


**Fire Up the Dream Mobile
Opportunities for Undocumented
Students**


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AGENDA

- **Student Statuses**
- **Legislation**
 - HB 2145
 - Dream Act
- **Financial Aid and
Scholarship Resources**
- **Questions**



Student Statuses

- **Lawful Permanent
Residents**
- **Temporary Legal Statuses**
- **Undocumented Immigrants**



Lawful Permanent Residents

- Resident Alien
- Non-immigrant status
- Shows intent to **reside** in U.S.
- Requires 6 months residency in Kansas to be eligible for in-state tuition



Kansas Legislation

- **HB 2145 – Passed in 2004**
 - Allows students without lawful immigration status to pay in-state tuition at Kansas institutions if they:
 1. Attended a Kansas high school for three years
AND
 2. Graduated from a Kansas high school **OR equivalent**
AND
 - 3.(a) File an affidavit with the post-secondary institution



3. (b) And allows students with a legal nonpermanent immigration status who meet the same HB 2145 criteria as undocumented students to file an affidavit that will allow them to receive in-state tuition

- A growing number of students have enrolled at Kansas colleges under HB 2145. The hope is that many more will also benefit from this legislation in the coming years.



Similar Legislation

- Since 2001 thirteen states (including Kansas) have passed legislation similar to the Kansas HB 2145 – they are: Nebraska, California, Utah, Wisconsin, Texas, Washington, New Mexico, Illinois, New York, Maryland, Connecticut & Rhode Island



- All states require time period in state school, graduation from state school and signed affidavit
- Oklahoma ended its legislative support for lower in-state tuition in 2008, leaving it up to the state's regents



Pros & Cons

Pros

- Taxpayers have already paid for K-12 education.
- Students are here at no fault of their own
- Bright minds should not be wasted

Cons

- Contributes to illegal behavior at taxpayer expense.
- Competition for taxpayer dollars with citizens and permanent resident aliens
- Unless legalized will still be unable to work even when degree or skill is attained



Future Legislation

- DREAM Act (**D**evelopment, **R**elief, and **E**ducation for **A**lien **M**inors)

- Bipartisan legislation

- Student must:

- *have entered US before age of 16

- *must be between ages of 12 and 35 at time of application

- *been present in US for at least 5 consecutive years prior to bill

- *graduate US high school, complete GED or been accepted into college or university

- *have good moral character



If the Dream Act passes

- Apply for the DREAM Act

- If approved and granted Conditional Permanent Residency do one of following:

- *Enroll & pursue post-secondary degree or

- *Enlist in US Military

- In 6 years must compete at least 2 years of school/military

- After 5 ½ years able to apply for Legal Permanent Residency then for US Citizenship



- Time spent by students in conditional permanent resident status would count towards the residency requirements for naturalization to US citizenship

- Students would be provided the same opportunities as other students such as student loans and federal work-study programs, but not federal grants monies, such as Pell Grants



Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—available to only US citizens and eligible non-citizens
- Gaining eligibility (FSA 2010-11 Handbook, Ch 1, p. 1-17):
A student is eligible for Pell, TEACH, and Campus-based aid for the **entire award year**, not just the payment period, in which he becomes eligible by meeting the requirements for citizenship, valid Social Security number, or Selective Service registration.



Obstacles:

- Language & cultural barriers
- Many times first generation college students
- Legalization process complicated and expensive and many have very low incomes
- Fear of deportation or being reported to authorities
- Once legalized (males) may not have registered with Selective Service between age 18-26



FAFSA Issues for Documented Students with Undocumented Parents

- Parents can file the FAFSA using 000-00-0000 for SSN but cannot obtain a PIN to sign electronically
- Cannot utilize IRS Retrieval Tool process during FAFSA on the Web
- Frequently work under fictitious names and/or Social Security numbers
- Often work for cash and don't file tax returns at all



Institutional Aid

- Available to all students
- Funded by the college or university through state/local taxes, student activity fees and business/personal donors
- Application/information available at college websites
- Types
 - Grants in Aid
 - Letters of Intent
 - Endowment Scholarships
 - Institutional Work Study



Institutional Aid

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- Grant in Aid-Agreement to participate in an activity for exchange of a scholarship
 - » Band
 - » Choir
 - » Drama
 - » Forensics
 - » Super Circuit
 - » Student Center Worker
 - » Media
 - » Art
 - » Meats Judging
 - » Student Government Assoc.
 - » Bilingual Teachers
 - » Academic Challenge
 - » And more.....



Institutional Aid

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- Letter of Intent or Grant in Aid-Agreement to participate in a sport for exchange of a scholarship
 - Athletic Training
 - Baseball
 - Basketball
 - Cheerleading
 - Dance Team
 - Football
 - Rodeo
 - Soccer
 - Softball
 - Track
 - Volleyball



Institutional Aid

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- **Endowment Scholarships**

- Many are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis
- Normally available for fall and spring semesters only
- Based on:
 - Grade point average or GED score
 - Financial need
 - Majors are taken into consideration
 - Scholarship criteria vary, so students are matched as closely as possible with the scholarship standards



Institutional Aid

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- **Institutional Work Study**

–Available ONLY with a valid work authorization card



Other Aid Resources

- **Local organizations**

- Churches
- High schools
- Service clubs
- Fraternal organizations
- Professional organizations
- Company or business where parents are employed



Other Aid Resources

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- USA Funds
www.usafunds.org
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
www.hsf.net
- Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas
www.communityfoundationswks
- Salvadoran-American Leadership And Educational Fund
www.salef.org
- Scholarships for Undocumented Students
www.10000degrees.org/scholarships/scholarship_for_undocumented.shtml



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