

Undocumented and DACA Student Policy

ADM 16.1

Enrollment Services

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The University of Mount Union is seeing an increased number of undocumented or DACA students interested in attending the university. Many of our peer institutions and many others across the country have adopted a similar approach over the last 5-10 years.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Undocumented Student	Undocumented students are students who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or "eligible noncitizens." Undocumented students are sometimes referred to as "Dreamers." This term generally refers to undocumented youths who have lived in the United States from a very young age. The term "Dreamers" is derived from the legislation introduced in Congress and known as the "DREAM Act." You can read more about the proposed "DREAM Act" at www.ed.gov/news/speeches/dream-act-testimony . Within the larger group of undocumented students, there is a subgroup of students who have received Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
Who is a DACA student?	A DACA student has received deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process. Most DACA students are also granted work authorization; and if a student has work authorization, the student may be eligible to obtain a Social Security number. (More information about obtaining a Social Security number is in Question C.1.) Thus, if a DACA student is granted deferred action and employment authorization, the student may be eligible for a Social Security number.

Policy Details

- I. Undocumented student or DACA student eligibility for admission
 - A. Undocumented students or DACA students should be reviewed for admission under the same guidelines as any other student. Undocumented or DACA status should not be indicated in Slate or other university systems.
- II. Undocumented student and DACA student eligibility for aid
 - A. Undocumented or DACA students are not eligible for federal student aid but are eligible for institutional gift aid.
 1. DACA students with a SSN may complete the FAFSA. DACA students whose parents do not have a SSN can enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA asks for parents' SSN and must print out the signature page from the online FAFSA so that their parents can sign it and send it in.

PROCEDURE

- I. Educate students as they indicate they are undocumented or DACA through the recruitment process.

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Responsibilities

Position or Office	Responsibilities
Enrollment Services Staff	Follow policy and education undocumented or DACA students on their options

Resources

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students/questions-and-answers-about-paying-for-college>

<https://www.iacac.org/undocumented/>

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2015/04/07/110558/daca-helps-undocumented-students-access-higher-education/>

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