



College Roadblocks: Financial Aid

Conversation on Undocumented Students

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Federal Eligibility Provisions

To be eligible for federal aid, students must be:

- U.S. citizens or nationals;
- U. S. permanent residents;
- Citizens of the Freely Associated States (Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands) or
- Other eligible noncitizens



Categories of Eligible Noncitizens

- Persons granted asylum
- Persons paroled into the U.S. for at least one year
- Refugees
- Victims of human trafficking
- Battered immigrants – qualified aliens
- Conditional entrants
- Cuban-Haitian entrants

Eligible Noncitizens

- Can often document their status with an I-94 or Arrival-Departure record
- Can usually apply for permanent residency after specified time period, such as one year



Ineligible Immigration Status

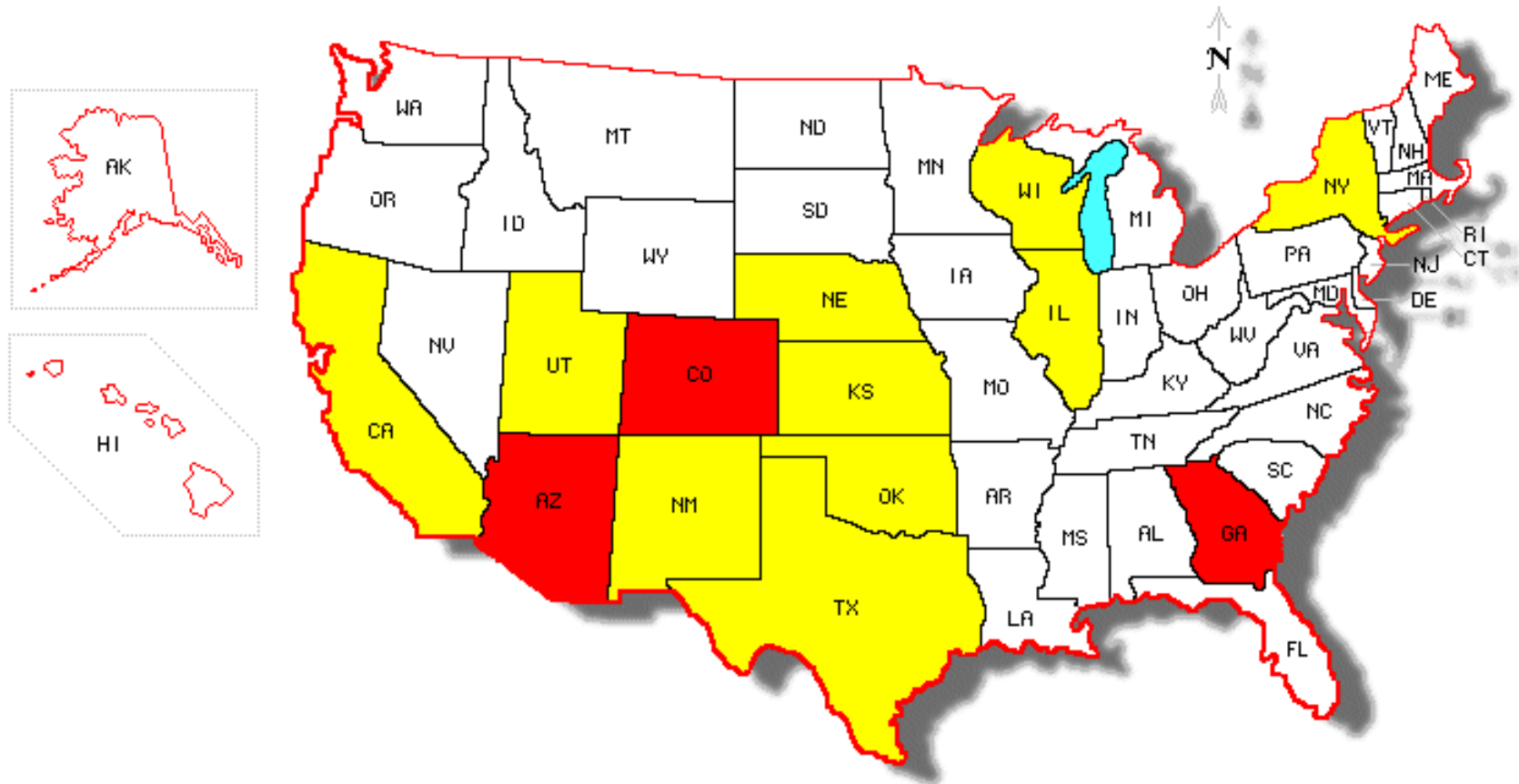
- Family unit status
- Temporary residents
- Non-immigrant visas for work, students, tourists, and foreign government officials



State Eligibility Provisions

- All states require that an individual must be a resident of the state, defined by state statute, in order to eligible.
- Some states allow undocumented students:
 - In-state tuition
 - Access to state grant and scholarship programs

In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students



Yellow – States that Allow In-State Tuition
Red - States that Prohibit In-State Tuition



State Eligibility Requirements

- To qualify:
 - Attend a high school in the state for a certain number of years;
 - Graduated from high school or completed GED in the state; and
 - Signed an affidavit stating that they have either applied to legalize their status or will do so as soon as eligible

Institutional Aid

- Scholarships, grants, loans, or work-study programs
- Campus employment
 - Internships
 - RA, Student Government positions
- Availability varies

Private Sources

- MALDEF – www.maldef.org
- www.getreadyforcollege.org
- www.usc.edu/chepa
- www.nclr.org
- www.latinocollegedollars.org
- www.salef.org

Private Sources

- Educators for Fair Consideration
 - <http://www.e4fc.org/studentresources/scholarshiplist.html>
- USC Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis
 - http://www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB_540_final.pdf
- National Immigration Law Center
 - www.nilc.org

FAFSA Filing

- Parent without an SSN (one or both)
- Spouse who is undocumented
 - Put all zeros in the parent/spouse SSN fields
 - ITIN – Individual Taxpayer Number
 - IRS Publication 519 (www.irs.gov)
 - IRS Wage Threshold
- Conflicting information

Things to Tweak

- Advocacy
 - Promote basis of Pylar vs. DOE (1982)
 - “Equal Protection Doctrine”
- Changes in education delivery
- Transfer Articulation
- Economic Impact
 - State tax base
 - Federal tax base