Navigating Graduate School Applications
As an Undocumented Student
In this guide:

Programs listed in this guide are intended to help undocumented students prepare and navigate the application process for both graduate and professional schools. Additionally, the guide aims to help students find funding opportunities in order to pursue graduate school.

Students are highly encouraged to visit each of the programs’ website for specific requirements and due dates.
Assistance Programs

- Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)
- Academic Summer Program Integrating Resources for Excellence (ASPIRE)
- Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA)
- Anderson School of Management Riordan MBA Fellowship
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- Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)
- PIKSI - Boston & Penn State
Institute for Recruitment of Teachers
https://irt.andover.edu/

**About:** Each year, 25-30 Interns are selected by the IRT to participate in an intense four-week *Summer Workshop* at Phillips Academy. IRT aims to empowers talented underserved and underrepresented future educators to teach and serve as leaders.

**Field of Study:** Education

**Due Date:** April 1st

**Eligibility:** For undergraduates, have earned a grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale); and for graduates, have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale); have either an undergraduate or Master’s degree major in mathematics, social sciences, humanities, education or computer science; and demonstrate a commitment to eradicating racial disparities in education.
Academic Summer Program Integrating Resources for Excellence
http://ssom.luc.edu/content/aspire/

About: ASPIRE aims to prepare pre-medical students who want to pursue a career in medicine. During the five-week program, students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum that integrates academic/science lectures, shadowing opportunities, professional development skills/tools, and a community service project.

Field of Study: STEM

Due Date: Contact the program directly for their due date

Eligibility: Participants must be at least rising juniors and must be applying the current cycle to participate. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to serve those in underserved communities and be interested in pursuing a career in medicine.
Public Policy and International Affairs

https://www.ppiaprogram.org/ppia/what-we-do/junior-summer-institutes/application

About: PPIA aims to help students achieve a Master’s or joint degree, typically in public policy, public administration, international affairs or a related field. The organization does this through the intensive study provided by participation in a Junior Summer Institute (JSI).

Field of Study: Public Policy & International Affair

Due Date: For Summer 2017 program: November 1, 2017

Eligibility: Applicants must have an expected graduation date between December 2017 and August 2018. Carnegie Mellon University, UC Berkeley (including the Law Fellows program), Princeton University, UC Berkeley accept DACA applicants. Must be committed to completing a Master’s Degree in public and/or international affairs at one of the PPIA Consortium graduate schools. Please note that the University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy does not accept undocumented student applicants.
About: The Program targets recent college graduates who are considering graduate education in business management. Its core purpose is to educate, prepare and motivate individuals to competitively apply and succeed in a top MBA program. Fellows attend eight monthly Saturday sessions that include various activities and services.

Field of Study: Business

Due Date: For the 2017 program: Round 1 – Feb. 24, 2017; Round 2 – May 12, 2017 Round 3 – June 9, 2017

Eligibility: Applicants are up to five years post graduate from an undergraduate college/university; have received a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0; applicant should have substantial work experience (this can include summer internships and community volunteer experience). Must be fully employed and have at least one year of work experience; must demonstrate leadership skills and community service involvement.
About: The UCI Pre-Law Outreach Program ("POP") helps students from disadvantaged backgrounds understand the demands of law school, prepare for the application and admissions process.

Field of Study: Law

Due Date: For Summer 2017 program: March 17, 2017

Eligibility: Be a full-time student at an accredited college or university (this includes a community college; not planning to submit a law school until Fall 2018 or later (for the Summer 2017 program); have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; come from a disadvantaged background (visit website for further details); must attend all six Saturday sessions of POP.
King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP)
https://law.ucdavis.edu/outreach/khop.html

About: KHOP is a unique initiative that helps college students from underrepresented communities prepare for the law school admissions process. The program hosts eligible college juniors and seniors for a series of weekend sessions in which students gain valuable knowledge about the law school admission process, learn writing, analytical, and logical reasoning skills, develop study techniques for taking the LSAT, and explore career paths available to law school graduates.

Field of Study: Law

Dude Date: The application for the 2018 KHOP Winter Session will be available in Fall 2017

Eligibility: Supporting documents detailed in the application packet; one letter of recommendation with a signed letter of recommendation waiver form submitted directly by the recommender.
About: A fully subsidized summer program for students of modest means whose backgrounds are currently underrepresented at the nation’s top law schools. For five weeks in the summer, Trials students take residence at Harvard or New York University. The residency alternates from year to year.

