

UNDOCUSPARTAN NEWSLETTER



Fall 2023, Issue 1

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2023-2024

UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center

We serve undocumented students and members of mixed-status families by offering services and resources related to:

- Personal and Academic Support
- FREE Immigration Legal Services
- Scholarships and the CA Dream Act
- Life After College
- Navigating SJSU and Campus Resources

Office Hours

Mon- Thur: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed on weekends

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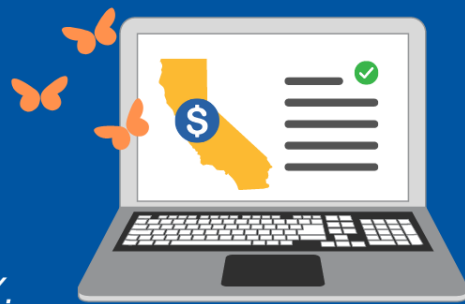


To ensure personalized assistance, we recommend scheduling an appointment in advance. Walk-ins are welcomed!

Financial Aid Resources

The California Dream Act

Missed the priority deadline for 23-24?
You can still submit an application for this AY.



The [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#) allows qualifying SJSU students to apply for state and university financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Who should apply? Undergraduate and graduate students who meet the requirements for the [CA Non-Resident Tuition Exemption \(AB 540\)](#). This includes students who are undocumented with no social security number, and those with DACA, TPS, T Visa, or U Visa. Students will also need to be enrolled at least half-time (6 units or more) to qualify.

Need help with the California Dream Act Application?

Contact any of our UndocuAlly financial aid advisors to get 1:1 support. Advisors at the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (FASO) are available throughout the year to assist students in person or online.

Financial Aid Support

CSAC **DREAM ACT SERVICE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHAT TO KNOW FOR STUDENTS

Are you a California Dream Act student?

Were you offered a Cal Grant B?

Or offered a Cal Grant A and met Cal Grant B eligibility?

Are you interested in receiving an additional grant for community or volunteer service?

Register for the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) today!

WHAT IS IT?
The California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program (DSIG) encourages California Dream Act Application (CADAA) students with a Cal Grant A award that met Cal Grant B eligibility or a Cal Grant B award to perform community or volunteer service.

AWARD AMOUNT
The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will award up to \$4,500 per academic year (up to \$2,250 per semester or up to \$1,500 per quarter) to 1,667 eligible students. The grant will be available to the student for up to 8 semesters or up to 12 quarters while they have an active Cal Grant A or B award. Cal Grant A recipients must have met Cal Grant B eligibility.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?
Visit us at www.csac.ca.gov/dsig to get more information about eligibility, application, service requirements & service organizations.

Dream Service Incentive Grant

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is awarding up to \$20,000 for students to pursue a career as a:

TEACHER | SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER | SCHOOL COUNSELOR
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST | SCHOOL CHILD WELFARE & ATTENDANCE OFFICIAL

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students currently enrolled in a California-based professional preparation program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- Students working toward their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential
- Students who have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Students who commit to working at a California priority school for 4 years within 8 years after completing their program

CTC APPROVED TEACHING CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS
List of Approved Programs:
www.bit.ly/ctc_approvedprograms

CA DEPT OF EDUCATION PRIORITY SCHOOLS
List of Priority Schools:
www.csac.ca.gov/gstg

CSAC GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

For more information on requirements, forms, and more, visit us at:
WWW.CSAC.CA.GOV/GSTG

Golden State Teacher Grant

(DSIG)

DSIG encourages California Dream Act Applicant (CADAA) Students with a Cal Grant A award that met Cal Grant B eligibility or a Cal Grant B award to perform community or volunteer service. Students can get up to \$4,500 per academic year. Visit the DSIG website to learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Apply Today

(GTSG)

GTSG awards up to \$20,000 to students currently enrolled in a professional preparation program approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and working towards earning their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential. Visit the GTSG website to learn more about the eligibility requirements.

Apply Today

California Nonresident Tuition Exemption (AB 540 Exemption)

Nonresident students (including US citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented individuals, including students with a T visa U visa, DACA, asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile visa holder, VAWA, or TPS) may be exempted from paying nonresident tuition (out-of-state tuition). Students seeking the AB 540 Exemption must satisfy attendance and graduation/transfer requirements from a California school (e.g., K-12, adult school, and community college).

Undocumented students that are eligible for AB 540 can apply for state aid with the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA).



Related Links:

- [Submitting the Ca Non-Resident Tuition Exemption](#)
- [AB 540 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CSU Residency for Tuition Purposes Policies](#)

Scholarship Opportunities for UndocuScholars



Apply for Scholarships Year Round!

