Citizens Bank, for example, requires that international student borrowers have a creditworthy cosigner who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Discover's student loans for international students have the same requirement. MPOWER Financing is one lender that doesn't require DACA students to have a cosigner

Approved!



# Getting a Job on Campus

DACA students seeking on-campus employment are not treated any differently than any other student.

## **They will need to:**

1. Create their Handshake account
2. Upload required documents (resume and completed student employment application are the minimum required documents)
3. Students need to apply to as many jobs as they think they are qualified for. Students need to check for jobs on Handshake often.

## **Once a student has been offered a job they will:**

4. Be asked to complete a background check
5. Sign an official offer letter
6. Be asked to supply I-9 documents for verification (*acceptable documents on Page 12*)
7. Be directed to the onboarding

## SOME COMMON ACCEPTABLE I-9 DOCUMENTS



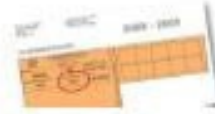
U.S. Passport  
(LIST A)



Military ID card  
(LIST B)



U.S. Passport card  
(LIST A)



Voter's Registration  
card (LIST B)



Permanent  
Resident card  
(LIST A)



Social Security card  
(LIST C)



Employment  
Authorization card  
(LIST A)



Birth Certificate  
(LIST C)



Foreign Passport  
w/temp I-551  
stamp (LIST A)



U.S. Citizen ID card  
(LIST C)



Foreign  
Passport w/I-94  
card (LIST A)



Resident Citizen ID  
card (LIST C)



Certification of  
Report of Birth  
(LIST C)



Passport from  
Micronesia or  
Marshall Islands  
w/I-94 card (LIST A)



Certification of  
Birth Abroad  
(LIST C)



Driver's License  
(LIST B)



I-20 form (LIST C)



State ID card  
(LIST B)



DS-2019 form  
(LIST C)



Student ID card  
(LIST B)

# OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

## ANTHEM ESSAY

<https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#anthem-1>

## THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY

<https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#overview>

## ATLAS SHRUGGED

<https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#atlasshrugged-1>

## SEG SCHOLARSHIP

<https://seg.org/Scholarships>

## HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

## GOLDEN DOOR SCHOLARS

<https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/apply-now>

## LULF SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.lulf.org/>

## SCHOLAR SHOT

<https://scholarshot.fluidreview.com/>

## THE DREAM US

<https://www.thedream.us/>

## MALDEF SCHOLARSHIP

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





# RESOURCES AT UNT

**We are currently updating the list of specific contacts at UNT to support our DACA students and will upload them as soon as possible.**

# RESOURCES DFW

OPENING DOORS  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES  
940-382-0096

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)  
214-461-9781

NORTH TEXAS DREAM TEAM  
[www.northtexasdreamteam.org](http://www.northtexasdreamteam.org)  
877-686-6838

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS  
[www.jfondfw.org](http://www.jfondfw.org)  
817-310-3820

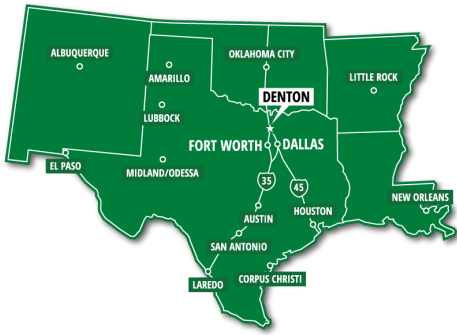
CATHOLIC CHARITIES DALLAS  
[ccdallas.org/need-help/immigration-legal-services/](http://ccdallas.org/need-help/immigration-legal-services/)  
214-634-7182

IMMIGRANT CONNECTION AT SENT CHURH  
<http://www.sentchurch.cc/ministries/immigration-center/>  
972-737-3287

LIGHT OF HOPE  
IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER  
[www.lohimmigration.org](http://www.lohimmigration.org)  
469-229-0590

PROYECTO IMIGRANTE  
ICS, Inc.  
[www.proyectoimigrante.org](http://www.proyectoimigrante.org)  
888-793-2182 ext. 3201

CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO IN DALLAS  
[www.consulmex.sre.gob.mx/dallas/](http://www.consulmex.sre.gob.mx/dallas/)



**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Center for Belonging and Engagement  
940-565-3424  
[belong@unt.edu](mailto:belong@unt.edu)



*" Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."*

**-Harriet Tubman**