Field of Study: Law

Due Date: Applications to the 2018 Trials program will be available on their website in October 2017.

Eligibility: Consideration to those candidates who attend colleges that traditionally send no more than one graduate per year to the partnering law schools. Each summer, the majority of students enrolled in Trials will hail from such underrepresented institutions.
UCLA Law Fellows Program

https://law.ucla.edu/admissions/outreach/

About: The program includes a series of Saturday Academies held at the Law School. These Academies offer professional-level instruction by law faculty in which Law Fellows are exposed to cases and a variety of other materials used in law school. Each Fellow is assigned a law student mentor with whom they will interact throughout the year.

Field of Study: Law

Due Date: Please contact the program directly for the 2017 due date

Eligibility: Any prospective applicant who has at least a 3.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA from a four-year institution may apply to the Law Fellows Program.
La Raza at UC Hastings

http://uchastingslaraza.weebly.com/

About: La Raza Law Students Association is a multicultural law student org at UC Hastings dedicated to promoting diversity on campus and in the legal profession. The organization often organizes free events open to the public. These events aim to inform folks what makes a strong law school applicant and how to navigate the application process. The organization provides folks with the opportunity to meet with current law school students and attorneys, sit in a sample class, and learn about the LSAT.

Field of Study: Law

Due Date: N/A

Eligibility: N/A
The Dream Summer Program
https://www.labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/dream-summer/

**About:** The Dream Summer program is a national Fellowship that aims to empower immigrant youth to be the next generation of social justice leaders through leadership and professional development opportunities.

**Field of Study:** Not applicable

**Due Date:** For the 2017 Dream Summer Program: March 10th, 2017

**Eligibility:** Available to undocumented and non-documentated participants between the ages of 18 to 28; full-time availability from mid June to end of August.
Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)  https://cleoinc.org/

**About:** The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) is a national organization that was founded in 1968 with the goal of expanding opportunities for low-income students planning to attend law school. Visit their websites for their complete list of resources besides their Pre-Law Summer Institute Summer program.

**Field of Study:** Law

**Due Date:** For the 2017 Pre-Law Summer Institute Summer: March 2017

**Eligibility:** Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college; obtain LSAT scores and LSAC subscription from [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) be prepared to upload a typed, double-spaced personal statement: pay a nonrefundable $30 application fee as part of the online application; apply to at least one CLEO Consortium Partner School or Supporting/Sustaining Institution.
About: Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute is designed to encourage students from under-represented groups to consider future study in the field of philosophy. PIKSI will emphasize the on-going project of greater inclusiveness that is transforming the discipline, inviting students to be participants in the conversation. Mentoring, seminar participation, and grad-school application fee waivers are provided upon program completion.

Field of Study: Any; however priority may be granted to Philosophy Majors.

Due Date: Application opens Fall 2017 for the June 2018 program and will close early January 2018.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students and recent graduates entering grad-school. No consideration is given to citizenship status.
Funding Opportunities

- MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program for law students
- The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans
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https://www.pdsoros.org/apply

About: The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States. Each year, we invest in the graduate education of 30 New Americans—immigrants and children of immigrants—who are poised to make significant contributions to US society, culture or their academic field.

Award: $90,000 in financial support over two years

Due Date: The application for the 2018-2019 academic year will opened April 19 of 2017

Eligibility: A confirmation of your eligibility; personal and contact information; higher-education history; The graduate program[s] for which you seek support; Recommendations (3 required, up to 5 accepted); Required submissions: Resume, two essays, transcripts (college, graduate), scores of standardized tests (if they are or were required for admission to your graduate program.)
MALDEF: The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights  
http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/law_school

About: MALDEF supports the next generation of civil rights advocates for the Latino community. Currently, MALDEF offers: a Scholarship Resource Guide for high school, college, and graduate students; a Law School Scholarship Program for law students, and summer opportunities.

Field of Study: Law School

Due Date: Visit MALDEF’s website for the Law School Scholarship due date

Eligibility: MALDEF’s Law School Scholarship Program is open to all law students currently enrolled full time at an accredited United States law school. Applicants are evaluated for their academic and extracurricular achievements, for their background and financial need, and, most important, for their demonstrated commitment to advancing Latino civil rights in their careers.
Fee Waivers

Institute for Humane Studies

- Award: Up to $300 worth of fee waivers
- Due Date: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)

- Award: Up to ten fee waivers
- Due Date: Fee waivers are granted when students submit their applications in November and early December.