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.)

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**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

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**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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Know your college options!

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Immigrant students, do you DREAM of going to college but think you can't afford it?
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,
   - A current U.S. or foreign passport,
   - A notarized statement from someone who knows you and who knows the notary public,
   - 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 attend.