For many undocumented students, scholarships can be a key way to cover the cost of college tuition, fees, and other expenses — especially if they do not qualify for state or university aid. Scholarships are funds that do not require payback and that award students based on things such as: area of study, class level, grades/GPA, community involvement, county of residence,

etc. Many scholarships do not require a SSN# , AB540, or GPA. We encourage students to seek scholarship opportunities year-round since scholarships have different deadlines and requirements to apply. Check out our scholarship page for a curated list of resources.

Scholarship Resources



BELDON® Scholarship (\$1,000)

Eligibility: seeking a degree in business, management, communications, marketing or a related field ; Have a minimum 3.5 GPA; Submit a 1,500-2,000 word essay

Deadline: September 1st

[Apply](#)



Smart Rain Scholarship (\$1000)

Eligibility: Full-time students at accredited two-year or four-year American universities or colleges may apply. There is no age or specified major requirement.

Deadline: December 5, 2023

[Apply](#)



GoSkills Scholarship (\$2000)

Eligibility: Any female college student who wants to start her own business, simply submit an application.

Deadline: (Fall) Sept. 15 @ 11:59PM; (Spring) March 15, 2024 @ 11:59pm

[Apply](#)



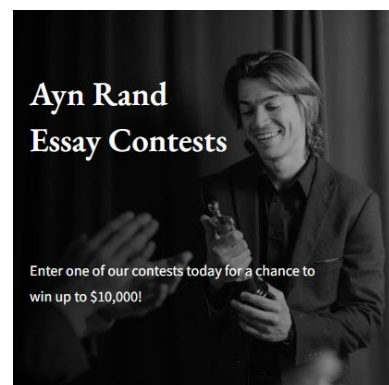
AES Engineering Scholarship (\$500)

Eligibility: Any student attending a post-secondary educational facility; no GPA requirement.



Barbara A. Cooley Master's Scholarship (\$1000)

Eligibility: Master's level student who is currently enrolled in a health education program at an accredited college/university in the United States or a U.S. territory; 3.0 GPA



Ayn Rand Essay Contests

Eligibility: Open to undergraduates and graduate students; 800-1600 word essay.

Deadline: Nov. 11, 2023

Deadline: October 8, 2023

Deadline: October 15, 2023

Apply

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College Corps is still Hiring!

The SJSU [Center for Community Learning and Leadership](#) is hiring for the CaliforniansForAll College Corps. Apply now to join this fun and creative team of fellow students to serve within local after-school programs and non-profit organizations. Fellows provide computer programming enrichment for third through sixth graders and develop curriculum. No programming experience is necessary, training is provided. **AB 540 students who have (CADAA) or are Cal Grant B recipients for the 2023-2024 AY** ([view the complete list of requirements](#))

SJSU undergraduate students who complete 450 hours of service through the College Corps receive up to \$10,000 to help pay for college.

Apply ASAP

Affordable Textbook Resources



MLK Library



A.S. Affordable



Spartan Bookstore

Resources

Access FREE eTextbooks, course reserves, and the library catalog.

[Visit Website](#)

Textbook Program (Opens 8/21 @9am)

Students who receive financial aid grant(s) and Scholarship Awards: Military, EOP, and Middle Class Scholarship are eligible for a \$200 voucher to buy or rent a textbook, purchase school supplies, and technology that are available at the SJSU Spartan Bookstore in person.

[Visit Website](#)

Voucher Charges

Registered SJSU students may charge books and supplies purchased at the Spartan Bookstore to their MySJSU student account up to \$900.00 per semester.

[Visit Website](#)



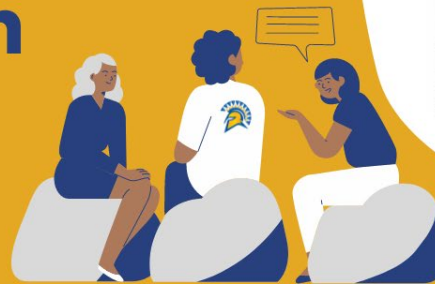
SJSU Cares and Basic Needs

SJSU Cares assists students who are facing an unforeseen economic crisis by providing direct support and referrals around basic needs including food, housing, emergency assistance and more.

[READ MORE](#)

[Immigration Legal Services and Updates](#)

Free Immigration Legal Services



SJSU | UNDOCUSPARTAN STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Weekly Consultations are Now Available!

Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to ALL SJSU students, recent Alumni, employees, and their immediate families. At SJSU, individuals can schedule an appointment with an immigration attorney from Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD), a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services.

ILD can provide consultations and case representation in most immigration cases. Services include (but are not limited to):

- Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
- Advance Parole
- Temporary Protective Status (TPS)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Family petitions
- U & T visas
- VAWA petitions
- Refugee/Asylum
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Resident Status
- Citizenship

Translation services in almost every language are available upon request.

