

2020-21 Scholarship Round **Promotional Kick-Off**







Round Dates

Friday, November 1 – Opens Thursday, January 30 – Closes Mid-March – Awards announced

Friday, November 1 – Opens Thursday, February 27 – Closes Late-April – Awards announced

<u>pportunity Scholarship</u>

ARE YOU A DREAMER

FROM ONE OF THESE STATES?



- 50 Awards in 2020-21
- Up to \$80,000 for a bachelor's degree
- Covers tuition, fees, on-campus housing and meals
- Available to DRFAMers in 13 locked-out states to use at one of 4 Partner Colleges in Connecticut, DC, Delaware, and Tennessee

<u>National Scholarship – Two Types</u>

Up to \$29,000 in total for tuition and fees for bachelor's degree

HIGH SCHOOL **GRADUATES**

Seeking Associate or Bachelor's Degree

COMMUNITY COLLEGE **GRADUATES**

Seeking Bachelor's Degree

Opportunity Eligibility Criteria

Graduation	Live in and have graduated or will graduate from high school in a locked-out state by the end of the 2019-20 academic year	
GPA	Graduated or will graduate high school with GPA of 2.8 or higher	
SAT/ACT	Test scores required	
Previous Enrollment	Are not and have not previously enrolled in a four-year institution or a four-year bachelor's degree program	
Intended Degree/Date of Enrollment	Intend to relocate and enroll full-time at an Opportunity Partner College in Fall 2020	
Immigration Status	DACA, TPS, or meet immigration eligibility criteria	
Financial Need	Have significant unmet financial need	

National Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility	First Time College Student	Community College Graduate
GPA	 High School Graduate with GPA of 2.5 or greater or GED certificate 	 Community College Graduate with GPA of 3.0 or greater
SAT/ACT	Test scores optional	• Same
Previous College	 Cannot have attended a 4-year college Cannot have earned more than 21 credits at a community college 	SameHave graduated from community college
Residency	 Must be eligible for in-state tuition at Partner College in public 	• Same
Immigration Status	 DACA or TPS or immigration eligibility criteria 	• Same
Time to enroll	 Must enroll in Partner College within one year 	• Same

Immigration Eligibility (NEW)

You must have current DACA or TPS or certify that you meet the following immigration eligibility criteria:

- •Came to the United States before the age of 16;
- •Have continuously resided in the United States since November 1, 2014 up to the present time and have had no lawful status;
- •Are currently in high school or have graduated from a United States high school or obtained a general education development (GED) certificate from a United States Program; and
- •Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors in the categories which would have disqualified you for DACA, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.



<u>Application Overview</u>

Applicant Information: Personal Information, Immigration Eligibility Information

Academic Information: Select PC, High School and Community College Information, Standardized Test Scores (optional for National, required for Opportunity)

Financial Information: Identify Status (dependent/independent) and provide:

- Annual Household Income
- Number in the household supported by this income
- Number of dependents supported by this income who will attend college in 2020-21

Responsibilities: Volunteer, Community Service, and Home Responsibilities

Essays: Two essays (max 750 words each)

- Topic 1: Educational & Career Goals
- Topic 2: Overcoming Adversity



Opportunity Selection Timeline

Rigorous application review process that includes analysis and scoring of:

- Grades, standardized test scores, participation in advanced courses,
- Responsibilities including volunteer work and community service, and
- Essays.

February

ISTS reviews complete applications for eligibility.

Late February

Opportunity PC's determine which applicants they will accept.

Early March

Scholarships are allocated across our PCs and are awarded to the highest scoring applicants.

National Selection Timeline

Rigorous application review process to analyze and score:

- Grades, standardized test scores, advanced courses,
- Responsibilities volunteer work, community service, home
- Essays

March

ISTS reviews and scores all complete and eligible applications.

Beg – Mid April

Independent Scholarship Selection Committee reviews and scores the essays of all finalists.

Late April

Scholarships are allocated across our Partner Colleges and are awarded to the highest scoring applicants to that college.

QUESTIONS

Promotional Toolkit

