



# APPLYING TO COLLEGE AS AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT

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# INTRODUCTION

As an undocumented immigrant, there are many limitations on what you can and cannot do federally. However, there are options for you in the realm of higher education! Today, we'll be going over how to apply to college, as well as how to get financial aid.





# ***Can I go to college?***

Depending on where you apply, there may or may not be rules in place on the admission of undocumented immigrants. However, there is no federal law prohibiting undocumented immigrants from entering college! That means that, if you apply, the worst they can say is “no.” Please check the policies so you don’t waste money paying the application fee!



# Do colleges provide financial aid for undocumented immigrants?

- It depends on the school. Some schools have special funds set aside specifically for undocumented immigrants, especially private schools.
- However, the federal aid form (FAFSA) does NOT allow you to apply as an undocumented immigrant. You also cannot apply for the Pell Grant.
- To check, simply search your ideal school!
- Or you can use CSS: an online application that collects info used by hundreds of colleges and universities to award financial aid outside of FAFSA. You can search by your status to see which institutions allow you to apply for scholarships and grants as an undocumented immigrant:

<https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>



# THE LATINO LEGAL VOICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA

MALDEF is a resource for immigrant students--undocumented or otherwise--that provides a list of scholarships.

Many do not inquire about immigration status, and some are specifically made for undocumented immigrants!



