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Cultivating an inclusive
and safe community
for undocumented
students at SJSU!

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

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Exciting News! We're thrilled to introduce **UNITE (UndocuScholars Network for an Inclusive and Transformational Education)**, a new student organization on campus that focuses on supporting and uplifting our diverse undocumented communities at SJSU. Sign up to receive updates on upcoming meetings, events, resources, and more!

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Financial Aid Updates and Resources

2024-2025

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT



Priority Deadline: April 1st

Who can apply?

Undergraduate and graduate undocumented students who meet the requirements for AB 540 (CA Non-Resident Tuition Exemption).

This includes students who have/are: Undocumented (without a SSN), DACA, asylum seeker, SIJS, TPS, U or T Visa

sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/paying-for-college



UndocuSpartan
Student Resource Center

Financial Aid Resource Guide for Undocumented & Mixed-Status Students



Explore our resource guide designed to support undocumented and mixed-status students in navigating the complexities of completing the 2024-25 FAFSA and CA Dream Act Application. We understand the unique challenges immigrant students and their families face, and our curated list of resources aims to provide clear and accessible information. From step-by-step guides on filling out the applications to FAQs addressing common concerns, our goal is to empower students to pursue their educational goals.

[Learn More](#)

GET UPDATES FOR NON-SSN CONTRIBUTORS



CSAC

The California Student Aid Commission (responsible for administering financial aid programs for students in California) is reporting on issues and providing guidance to students and families on the 2024-25 FAFSA and CADAA.

Follow them on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date! [@calstudentaid](#)

GET NON-SSN CONTRIBUTOR UPDATES!

CSAC has created a listserv (an electronic mailing list) to share important updates on California Non-SSN Contributor FAFSA issues. Students and families are encouraged to subscribe to the email list by visiting searchable@california.non-ssn-contributor-follow

FAFSA updates for Non-SSN Parents:

Students with parents who do not have an SSN are still experiencing multiple barriers to completing a FAFSA including account creation, identity verification, and trouble accessing the application. Unfortunately, there is no timeline from the US Department of Education about when these issues will be resolved. Students and families can sign up to receive a follow-up from the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) on the status of FAFSA for Non-SSN contributors

[Learn More](#)

Scholarship Opportunities for UndocuScholars



2024-25 SJSU Spartan Scholarships NOW OPEN

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office administers three types of scholarships: SJSU campus scholarships, department scholarships, and private scholarships.

Students should apply for as many scholarships as possible to lessen the need for loans or part-time work to attend school.

The deadlines operate on a rolling basis, with a final cutoff date set for May 1st

**About Department Scholarships: Various academic departments on campus manage their own scholarships. Students are strongly encouraged to keep in close contact with their major department for scholarship information. These scholarships each have their own specific criteria, deadlines, and application instructions. Students should contact their department directly for additional information.*

[APPLY TODAY](#)

Outside Scholarships

Sacramento Region Community Foundation Scholarships (up to \$10,000)

Undergraduates and graduate students may apply. See the site for scholarship-specific requirements.

Deadline: Earliest 2/23; Latest 3/15. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

Latinos in Tech (\$6,000 - renewable)

Must be Latinx; show financial need; graduated from a specific Northern California High School; 3.0 GPA.

Deadline: Feb. 29, 2024. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship (\$1500)

Identify as Chicana and/or Latina; from eligible county; undergraduate and Graduate students; full-time enrollment.

Deadline: March 31. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

Lola Scholarship (\$1000)

Undergraduate and Graduate students; Live in California; Filipinx/a/o American Students

Deadline: April 17. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

The Kilmer Fund (up to \$5,000)

Undergraduates and graduate students may apply. Must be in specific STEM field. See the site for requirements.

Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

SBB Research Group Foundation STEM Scholarship (Up to \$2,500)

Pursuing a career in STEM; full-time student; 3.5 GPA

Deadline: Feb. 28. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

(ISC)2 Scholarships (Up to \$2,500)

Undergraduates and graduates; Pursuing a field in cybersecurity or information assurance.

Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

ASME Engineering Scholarship (Up to \$10,000)

Undergraduate and Graduate students; mechanical engineering or related field.

Deadline: February 29. [LINK TO APPLY](#)

[Explore Additional Scholarship Resources for Undocumented Students](#)

[READ MORE](#)

Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship

Join us via [Zoom](#)
 Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 pm to learn how to apply for the CLF scholarship!

