

The Undocumented Student: Preparing for College in Neighboring States

What is most critical is that undocumented students must keep their college options open by earning and maintaining high academic standards and achievement during all four years of high school. Because opportunities are limited in terms of scholarships and overall advising strategies, undocumented students need to work harder and earn higher grades than many of their counterparts.

IDAHO

University of Idaho

Some university scholarships do not have a residency requirement

Contact Info: www.uidaho.edu/financialaid, 208-885-6312, finaid@uidaho.edu

KANSAS

Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

All Colorado Residents are Eligible for Contiguous State Resident Tuition Amount

Tuition and Fees: \$5,857 (15 credit hours)

Books and Supplies: \$840.00

Room and Board: \$7,003

Total: \$13,700

Cost per undergraduate credit hour: \$195.25

**Students are also eligible for the Access Academic Opportunity Grant for \$4,000 (students must have 2.5 GPA and 21 ACT)

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MONTANA

Montana State University

- **MSU, Billings** - Students can apply for Achievement Awards, but not Western Undergraduate Exchange. Contact Info: www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsnonres.shtml, www.msbillings.edu/finaid, 406-657-2188, finaid@msubillings.edu
- **MSU, Bozeman**- Students can apply for Achievement Awards, but not Western Undergraduate Exchange. Contact Info: www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsnonres.shtml, Minority Montana
- **Montana State University- Northern, Havre**- Students can apply for Achievement Awards, but not Western Undergraduate Exchange. Contact Info: www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsnonres.shtml, www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/finaid/index.htm, 406-265-3787, finaid@msun.edu, Heather Wofford, heather.wofford@montana.edu, 406-994-1983

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU), Las Vegas, NM

- Offers a four-year “Competitive Out of State” Scholarship that is open to all students that reduces tuition to in-state rates plus \$200 annual book stipend
Eligibility: Students who have a 3.5 or higher GPA and 20 composite ACT or 3.0 GPA and 23 ACT.
Renewal Criteria: Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and enroll for 12 credit hours every semester to maintain scholarship for four years.
Deadline: Admission process complete by March 1
- Offers “Success In New Mexico” Scholarship that is open to all students and the amount is the difference between out-of-state tuition rate and in-state tuition rate.
Eligibility: Minimum 3.0 overall high school GPA
Renewal Criteria: Up to eight semesters with a 12 credit hour enrollment requirement every semester and a 3.0 GPA.
Deadline: Admission process complete by March 1

- Offers “Opportunity Grant,” a fall semester tuition only award for out-of-state undergraduate first time freshmen.
 Eligibility Criteria: Minimum 2.5 to 2.99 overall GPA
 Deadline: Admission process complete by March 1
 Out of State Tuition and Fees: \$2,835 (cost is same for students enrolled from 12-18 credit hours)
 Housing: \$2750-4936 per year
 Board: \$2960-3680 per year
 Contact: Gill Gonzalez, Director of Recruitment, gilgonzalez@nmhu.edu
 Phone: 505-454-3256
 First come, first served

New Mexico Junior College (NMJC), Hobbs, NM

Non-resident tuition costs approximately \$1,440 for the 2012-13 school year. NMJC also offers room and board for just over \$4,000 for the year. (Double occupancy room and 19 meals per week).

New Mexico New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM

Undocumented students are not eligible for Western Undergraduate Exchange rate, but can apply for merit scholarships and for a lottery scholarship.

Contact Info: Allison Costello, acostello@admin.nmt.edu, 575.835.5424

<http://www.nmt.edu/scholarships/50-financial-aid/financial-aid/181-scholarships-for-entering-freshman>

NEBRASKA

Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC), Scottsbluff, NE

Non-resident tuition costs approximately \$2,650 for the 2012-13 school year --- based on a 30-credit hour year.

WNCC also offers room and board for about \$5,800/year.

NEVADA

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Undocumented students can apply for the Western Undergraduate Rate.

Contact Info: Jeanette Chan Rivera, jcrivera@unr.edu

<http://www.unlv.edu/>

WYOMING

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Offers Western Undergraduate Exchange rate to undocumented students.

Contact Information: Tanaya Moon Morris, Assistant Director, Admissions, Multicultural Recruitment Coordinator, moon@uwyo.edu

<http://www.uwyo.edu/admissions/scholarships/wue.html>

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