Application Instructions for Undocumented Students

Students who are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents or do not possess a green card, visa, or other legal documentation can apply for admission to NIU and pay the domestic tuition rate. Students must complete the steps listed below when using the online application for admission to NIU (social security numbers are not required to submit the application if questions are answered appropriately):

Complete an NIU undergraduate admissions application online making sure to do the following:

- Citizenship Questions
  a. You must be able to answer "NO" to the following questions.
     - Are you a U.S. citizen?
     - Are you a Lawful U.S. Permanent Resident?
     - Do you currently hold a valid U.S. visa or another valid immigration status? (DACA ID’s do not qualify.)
     - Are you seeking a visa to study in the U.S.?

  b. If you answer "Yes" to all the following questions, you qualify as a domestic student for tuition purposes.
     - Did you/Will you graduate from an U.S. high school or obtain a GED in the U.S.?
     - Did you/Will you attend school in the U.S. for at least 3 years as of the date that you graduated or the date you received the equivalent of a high school diploma? (Attendance does not have to be consecutive. All students must submit high school transcripts to show 3 years of attendance.)
     - Did you/Will you live with your parents while you attended high school in the U.S.?

- Illinois Students
  a. If you answer "Yes" to all of the questions in section “b” above, specifically in relation to Illinois, you may qualify as an Illinois Resident.
  b. Illinois Resident students may be eligible additional funding and support programs

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