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 0170 1312
 Password: CLF2024

Presentation by:
 Daniela Zopiyatle & Sonia Lizama
 2023-2024 CLF recipients




Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship Workshop (2/20)

Join current scholarship recipients during an online info session to learn about the 2024 CLF Scholarship, the application process, and what you can do to submit a strong application. Join via zoom starting at 6:30PM

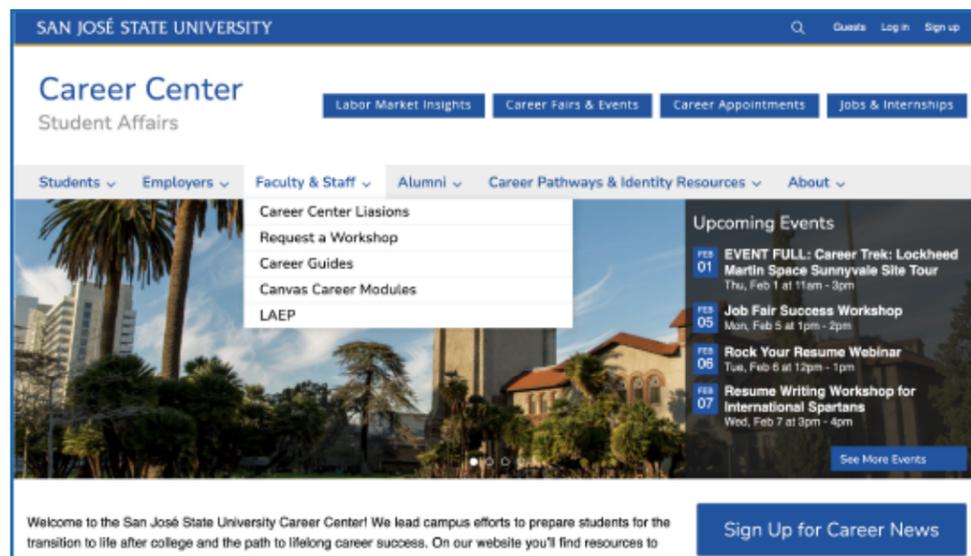
[RSVP Today](#)

Let's Talk Money! Wealth and Money in Asian American Communities (2/27)

Join the Center for API Student Empowerment (CAPISE) for an informative and engaging workshops about money and personal finance. Let's Talk Money will be Tuesday, February 27th from 4:30PM - 5:30PM in the Student Union Meeting Room 3A.

[Learn More](#)

Professional Development Opportunities



SJSU Career Center Job & Internship Fairs Spring 2024

Career fairs are great opportunities to connect with hundreds of students and recruit for open positions and anticipated opportunities. The Career Center hosts several career fairs throughout the year tailored to different industries and student populations.

Registration for Spring 2024 Career Fairs is currently open.

Upcoming Fairs:

- **STEM Undergraduate Students Job/Fair** (2/20 -2/22)
- **Health, Wellness & Public Service Job/Internship Fair** (3/13)
- **Late Spring '24 Job & Internship Fair** (4/16)

[RSVP Today](#)



SJSU Career Center Guides: Designed to help students explore career paths, build experience, and successfully launch after graduation. Each interactive PDF guide provides templates, resources, and targeted tips based on topic.



Digital Resources for Career Support: SJSU students have access to several digital platforms to receive guidance on resumes, interviewing skills, building experience, and more.



Dream Summer 2024

DEADLINE EXTENDED: February 23, 2024 (\$7,000)

Calling immigrant youth and allies! Applications for the 2024 Dream Summer fellowship are open. Apply today and join a community of passionate social justice and immigrant rights advocates!

The fellowship is open to all immigrant youth, regardless of immigration status (undocumented youth, youth with DACA or TPS, etc., are all welcome to apply).

APPLY TODAY



 PRE-HEALTH DREAMERS

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PHD'S PILOT PROGRAM!

UNDOCU LAUNCHPAD

The 5-week UndocuLaunch boot camp is an **introductory** course where individuals can learn information, develop their skills, and brainstorm with peers thinking about being healthcare entrepreneurs.

- This boot camp was created with undocumented students in mind.
- DACA or TPS is not required.
- Non-SSN holders are encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: March 1, 2024

For more information and to apply visit phdreamers.org/launchpad.

phdreamers.org/launchpad  flavia@phdreamers.org

APPLY

Become a Healthcare Entrepreneur

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APPLY TODAY

DreamSF applications now open!



→ dreamsfellows.org

DREAMSF FELLOWSHIP

The 2024-25 DreamSF Fellowship Application is Now Open! (Paid Fellowship)

The DreamSF Fellowship is a paid San Francisco-based leadership and professional development program for immigrant students and aspiring professionals **regardless of status**. Fellows are paired with local immigrant-serving community organizations and gain hands-on experience in direct services, advocacy, and immigration law, and more while growing a network of mentors. Fellows receive professional mentorship and attend weekly enrichment seminars to support their growth as leaders and community advocates.

