

Central Oregon Community College

Educational Options and Resources for Undocumented Students

While in high school:

Consider taking COCC classes as a high school student through your school's **Expanded Options program**. Tuition is paid by the school district. Talk to your school counselor about whether this is an option for you.

Applying to COCC:

COCC does not require citizenship or a social security number to apply or register for classes. If you have lived in the COCC district for one calendar year prior to application, you are considered "in-district," regardless of citizenship.

To learn more about resources available to you and for assistance in planning for COCC, contact Evelia Sandoval, COCC's Latinx Student Coordinator at esandoval@cocc.edu or 541.318.3726.

Financial resources:

Talk to your Future Centers, ASPIRE programs and school counselors at your schools about financial aid options and local scholarships.

Complete Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA)

The ORSAA is an alternative to the FAFSA for undocumented Oregon students, including students who have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status. The ORSAA opens in October each year. Do *NOT* complete the ORSAA if you are a U.S. citizen or a legal noncitizen with an Alien Registration number.

If you are a DACA student, you *may* want to complete the FAFSA in addition to the ORSAA. Contact the financial aid office at your college to find out if you should complete both the FAFSA and ORSAA.

Eligible undocumented and DACA students in Oregon can get help to pay for college. Learn more about Financial Aid for Undocumented and DACA Students.

Apply to OSAC

Apply to Oregon Promise www.oregonpromise.org.

Apply to COCC Foundation Scholarship, which is found in your Bobcat account. All students are eligible to apply but must complete the ORSAA.

Look for local scholarships in your community for Latino students through churches, banks and other clubs. Some great ones are the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber and the COCC Latino Scholarship.

Schedule an appointment with COCC's Latinx Student Coordinator. Coordinator has an extensive list of scholarships for Latino students that do not require citizenship or social security numbers, esandoval@cocc.edu or 541.318.3726.

More information: www.cocc.edu/multicultural/latino/undocumented-student-resources/