

FAFSA ROADMAP FOR IOWA'S LATINO STUDENTS

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IF YOU ARE A U.S. CITIZEN OR A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT

You are a U.S. citizen if:

- You were born in the United States or certain U.S. territories
- You were born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens
- You have obtained citizenship status through naturalization.
- You were born in American Samoa or Swains Island, then you are a U.S. national.

You are a Permanent Resident if you have a GREEN CARD



YOUR PARENTS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

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You **WON'T** be asked about your parents immigration or citizenship status.



FILL OUT THE FAFSA

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If one or your parents doesn't have a SSN:

- Enter all zeros for their SSN (000-00-0000)
- Don't enter their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- When you hit the "submit" button, you might have to do it twice.

NOTE: The parent without a Social Security Number **WON'T** be able to sign electronically - so click "print signature page" to sign on paper and mail the signed form to the address provided.

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IF YOU ARE A DACA OR TPS RECIPIENT

Only DACA or TPS students with a Social Security number(SSN) can fill out the FAFSA

If you have DACA or TPS and don't have a SSN, you can apply to get one (<https://www.ssa.gov/people/im/migrants/>)



IF YOU ARE ASKED TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA TO OBTAIN YOUR EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)

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DACA or TPS recipients CAN'T receive federal aid, but, you might qualify for local grants, private funds and/or financial assistance from your institution



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- Indicate NO to the *Are you a U.S. Citizen* question.
- If your parents are don't have a SSN:
 - Enter all zeros for their SSN (000-00-0000)
 - Don't enter their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
 - When you hit the "submit" button, you might have to do it twice.
 - The undocumented parent **WON'T** be able to sign electronically - so click "print signature page" to sign on paper and mail the signed form to the address provided.

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IF YOU ARE UNDOCUMENTED

Undocumented students **CAN'T** receive federal financial aid, **BUT** you might qualify for local grants, private funds and/or financial assistance from your institution



SEEK HELP

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DON'T fill out the FAFSA without speaking to a counselor or an entity with knowledge about working with immigrants.



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Your EFC may be used to determine your aid award



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 - Don't enter their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
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IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS



DO NOT FILL OUT THE FAFSA



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- Ask your parents or guardians about your immigration status
 - Reach out to counselors who have experience in helping undocumented parents and students
 - Contact the Office of Latino Affairs
515-281-4080 or Sonia.Reyes@iowa.gov
- NOTE: Never give personal information on the phone or through email.