Questions and Answers Regarding Financial Assistance for Undocumented (1079) Students

1. Since undocumented students are not eligible for federal or state aid, how can they access private scholarship dollars?

   Undocumented students can complete the EWU Scholarship Application and will be considered for all EWU scholarships (except for a few that require U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, and/or the FAFSA form).

2. Can undocumented students receive stipends to serve as orientation assistants? Can they serve in any other campus employment-like job?

   To work as orientation assistants or in other on-campus positions, students must complete an I-9 form and provide documentation that they are authorized to work in the U.S. Unfortunately, these positions are not available to undocumented students.

3. Are undocumented students eligible for the high-demand tuition discount?

   No. The tuition discounts for these programs fall under the category of state aid.

4. Are they eligible as graduate students for tuition waivers?

   Yes, undocumented students can receive the tuition waiver portion of a graduate assistantship, but not the stipend portion (because of the I-9 requirement).

5. Is there any fund/scholarship that we know of that is specifically targeted to address need for this population of students?

   Chicano Education has a scholarship (called the Dreamer’s Scholarship) that is available to undocumented students. They also have a large alumni base that is often willing to help individual students. In addition, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) offers a number of scholarship resources and undocumented students may be eligible to apply for many of the scholarships on the following links:

   - College Board for Parents [www.collegeboard.com/parents](http://www.collegeboard.com/parents)
   - Gates Millennium Scholarships (Annual) [https://nominations.gmsp.org/gmsp_app/default.aspx](https://nominations.gmsp.org/gmsp_app/default.aspx)