



## Postsecondary Funding Guidance For Fellows Who Do Not Qualify for Federal Aid

OneGoal seeks to support the postsecondary future of all Fellows, regardless of citizenship status. While the Federal application process for Financial Aid (FAFSA) is not available for Fellows without social security numbers, we want to assure you that there are other options available to fund your postsecondary education, whether it be private, state, or local aid.

### FAQs about FAFSA for Ineligible Fellows (From Federal Student Aid)

- 1. To complete the FAFSA® form, do I need a Social Security number (SSN)?**
  - Yes. An SSN is necessary to complete the FAFSA form. Most ineligible students aren't eligible for an SSN; thus, they cannot complete the FAFSA form. However, DACA students with SSNs can complete the FAFSA form. For information about obtaining an SSN, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY for the deaf or hard of hearing 1-800-325-0778).
- 2. As a student without a social security number or DACA student, am I eligible for Federal Aid?**
  - No. Students without social security numbers, including DACA students, are not eligible for federal student aid. However, you may be eligible for state or college financial aid, in addition to private aid and/or scholarships.
- 3. As an DACA student or a student without a social security number, am I eligible for in-state tuition?**
  - It depends. In some states, ineligible students, or specifically DACA students, are eligible to receive in-state tuition. Please check with your high school, college, or career school's financial aid office.
- 4. Does my parents' citizenship status affect my eligibility for federal student aid?**
  - No. Since your parents' citizenship doesn't affect your ability to complete the FAFSA form, they don't need SSNs. Contributors without a social security number must create an FSAid. During this process, your contributors will need to provide a residency address and give consent for FSA to access their financial information through the direct exchange process. For more information, please visit the [FSA simplification updates](#) page.

### Options for Postsecondary Education Funding for Fellows Who Do Not Qualify for Federal Aid

- ✓ **Applying for State Aid:** Most states and colleges use information collected on the FAFSA form to determine whether you're eligible for aid. However, we first recommend that you check with your high school counselor or your college or career school's financial aid office to see what types of financial aid you may be eligible to receive and whether completing the FAFSA form is required to apply for that aid.
- ✓ **Dreamers Funding Options:** Organizations exist to support ineligible Fellows with accessing funding options for their postsecondary aspirations. Fellows are encouraged to research Funding options at <https://www.thedream.us/>. Lean on your Program Director for support in completing applications.



- ✓ **Other scholarship info:** There are 1000s of private scholarship options for Fellows. Spend some time researching [scholarships](#) where citizenship status is not an eligibility requirement.

For More Information about FAFSA for ineligible students visit  
<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>