

Admission & Financial Aid for Undocumented Students

Smith College educates women of promise for lives of distinction. A college of and for the world, Smith links the power of the liberal arts to excellence in research and scholarship, developing leaders for society's challenges. Therefore, Smith is committed to enrolling a diverse and accomplished student body, regardless of citizenship status.

Admission

- Undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students follow the procedures and requirements for first-year or transfer admission. They are evaluated in the same way as U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents.

First-year

- Common Application & Smith Writing Supplement
- High School Transcript
- Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Recommendations (2)
- Midyear School Report
- Early Decision Agreement (if applicable)

Transfer

- Common Application & Smith Transfer Writing Supplement
 - College Transcript
 - Final High School Transcript
 - Transfer College Report
 - Teacher Recommendations (2)
 - Midterm Report
 - Course descriptions of all college classes completed and in-progress
- Undocumented and DACA students should indicate “Non-citizen” or “Other” in the citizenship field on the Common Application.
 - Because we want to obtain a comprehensive picture of the student's background and experiences in the context of her school and community, we encourage undocumented and DACA applicants to disclose their citizenship status in the application.
 - Undocumented and DACA students may apply under any admission plan, including Early Decision.



Financial Aid

- Smith meets 100% of the demonstrated need of all admitted students who apply for financial aid by the published deadlines. Because federal financial aid is not available for undocumented and DACA students, Smith provides institutional, need-based financial aid in its place.
- To be considered for aid, students must complete the College Board CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE (CSS) and other supporting materials. If parents file taxes, the W-2 and tax returns are required. If parents do not file taxes, the Nontax Filer's Statement on the CSS Profile is required. If paying the PROFILE application fee represents a significant financial hardship, fee waivers are available from the Office of Student Financial Services.
- Undocumented students are eligible for non-federal work-study on campus. DACA students with employment authorization may also be able to find off campus employment.

Advice for DACA and Undocumented Students

“College Advising Guide for Undocumented Students” <https://www.iacac.org/undocumented/>

Other information related to DACA:

<http://www.weownthedream.org/resources/>

<https://www.immigrantjustice.org/daca-resource-hub>

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

For More Information

- Office of Admission: www.smith.edu/admission/
 - Office of Student Financial Services: www.smith.edu/finaid/
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