DREAM Action NIU is student-led organization recognized by the NIU Student Association at Northern Illinois University. Our organization aims to increase awareness about the situations that undocumented students face in the U.S. and particularly on our campus. Our members share the belief that higher education is a fundamental human right for all, regardless of immigration status.

As an organization, we understand the multiple obstacles undocumented students face, and therefore we strive to develop strategies to ensure that these students are able to attain higher levels of education and academic success. We also aim to provide accurate information to the institution so that it is better equipped to serve this population.

DREAM Action NIU is proud to offer this scholarship with the vision of increasing the number of undocumented students that attend and graduate from college in our communities.

Qualifications:

This scholarship is offered to high-school seniors or transfer students who will be attending Northern Illinois University in the fall of 2018, or a student already enrolled at NIU for the 2018-2019 academic year.

This scholarship is available to all students that qualify regardless of immigration status. This scholarship will be in the amount of $500 to be used towards college expenses at Northern Illinois University for 2018-2019. We are looking for students who are in need of financial assistance, who understand the importance of higher education and are active members of their school and community. Scholarship recipient will be contacted by the scholarship committee by May 3, 2018.

All applicants must meet these qualifications:

- High school senior enrolling at NIU for the academic school year or an undergraduate student attending NIU in the 2018-2019 scholastic years.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher. Please provide copy of most recent transcript.
- Be in need of financial assistance.
- Plan to enroll full/part time for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- Provide proof of NIU enrollment.
- Demonstrate commitment to helping their community, as determined by involvement in extracurricular or volunteer activities.
- Commit to 20 hours of service per semester to DREAM Action NIU (events, meetings or workshops).
Application Procedure:

Please complete and attach the following:

- Completed Personal Information Sheet.
- Two Short Essays. (Typed, size 12 font, double-spaced, one page in length per essay)
- Completed Certification and Release Form.
- Recommendation Letters. (1 required; 1 additional letter optional) Letters can be from a faculty member or from a supervisor at an organization where you provide community service who can write on behalf of your personal qualities and leadership.
- Copy of most recent unofficial school transcript.
- Proof of NIU enrollment.
- Mail, email or bring completed materials to:

  Northern Illinois University
  Latino Center
  ATTN: DA Scholarship Committee
  515 Garden Road
  DeKalb, IL 60115

Please contact DREAM Action NIU with any questions or concerns pertaining to the scholarship or application via e-mail at dreamactioniu@gmail.com
Applications must be received or postmarked or emailed to dreamactioniu@gmail.com no later than February 23, 2018.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date: _______________________  Year in School: _________________________

Name: _______________________________________________________________

                        Last                     First                     Middle

E-mail: ___________________________  Date of Birth (**/**/**) ______________

Cell Phone (area code first): ___________________  Home Phone (area code first): ___________________  Permanent

Address: ___________________________________________  Apt #: __________

City: _______________________________  Zip Code: __________________

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

High School Name: _______________________________  City: __________

Current GPA: ________  Expected Major: ____________________________

TRANSFER STUDENTS

College Name: _______________________________  City: __________

Current GPA: ________  Expected Major: ____________________________

NIU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Local Address: ___________________________________________  Apt #: __________

Major(s)/Minor(s): ________________________________________________

Current GPA: __________

Student groups or organizations that you are involved with on campus:
ESSAYS

The essay portion of this application provides the scholarship reviewing committee with the opportunity to learn more about the applicant, his or her career goals and community involvement.

Each of the two essays should be typed, double-spaced, in size 12 font and roughly one-page in length per essay. Please do not write your name on the essays.

Please answer the following questions in short-essay form, abiding by the guidelines written above.

1. Please explain what your career plans are after graduating from Northern Illinois University. In what way do you believe that the DREAM Action NIU scholarship will help you to achieve these long-term career goals? How will you use your education and learning experiences to further these goals?

2. DREAM Action NIU is a student group that works for the passage of immigrant friendly legislation. Explain in your essay why you support immigrant friendly legislation and how you think the passage of this type of legislation i.e. Student ACCESS Bill would benefit the lives of undocumented students if it is passed. Also include what impact you believe it would have for you personally and for our communities.
Required Certification and Release Form

I ________________________________________ declare that all the information I have included in this application, is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct. I certify that I meet all the requirements to be considered eligible as a candidate for the DREAM Action NIU scholarship; and I understand that by providing inaccurate data I will be disqualified from receiving the DREAM Action NIU scholarship.

________________________________________    ________________________________________
(Applicant Signature)          (Date)

Mail or drop off your completed application with all required additional documents to:

Northern Illinois University Latino Center ATTN:
DA Scholarship Committee
515 Garden Road DeKalb, IL 60115

Application must be received or postmarked on or before February 23, 2018.