



Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Undocumented Student Admissions Information

Bridgewater College

Throughout the application process we are blind to the student's status. We will work through the VISA process with those wanting/needing one for entry into the country.

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Emory & Henry College

Emory & Henry College allows for the application of undocumented students and will review for admission along with our standard admissions policies. The student will be eligible for Academic Merit Scholarships, but no other funding Federal, State (unless the laws change) or other institutional aid (unless a recipient of our Bonners program.)

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Hampden-Sydney College

We accept and support undocumented students, in the same manner that do those who are documented. Our financial aid awards are also consistent across all groups, based on their need and their ability to take advantage of our academic program. While we are unable to fully fund all our applicants in grant aid, we do our best to distribute our funds equitably.

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Hollins University

Hollins University welcomes applications for admission from students with undocumented status. All applicants, included students with an undocumented status, are automatically evaluated for merit-based scholarship aid at the time of admission. Every admitted student is guaranteed at least \$24,000 in renewable scholarship aid.

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Mary Baldwin University

At this time, we review the admissions applications of our undocumented students the same as all other students. Those students who are accepted receive a merit scholarship that has traditionally ranged from \$16,000 - \$24,000 per academic year. For undocumented students (at this time), we do not have any additional need-based funds for which they are eligible to apply.

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Marymount University

Accept undocumented students. There is no section to mark undocumented status on the application. Instead, students would include the country of citizenship and put "other" under U.S. citizenship status. They would also answer questions about whether they currently hold a visa and/or if they intend on applying for a visa. The answers to these questions do not have an impact on the admissions decision.

Undocumented students are eligible for merit-based scholarships and work scholarships. The merit-based scholarships range from \$10,000-\$17,000 and are awarded automatically with the application for admission. The work scholarships are highly limited and selective, but if awarded, they would require the student to work 12-hours per week on campus.

We also partner with theDream.us and we encourage undocumented students to apply for their scholarships. For eligibility criteria, application, and deadlines, please see theDream.us.

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Randolph College

Randolph College tuition for 2020-2021 will be \$37,250. Admitted undocumented students may qualify for merit scholarships up to \$12,000. Undocumented students will be treated as international applicants.

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Randolph-Macon College

Our policy regarding undocumented students is to consider them for admission like any other domestic or international student. If an undocumented student is admitted, we consider them for merit-based financial aid, but we are not able to meet full financial need. The maximum merit based aid goes up to full tuition. The range is basically \$18,000 – full-tuition (\$45,150). The full-tuition offers are very competitive. We have a few R-MC based student and parent loan programs that have been made available to undocumented students and parents in the past since they are not eligible for federal loan or grant programs. We treat undocumented students, from a financial aid perspective, the same as we do international students. We are glad to help in any way that we can.

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Roanoke College

Roanoke College admits, offers merit scholarships, and need-based financial aid to undocumented students. The fall 2021 range for merit scholarships is \$20,000-\$29,000. After need based aid, including a \$5,000 Roanoke College Loan, the average cost to new students is \$22,000-\$28,000. Undocumented students are asked to fill out Roanoke's International Student Financial Aid Application to be considered for need-based financial aid. Our International Student Financial Aid Application is available on our International Admissions website, <https://www.roanoke.edu/admissions/international>.

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Shenandoah University

We accept and support undocumented students at Shenandoah University. They are supported in many ways at SU: helping families navigate both the admissions and financial aid process, providing emotional support, and continued support in other areas across our campuses. We offer undocumented students' academic awards that range from \$3,000 - \$15,000 depending on their high school GPA. If they qualify for our Presidential Scholarship, they would get an award of \$20,000 instead of the Academic Scholarship.

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Sweet Briar College

Sweet Briar College accepts and welcomes undocumented students to complete the application process. We offer a wide range of merit scholarships to all students regardless of residency. Most scholarships are awarded based on a student's high school record, but we also have specialty scholarships for students with demonstrated interest/talent in areas such as engineering, art, and sustainability. We do not offer institutionally funded need-based aid programs. Standardized test scores are optional for students with GPAs above a 3.0 average.

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University of Lynchburg

The University of Lynchburg's merit scholarships range from \$12,000-\$18,000 and are renewable annually. In addition students can participate in the Scholarship Day events and add to their merit level awards. The Scholarship Day awards range from \$2,000-\$5,000. We also offer Visual & Performing Arts Scholarships that range from \$1,000-\$3,000. Students do not have to major in the visual and performing arts areas to receive the scholarships but must participate in different levels of the programs. These scholarships at the top levels would cover approximately half of the cost of attendance for students.

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University of Richmond

Aside from compelling value proposition and programs, Richmond is among a select group of colleges and universities that is both need blind in the admission for US Citizens and US Permanent Residents and meets 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all admitted applicants regardless of citizenship.

Undocumented applicants are reviewed within the context of the international applicant cohort, which is need-aware, though they are not required to submit the International Financial Certification required of non-undocumented international applicants. The University meets 100 percent of financial need of those offered admission. All applicants are eligible to compete for academic merit scholarships

Undocumented students receive additional financial aid benefits such as:

- Financial aid awards comprised of grants/scholarships and no loans
- Apply once for financial assistance whereas US Citizens and US Permanent Residents must reapply each year
- Do not have to submit the FAFSA

For additional information, please consult our website at

<https://admissions.richmond.edu/process/international/undocumented-daca.html>.

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Virginia Wesleyan University

VWU is "status blind" in the Office of Enrollment. If an individual meets our admission criteria, he/she will be offered admission. We of course counsel the individual that he/she won't be eligible for federal/state financial aid unless he/she can document citizenship as part of the FAFSA process. Unfortunately, as at many private colleges & universities today, our resources are constrained and we're not in a position to offer a financial aid package that "off-sets" the lost federal and state dollars.

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Washington and Lee University

Washington and Lee University is a community that celebrates and honors students from diverse backgrounds. Our University, along with hundreds of other universities across the country, is committed to supporting all students and their academic pursuits regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

On Nov. 21, 2016, Washington and Lee joined a group of more than 600 colleges and universities in a call for the United States to uphold and continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, calling it a "moral imperative" and a "national necessity." The presidents of the public and private institutions who have signed the statement offered to meet with U.S. leaders on the issue and urged business, civic, religious and non-profit sectors to join them in supporting DACA and undocumented immigrant students.

Undocumented students considering applying to W&L are also eligible and encouraged to apply for financial aid. Learn more at www.wlu.edu/admissions/scholarships-and-aid.

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