Applications are due April 1, 2024. Visit dreamsfellows.org to learn more.

[READ MORE](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

California Department of Justice (DOJ) Background Checks and Undocumented Students in California Higher Education

[BIT.LY/UNDOCUFAQS](https://bit.ly/undocuFAQS)

SCAN ME!



INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (ITIN)

bit.ly/3Qemldq

Resources and information for individuals who are not eligible to obtain a social security number (SSN).



FAQ on Background Checks for Undocumented Students

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Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Resources

[READ MORE](#)

Immigration Resources and Updates

Free Immigration Legal Services

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FREE Services for SJSU Students, Staff, Faculty, and Family Members

Immigration attorneys are available year-round to assist individuals with their immigration questions. Services include but are not limited to:

- Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
- Advance Parole
- Temporary Protective Status (TPS)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Family petitions
- U & T visas
- VAWA petitions
- Refugee/Asylum
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Resident Status
- Citizenship.

Schedule an appointment today!

Stay In The Know!

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BREAKING

USCIS HAS PUBLISHED THEIR NEW FEE RULE

TOP TAKEAWAY FOR NOW:
Fees will remain the same until the new rule goes into effect on **April 1, 2024**

ILRC.ORG

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released the final Fee Rule. Important to note that fees remain the same until the new rule goes into effect on 4/1/24.

[Read More](#)

LEGAL AID AT WORK

Need Job-Related Legal Advice?

Legal Aid at Work gives **free** legal advice to low-wage workers and unemployed persons in California. We help with most work-related legal issues

All workers have employment rights regardless of their immigration status. Learn about the resources available to workers in California by visiting Legal Aid at Work.

[Read More](#)

DOES YOUR DACA EXPIRE IN JUNE?

Now is the time to renew!

FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL
MAY JUNE

DACA RENEWAL ALERT!
USCIS advises submitting a DACA renewal **4-5 months** before expiration.

Informed Immigrant

Attention DACA recipients! Due to delays in DACA renewals, USCIS advises applicants to renew their DACA status within the 6-5 months before it expires. SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and their direct family members have access to free immigration services to receive assistance with the renewal process.

[Renew Today](#)

5 STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR DACA RENEWAL IS DELAYED

SOURCE: NILC.ORG

Informed Immigrant

Navigating delays in your renewal process? Here's a quick guide with five essential steps from the National Immigration Law Center to ease the journey.

[Read More](#)

Community Resources

Immigrants Rising Wellness Support Groups

immigrantsrising.org/supportgroups

IMMIGRANTS RISING

Wellness Support Groups for Undocumented Individuals: Immerse yourself in a 6-week journey with our compassionate mental health experts, guiding you through a secure online space. Crafted for undocumented individuals in search of solidarity, these exclusive virtual sessions provide a confidential haven for shared experiences, uplifting moments, and collective growth. Secure your spot—advance registration is required!

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library SJSU
150 E. San Fernando Street, Second Floor, San Jose
Saturdays
February 10 and 24; March 9 and 23, 2024
From 10 am – 2 pm

Free Help Preparing Your Tax Return
Tax Aid is a nonprofit organization that provides properly prepared tax returns for Bay Area families and individuals with incomes less than \$64,000. Tax returns are prepared at no cost by volunteers who donate their time.

Checklist of Tax Forms We Need

- TAX QUESTIONNAIRE (with this on your household)
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS (for each member of your family)
- W-2 & 1099 FORMS (from all jobs and self-employment)
- OTHER FORMS & DOCUMENTS (1099 Social Security, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-GR, 1099-NEC, 1099-PTC, 1099-R, 1099-S, 1099-VA, 1099-VA-DC, 1099-VA-DC-1099, 1099-VA-DC-1099, 1099-VA-DC-1099)
- A HOUSEHOLD CHECK (for the account to deposit your refund)
- LAST YEARS TAX RETURN (if you still have it)
- PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE (USA and SSI if you have them)
- CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFO (for children under 13)

For a list of all Tax-Aid locations and dates or to make an appointment visit www.tax-aid.org/inpersonhelp or call 415-229-9240

Free Help Preparing Your Tax Return: Bay Area Families and individuals with income less than \$64,000 can access free services through Tax Aid. In-person services are available at the MLK Library on selected dates. To schedule an in-person appointment visit: calendly.com/tax-aid-appointments. For a complete list of Virtual Services and In-Person Tax Help throughout the Bay Area, click on the link below.

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