[Schedule an appointment](#)

Immigration Updates and Explainers

RENEW YOUR DACA IF YOUR CURRENT WORK PERMIT EXPIRES WITHIN

150 DAYS



FAQ: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) [March 2023]

[Read More](#)

Learn about the latest update on DACA, where the program stands, and what recipients should consider as we wait on a final decision on the future of the program.

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HOW TO: OBTAIN AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (ITIN)

A walk-through of what an ITIN is, why someone may need it, and how to obtain one

JULY 2023

Immigrating to the United States can be an immense challenge, and adjusting to your new life here poses its own difficulties. Part of that adjustment is making sure that you are compliant with U.S. tax laws. If you don't have a Social Security Number (SSN), this can be intimidating and confusing. Thankfully, there is a way to be compliant with U.S. tax laws without needing an SSN. If you don't have an SSN, you can obtain an **Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)**.

Ensuring that you are compliant with U.S. tax laws can be beneficial when applying for immigration benefits like a green card or U.S. citizenship and receiving payments from contracting work. In this resource, we provide you with useful information that can help you obtain your ITIN.

WHAT IS AN ITIN?

An ITIN is a unique tax processing number assigned to an individual by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). They are issued to people who do not have and are not eligible for a Social Security Number (SSN).

WHAT IS AN ITIN USED FOR?

An ITIN is mainly used for filing tax returns, but it can also be used for other benefits, like opening a bank account at certain banks, or engaging in financial transactions with businesses.

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How to: Obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Learn about what an ITIN is, the importance of it for immigrants without a Social Security Number, and how to obtain one.

[READ MORE](#)

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THE LATEST ON: TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS)

An update for TPS recipients from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua

AUGUST 2023

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) provides protection and work authorization to nationals of certain countries designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) due to armed conflict, natural disasters, and other emergencies. Designations are generally for 18 months, and DHS has the authority to extend designations for individuals with TPS or redesignate countries for TPS to include people who arrived after the previous designation.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF TPS?

There are 16 countries currently designated for TPS (see the [DHS TPS page](#) for complete information on each country). In 2017 and 2018, the Trump Administration attempted to terminate the TPS designations for six countries: Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti, El Salvador, Nepal and Honduras. The terminations were challenged in court and while the litigation was pending, TPS was extended until **June 30, 2024** for TPS holders from those six countries.

The Biden administration issued new TPS designations for both Haiti and Sudan. This allows nationals from Haiti and Sudan the opportunity to apply for initial TPS under these more recent designations. TPS beneficiaries from Haiti and Sudan are encouraged to apply under these new designations, since the redesignation is not subject to the litigation mentioned above.

TPS holders from the remaining four countries - El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal and

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The Latest on Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

Check out this overview of the most recent developments pertaining to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) applicable to immigrants originating from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua

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RECENT CALIFORNIA "CLEAN SLATE" INITIATIVES & IMMIGRANTS

How a new automatic expungement law does not erase convictions for immigration purposes

JULY 2023

There is a new law in California that went into effect in 2023 called the **California Clean Slate Act (SB 721)**. Under the Clean Slate Act, authorities will automatically expunge - or dismiss - certain arrests and criminal convictions. The California Department of Justice will be reviewing criminal records state-wide on a monthly basis for those convictions and arrests that will be expunged. When identifying records to be expunged, the government will consider, among other things, whether the person has successfully completed a drug diversion program.

It's important to note that an expungement is a dismissal of a conviction or arrest record, but not for all purposes. While expungement provides relief in the California state criminal legal system, it doesn't provide the same relief in the immigration context. The general rule in immigration law is that state expungements are not recognized by immigration authorities as erasing a conviction or arrest. This means that, even though a conviction or arrest may be expunged under California law, it will still be on the record for immigration purposes and could result in deportation or make certain immigrants ineligible for permanent residence (green card) or U.S. citizenship.

CONSULT WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY BEFORE FILING

If your criminal arrest or conviction was automatically expunged under the new law, it could still be on your record for immigration purposes. You should consult with a

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Recent California "Clean Slate" Initiatives & Immigrants

EtiThis guide outlines essential aspects of this recent legislation and its impact on individuals with previous interactions with law enforcement who are immigrants.

[READ MORE](#)

FREE Legal Services for Workers in California

Legal Aid at Work provides online tools and direct services to low-income workers in California who seek legal advice related to work.



[Learn More](#)

UndocuAlly Resources



Becoming an Ally to the Undocumented Community

CSU UndocuAlly Online Training

Available on CSU Learn and CSU Bridge

Activity Code: undocually



The California State University (CSU) is committed to ensuring access to educational opportunities and promoting a sense of belonging for all students, regardless of their immigration status. As part of the commitment, the Chancellor's Office, in collaboration with the Dream Centers and students developed a systemwide training course entitled, CSU-Becoming an Ally to the Undocumented Community. The training course was developed to increase awareness and understanding of undocumented and mix-status student issues.

