



Resources for DACA & Undocumented Students

What **College** and **Scholarship Opportunities** Should I Pursue **BEFORE** Senior Year?

Apply for the **KCPS Early College Academy** at the end of your sophomore year to work towards achieving your associate degree from MCC - Penn Valley upon graduating from high school.



Apply for a KC Scholars Traditional Scholarship during your junior year **IF you are DACA eligible and applied/approved.**



What **Types of Colleges** Should I Apply To?

1. Local 2-Year Colleges
2. Private Colleges and Universities
3. Kansas Colleges and Universities

You want to aim to apply to at least one college within the categories listed below:

Reach School - a college or university you aren't sure you would be admitted to or a school that could be a financial stretch.

Target School - a college or university that you are confident you will be admitted to, are more likely to be able to afford, and one that you are seriously considering.

Safety School - a college or university you are certain to be admitted to and likely to afford.

Recommended **Local 2-Year** Colleges (Safety & Target Schools)

COLLEGE

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Recommended **Private** Colleges and Universities (Target & Reach Schools)

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***Ask about the ESU Latino Legacy Scholarship**

Which Private Scholarships Should I Apply To?

1. Scholarships from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

Description: The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation houses over 150 local private scholarship funds, most of which do not have citizenship requirements.

When to Apply? Senior students fill out the general scholarship application beginning **December 2020**. Based on the student's personal and academic profile, the GKCCF scholarship portal will populate with recommended scholarship opportunities the student is eligible to apply for.

Dollar Amount: Amounts vary

Website: <https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships>

2. Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF) Scholarship

Description: This local scholarship is designated for Hispanic high school seniors and college students from the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. HDF has proudly supported undocumented students for 36 years, and 18% of its 2020 HDF Scholarship award recipients are undocumented.

When to Apply? Senior students must first complete the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation general application. When they self-identify as Hispanic, the HDF Scholarship application will populate on their list of recommended scholarship opportunities beginning January 1st. Completed HDF Scholarship applications are due **March 1, 2021**.

Dollar Amount: \$1,000 average scholarship award (\$2,000 average if the student attends an HDF matching institution).

Website: <https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships>

3. Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship (National Scholarship)

Description: This is a national scholarship for Hispanic senior students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher, plan to attend a 4-year university, and are a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, **DACA** or Eligible Non-Citizen.

When to Apply? Deadline is tentatively **February 15, 2021**. Check website for details.

Dollar Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Website: <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

4. The DREAM US Scholarship

Description: This national scholarship was specifically created to support DREAMers. Since the state of Missouri is considered a locked-out state, students will apply to the Opportunity Scholarship and would have to apply to and attend one of the following out-of-state colleges or universities: Christian Brothers University (TN), Trinity Washington University (Women's College in Washington, D.C.), Delaware State University (DE), or Eastern Connecticut State University (CT).

When to Apply? Deadline is tentatively **January 30, 2021**. Check website for details.

Dollar Amount: Up to \$20,000/year for a bachelor's degree from one of the DREAM US partner colleges.

Website: <https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/>

5. Quest Bridge National College Match Scholarship

Description: This is a highly competitive, national scholarship for academically outstanding high school seniors (27+ ACT Score) from households earning less than \$65,000 for a typical family of four. This scholarship is open to all students, regardless of citizenship status.

When to Apply? September 29, 2020

Dollar Amount: Full four-year scholarship from some of the nation's most selective colleges.

Website: <https://www.questbridge.org/>

6. Golden Doors Scholars

Description: This is a national scholarship designated specifically for DREAMers.

When to Apply? Deadline is tentatively **September 16, 2020**. Check website for details.

Dollar Amount: Amounts vary

Website: <https://goldendoorscholars.org>

7. KC Bizfest Scholarship

Description: KC BizFest offers high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area an opportunity to learn a variety of life skills and business techniques. Students participate in a 4-day intensive training where they learn business skills and create and present a business plan.

When to Apply? Deadline is tentatively in **October 2020**. Check website for details.

Dollar Amount: Partner institutions like Donnelly College, JCCC, and KCKCC provide scholarships to students who participate in the BizFest Program.

Website: <http://www.gkchc.com/kc-bizfest/>

8. Jack Kent Cook Scholarship

Description: This is a highly competitive, national scholarship for academically outstanding high school seniors (3.5+ GPA and 26+ ACT Score). You do not have to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply.

When to Apply? The 2021 application will open on August 1, 2020 through the Common Application. Tentative deadline of **November 13, 2020**. Check website for details.

Dollar Amount: Up to \$40,000 per year

Website: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

9. My Undocumented Life Scholarship Resource Page

Description: My Undocumented Life has an incredible amount of resources for undocumented students including an updated scholarship resource page.

Website: <https://mydocumentedlife.org/high-school-students/>

10. MALDEF Scholarship Resource Guide

Description: MALDEF has a robust national scholarship resource guide for DREAMers.

Website: <https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resource-guide/>

11. K-State DREAMZone

Description: The K-State DREAMZone is a wonderful resource that offers K-State specific information and scholarships for students with DACA, undocumented students, and those from mixed-status families (family members with different immigration statuses). It also includes a list of local, state, and national scholarships for all students.

Website: <https://www.k-state.edu/diversity/dreamers/>

12. Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation Scholarships

Description: The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation has scholarship opportunities all KCKCC students can apply for (no citizenship requirement). Scholarship amounts vary (\$500 and up). Fall semester deadline is **March 1, 2021**.

Website: www.kckcc.edu/foundation/scholarships

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