Undocumented Students
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- **Affidavit** – Sworn statement that states student meet certain conditions and intend to apply to become a U.S. Legal Permanent Resident as soon as possible.

- **D.A.C.A.** – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
  - Executive order allowing certain undocumented immigrants who meet several key guidelines to request deferred action for a period of two years, renewable, and eligible for work authorization.

Terms & Definitions
Can undocumented students apply for admission to NIU?

Can undocumented students qualify for In-State tuition?

Answer to both questions: Yes!

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How do students qualify for In-State Tuition?

• Must have resided in Illinois with a parent/guardian while attending a public/private High School

• Must have attended an Illinois high school for at least 3 years

• Must have graduated from an Illinois high school or obtained the equivalent of an Illinois G.E.D.

• Student must provide NIU with and affidavit.

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Have an open mind and open office
Be patient and understanding
Be supportive and encouraging

Things to Keep in Mind

• Going to college isn’t really an option for you.
• You won’t be able to pay for college.
• Why don’t you just legalize?
• Why even get a degree if you won’t be able to work legally?

What Not to Say
• “Working with Undocumented Students” – from Latino Resource Center
• DREAM Action NIU
• Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Resources