The course will explain key concepts, foster a culturally responsive pedagogy approach in the classroom and provide resources to support students. This course is available on the CSU Learn and CSU Bridge Training Portals. CSU administrators, faculty, and staff, including student employees, benefit from becoming an UndocuAlly.

Logging into your CSU Learn or CSU Bridge portal is the first step to becoming a CSU UndocuAlly for undocumented and mix-status students. The web page links below will take you straight to the training course.

Course Name: CSU-Becoming an Ally to the Undocumented Community
Activity Code: undocually

CSU Learn: https://CSU.sumtotal.host/core/pillarRedirect?relyingParty=LM&url=app%2fmanagement%2fLMS_ActDetails.aspx%3fActivityId%3d122298%26UserMode%3d0

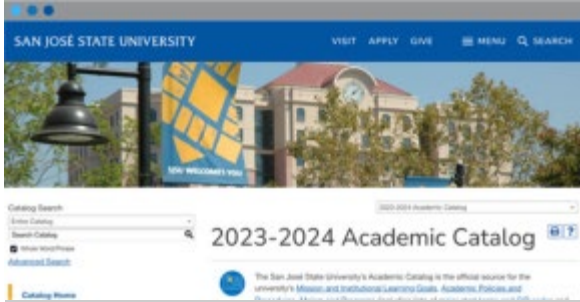
CSU Bridge: https://csustudents.skillport.com/skillportfe/main.action?path=summary/CUSTOMER_DEFINED/_scorm12_spcentralsta_undocually

(RESOURCE) Fellowships and Other Non-Employment-Based Opportunities for Undocumented Students:

Resources and tools for educators that want to learn more about creating paid opportunities for undocumented scholars.



Academic and Career Resources



2023 - 24 Academic Catalog

Students are encouraged to utilize the catalog in planning their path to graduation. In the Academic Catalog you will find:

- Academic Policies and Procedures,
- Majors and Programs
- Course Descriptions

[Learn More](#)



Career Center

Find your purpose and design your career path. Explore your career options, build experience, and get the support you need to launch your career. Connect with the Career Center by visiting their website.

[Learn More](#)



Peer Connections

Peer Connections supports students through tutoring, mentoring, supplemental instruction, learning assistants, and student success events in an inclusive, welcoming environment.

[Learn More](#)



Writing Center

Writing is a necessary skill regardless of your major, class standing, or career goals. [The Writing Center] be your guide to help you with the communication skills needed for your success as a student.

[Learn More](#)



Graduate School Resources For UndocuSpartans

Access information about graduate school access for undocumented students, generating income options, and the resources available at SJSU to support current and prospective graduate students.

[READ MORE](#)



Income Generation Options For Undocumented Students Toolkit

This toolkit is intended as a resource for educators who wish to support undocumented students and for undocumented students and alumni who are trying to figure out their career options.

[READ MORE](#)

Health and Wellness



Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Professionally trained psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available for students on an individual, couple, or group basis for counseling on a variety of psychological and academic issues. Visit the CAPS website to learn more about their services.

[Learn More](#)



immigrantsrising.org/supportgroups/

WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUPS



**BLACK &
UNDOCUMENTED
SUPPORT GROUP**



**UNDOCULGBTQ+
SUPPORT GROUP**



**UNDOCUWOMEN
SUPPORT GROUP**



**UNDOCULATINX
SUPPORT GROUP**



**UNDOCULOVE
SUPPORT GROUP**



**LIFE OUTSIDE
THE U.S.
SUPPORT GROUP**

Immigrants Rising's [Wellness Support Groups](#) help undocumented people stay grounded and connected to community. Groups begin September 6th, 2023.

[Learn More and Join](#)

Campus and Community Events

CALLING ALL NEW FIRST-YEAR AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



15 minutes
completing
the BCSSE
survey



Your voice



A better
SJSU

**SURVEY CLOSES
SEPTEMBER 4**



Are you a new student at SJSU? We want to hear about what your expectations are for your first year here at SJSU. We also want to know about your previous academic experiences. Your responses will help us to shape everything we do to provide you with a meaningful experience here at San José State.

Once you take the survey, you'll be entered in an opportunity drawing for a chance to win amazing prizes, like an iPad, Apple Watch, Gold Points, a SpartanEats Meal Plan or an SJSU Parking Pass.

[Fill out the survey](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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FOOD - MUSIC - LAWN GAMES -
SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6
3-5PM
SMITH & CARLOS STATUES





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WELCOME, SPARTANS
BUILD COMMUNITY.
Build Connections. Build Pride.

Undergraduates & Graduates - New Students & Returners
Residential & Commuters - Domestic & International

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