

attend. Most colleges will have a Notary Public in their admissions office. Or a local community organization can help you find one. Also, your local bank should have a notary service.

Will the affidavit be kept private?

The information in your student record cannot be shared without your written permission, unless it is ordered to be released by a judge as part of a lawsuit. (The Family Educational Privacy Act – 20 USCS §1232g.)

Remember! Providing a social security number is not required for admission to a college or university.

Everyone has a right to privacy regarding his or her social security number. This right is protected by federal law. You cannot be refused acceptance to a college or university even if you refuse to provide your social security number.

CAN I GET STUDENT LOANS OR SCHOLARSHIPS?

If you do not have a social security number, you cannot get federal student loans. However, you may be able to get private loans, grants, and/or scholarships. Check out these sites for more information on scholarships:

EducationQuest: www.educationquest.org

Fast Web: www.fastweb.com

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund:

www.maldef.org/education/scholarships.htm

Scholarship Resource Network Express:

www.srnexpress.com

Latino College Dollars: latinocollegedollars.org

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT NEBRASKA APPLESEED OR THESE RESOURCES:

EducationQuest: www.educationquest.org

National Immigration Law Center: www.nilc.org

Nebraska Appleseed: www.neappleseed.org

Nebraska Mexican American Commission:

www.mex-amer.state.ne.us

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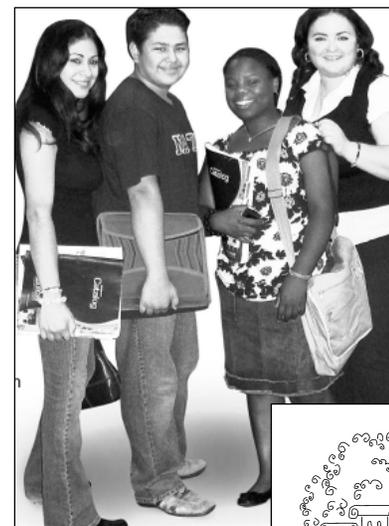
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Immigrant students,
do you DREAM of
going to college but
think you can't
afford it?

**Know your
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Your DREAMS.
Nebraska's FUTURE.

Nebraska's immigrant students can now pay in-state tuition rates at Nebraska colleges and universities, regardless of their immigration status.

In 2006, Nebraska passed a law making college more affordable for undocumented immigrant students (Neb. Rev. Stat. §85-502). You may qualify to pay the same lower in-state tuition rates as other Nebraska residents. Find out if you are eligible to take advantage of this powerful tool to help you get ahead. This brochure can help you get started.

In-state tuition can save you hundreds of dollars per credit hour, although the difference is smaller at some community colleges, sometimes as little as \$10 per credit hour.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

If you are not a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident but have applied for lawful status with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), you can pay in-state tuition if:

1. You have lived in Nebraska for at least 180 days in a row, AND
2. You plan to stay in Nebraska and make it your permanent home.

If you are an undocumented immigrant, you can pay in-state tuition in Nebraska if:

1. You have lived with a parent or guardian while attending high school in Nebraska, AND
2. You have lived in Nebraska for at least 3 years before graduating from a Nebraska high school or earning a General Educational Development (GED) diploma in Nebraska, AND
3. You provide an affidavit to your college or university stating that you will apply for permanent resident status as soon as you are eligible (Neb. Rev. Stat. §85-502).

HOW DO I GET IN-STATE TUITION?

Provide the college or university with:

1. An official high school transcript or a GED certificate. If you have attended college before, provide a transcript of your college credits.
2. Proof that you have lived with a parent or guardian for 3 years before graduating from a Nebraska high school or earning your GED.
3. An **Affidavit** stating you will apply for permanent resident status as soon as you are eligible. An Affidavit is a written statement of facts made by the person who signs the statement. The statement is made under oath, promising the facts stated are true.

How do I prepare an affidavit?

Each school will have its own process and many will have an affidavit form. Generally, after you fill out the school's application, they will give you an affidavit form, based on information you provide in the application.

You can also contact the school you are applying to or your high school guidance counselor for information. Be careful about sharing your immigration status with people you do not know well. Nebraska Appleseed has a sample affidavit on its web-site, www.neappleseed.org.

To make an affidavit:

1. You must sign the affidavit in front of a Notary Public (a Notary Public is someone who oversees official oaths – see below).
2. You must have proof of identification such as:
 - A current U.S. or other government ID with pictures, signature, and physical description, OR
 - A current U.S. or foreign passport, OR
 - A notarized statement from someone who knows you and who knows the notary public, OR
 - Notarized statements from two people who know you AND who can show the Notary Public their picture ID or passport (Neb. Rev. Stat. §64-105).

The Notary must be an official Notary Public in Nebraska. A Notary Public in the United States is different from a “notario público” in many parts of Latin America. In the United States, a Notary Public can be someone other than a lawyer. You do not need a lawyer to make your affidavit. A Notary Public should be free of charge or very cheap – about \$10-\$15.

How do I find a Notary Public?

The best place to look for a Notary Public is at your high school or the college or university you plan to