**MALDEF**

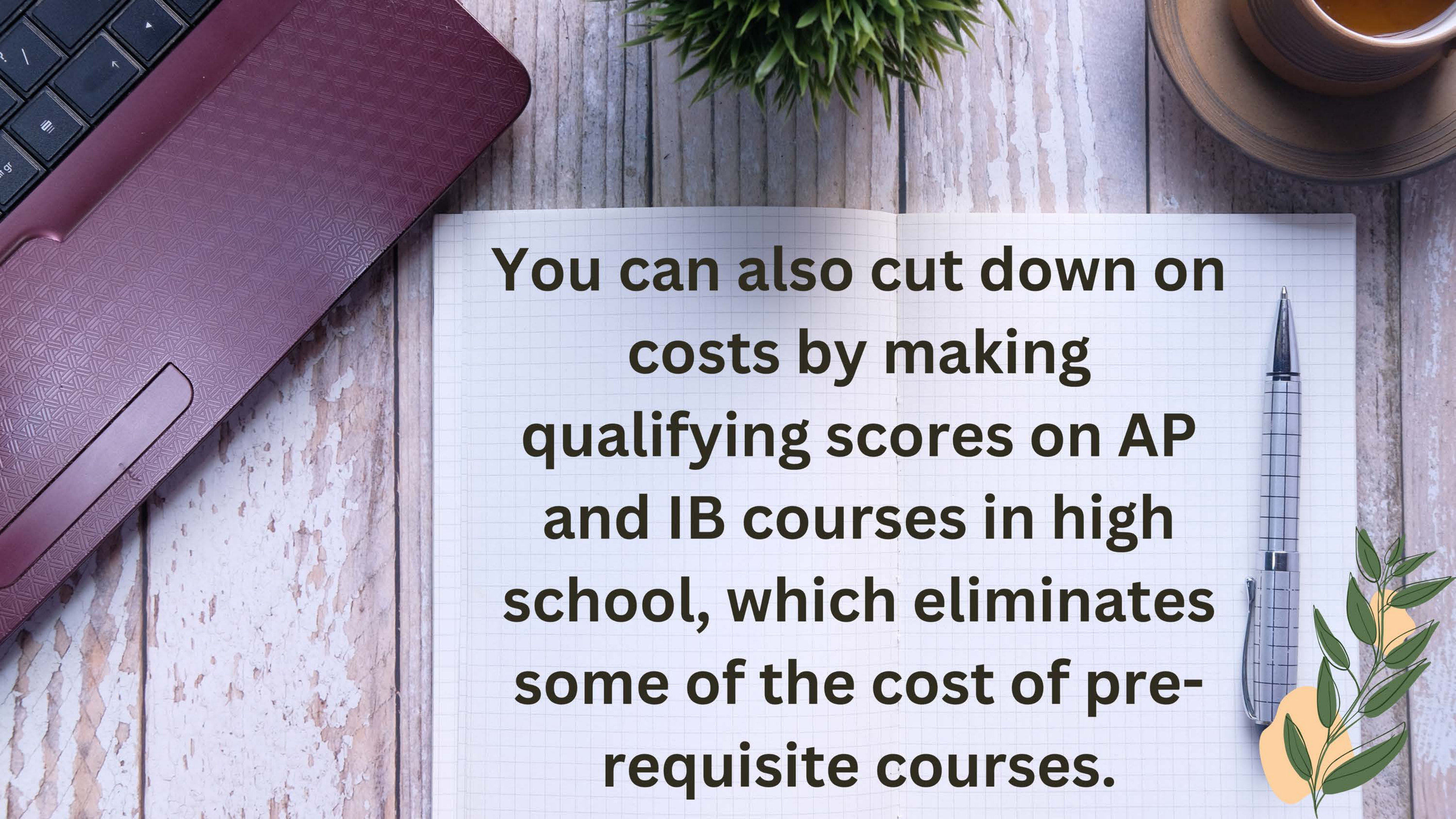
# **THE TASFA**

**Considering the sheer amount of immigrants in our state, it should be no surprise that there IS a financial aid application for our documented and undocumented immigrant population! The TASFA is the Texas Application for State Financial Aid!**

**Do not complete both; in your case, you'll likely need to use the TASFA.**

**<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/empowering-our-students/tasfa/>**



A top-down view of a desk with a laptop, a notebook, a pen, a cup of coffee, and a small plant. The laptop is on the left, the notebook is in the center, the pen is on the right, the cup of coffee is in the top right, and the small plant is at the top center.

**You can also cut down on costs by making qualifying scores on AP and IB courses in high school, which eliminates some of the cost of prerequisite courses.**

# THE REPOSITORY OF RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

This list provides resources and information for undocumented immigrants in multiple states, as well as links and contact information for those involved in the civil rights & education opportunities for immigrants:

<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/professionals/repository-of-resources-for-undocumented-students.pdf>





<https://www.thedream.us/>

# **TheDream.US**

A scholarship for low-income, undocumented students.

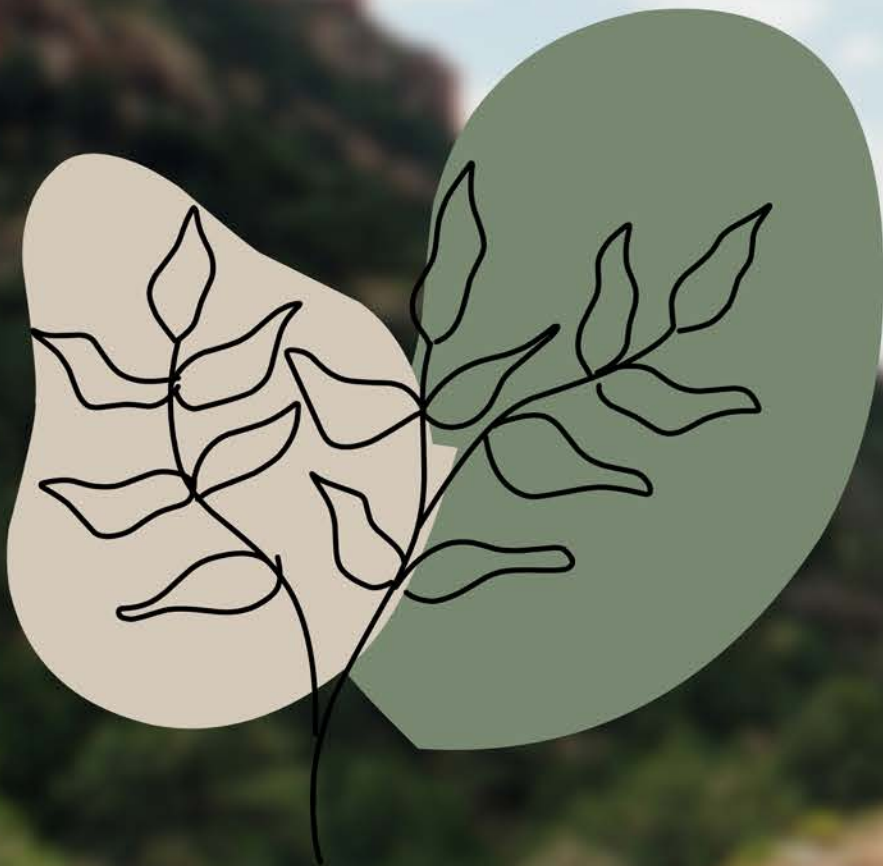
The scholarships include the National Scholarship and the Opportunity Scholarship.

The National Scholarship: for students applying to 80+ partnered colleges.

The Opportunity Scholarship: For students applying to locked-out states that do not accept undocumented immigrants.

# **WHICH TEXAS SCHOOLS DO PARTNER WITH UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS?**

- **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**
- **Texas A&M – San Antonio**
- **University of North Texas: Dallas**
- **University of Texas El Paso**



# **HOW CAN FUTUREU HELP?**

- **FAFSA services**
- **Application assistance**
- **Essay writing services**
- **One-on-one appointments**

[linktr.ee/HCPPLfutureU](https://linktr.ee/HCPPLfutureU)

**CONTACT US!**

