

Undocumented Students or Students Who Receive Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Financial Aid and Information Privacy FAQ's

The frequently asked questions below were developed to help undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students explore their options here at Regis University regarding financial aid, student employment and personal information privacy. If you have any questions about these FAQs, please contact the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence at diverse@regis.edu or at 303.964.5301. The staff will assist you in finding the correct person to answer your questions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID

(partially adapted from <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf> - referenced on 10/29/2020)

1. As an undocumented student or DACA student, am I eligible for federal student aid?

No. Undocumented students, including DACA students, are not eligible for federal student aid. However, you may be eligible for University financial aid and/or private scholarships, though you must complete a FAFSA form or ASSET application to be considered.

2. As an undocumented student or DACA student, am I eligible for state student aid?

Yes, if you are a Colorado student. Once you complete the Regis ASSET Application, we will review your information in the same way any student's information is reviewed when they complete a FAFSA. If your EFC (expected family contribution) is \$5,000 or less, you can be considered for \$5,000 in Colorado Student Grant.

3. To complete the FAFSA® form, do I need a Social Security number (SSN)?

Yes. An SSN is necessary to complete the FAFSA form. Most undocumented students are not eligible for an SSN; thus, they cannot complete the FAFSA form. For information about obtaining an SSN, visit ssa.gov/pubs/deferred_action.pdf. If your FAFSA form is rejected due to an issue with your SSN, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY for the deaf or hard of hearing 1-800-325-0778).

4. Is there another Regis form I can complete in place of the FAFSA® form?

Yes. Regis has created the ASSET application for Colorado students who are unable to complete the FAFSA® form. If you are not able to complete the FAFSA® please submit the ASSET application found at www.regis.edu/faforms.

5. Is there a deadline for submitting the ASSET application?

The Regis University Office of Financial Aid recommends that returning students submit their ASSET application by March 1st before the fall semester they plan to begin their academic year. New students should submit their ASSET application as soon as possible, once they are admitted to the University.

6. What happens if I miss the FAFSA or ASSET application deadline? Can I submit them late? Is there any way to still be considered for some form of aid?

Yes, we would always encourage a student to apply late rather than not at all. Students who miss the application deadline can submit a letter of appeal along with the FAFSA On-Time Appeal Form (www.regis.edu/faforms) to the Office of Financial Aid.

7. How do I submit my ASSET application?

Once you have printed and completed all 7 pages of the ASSET application, you must submit the form to Regis University Office of Financial Aid (rufinancialaid@regis.edu).

Mailing address: 3333 Regis Blvd, A-8, Denver, CO 80221-1099

Physical location: Lowell Campus, Main Hall, 4th floor

8. What will happen after I submit my ASSET application?

After you submit your ASSET application, a Financial Aid counselor will reach out to you by email or phone (new students, continue to check the email you used to submit your Admissions application and current students should check their RegisNet email). We review all items received within 3-5 business days.

9. How do I apply for scholarships external to Regis University?

There are other external scholarships available to undocumented and DACA students. We recommend that you apply for these as well. There are a few listed under the heading "External Scholarships" at <https://www.regis.edu/financial->

[aid/types-of-financial-aid/undocumented-students](#). You can also search for scholarships available to undocumented and DACA students using your search engine. Be sure to look closely at the application directions, deadlines and requirements for each scholarship that you apply for, because they are all different.

PAYING YOUR BILL

10. What payment options do I have each semester?

Your fall semester bill is due August 1 and your spring semester bill is due January 1. The Office of Student Accounts will take any financial aid or scholarships you have and then let you know your remaining balance each semester. If you cannot make a full payment on your balance, they will work with you specifically on a monthly payment plan. You will take what you owe each semester and then it can be divided into a 6, 5, or 4-month plan. There is \$50 per semester set up fee, but no additional charges or interest will be assessed on your payment plan.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

11. Can I be considered for on-campus student employment (Work Study) or Community-Based Work Study?

Yes, by completing the ASSET application each year with the Office of Financial Aid, we can consider you for a Work-Study award. However, your ability to work through the Work-Study program is dependent on having a Social Security Card for Work Authorization purposes. All student employees are required to complete new hire paperwork which must have a Social Security card for work purposes in order for Human Resources to process payroll and send out a W-2 form each year. If you have a Social Security Card for work authorization purposes, make sure to mention your interest in work-study when talking with your financial aid counselor.

INFORMATION PRIVACY

12. Are my educational records safely protected in the Regis system?

Your educational records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and can only be released to individuals within the University that have a valid academic reason for accessing this information or upon your consent to release your educational records.

13. Is my personal information safe from the public once it is entered into the Regis system?

Some of your information (i.e. name, address, telephone number, email address, dates of attendance, class, photographs, previous institutions attended, major/minor field of study, awards, honors, degree(s) conferred, past or present participation in officially recognized sports and activities, physical factors of athletes, date and place of birth) falls under the category of *Directory Information*. *Directory Information* may be released by the University without your consent.

14. May I request that the University not release my Directory Information?

Yes. If you would like to prevent the University from releasing your Directory Information, please submit a completed Non-Release of Directory Information for Currently Enrolled Students form. This form can be found at (<https://www.regis.edu/documents/academic-records-registration/academicrecords-nonreleaseofdirectoryinformation.pdf>). You will need to print, complete, sign and date the form. Please be sure to include an expiration date. You may include an expiration date as far into the future as you believe is appropriate. When your form expires, you will need to submit a new form if you would like the University to continue protecting your Directory Information.

OTHER QUESTIONS

15. Are there any other groups or departments that might help me in accessing resources?

Yes. The Undocumented Students Resource Alliance (USRA) at Regis University is a group of staff, students, faculty and administration that exists primarily to support and advocate with and on behalf of undocumented Regis students, alumni, and their families. This group is sponsored by the Regis University Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence (ODEIE). You may visit their website (<https://www.regis.edu/life-at-regis/student-resources/diversity-and-inclusion/>) to view the resources currently available to undocumented students, gathered by the staff of ODEIE. Members of both USRA and ODEIE are willing to offer you support and help you access the resources. To contact either group, please reach out to diverse@regis.edu. The staff will be happy to assist you!