

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SPONSOR A DREAMER



Young people with uncertain immigration status face immense obstacles in pursuing the central dream of higher education. Undocumented students face legal ambiguities and limitations that can be overwhelming. They may not know how to navigate the higher educational system, they often assume that there is no legal avenue to college, and many conclude that college falls well outside their financial means. The current administration has ended protection for 800,000 DACA recipients nationwide and has instituted a host of other policy changes impacting immigrant students seeking higher education. Twelve thousand DACA recipients live in Virginia, and countless more immigrant students who are not eligible for DACA and live in Virginia must pay out-of-state tuition. The uphill climb for all these students has become more daunting than ever before!



Scholarship support, even at modest levels, can be essential in enabling Dreamers to attend college. Aside from constituting a critical financial resource, receiving a scholarship provides confirmation that the student can indeed succeed in higher education, and that someone genuinely believes in the recipient's potential.



When I received the Dream Project Scholarship... I sat in silence for a good 20 minutes. I couldn't believe it—I was overcome with happiness! I felt as if it was a sign from the universe telling me that I was headed in the right direction.

- Olvin, Dream Scholar

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Named Scholarships offer a wonderful way to honor a loved one, a respected colleague, an influential teacher, or a relative or ancestor. **By establishing a Named Scholarship you commit to sponsoring a Dreamer for four years with a \$2,500 annual gift.** To earn a Dream Project Named Scholarship, student applicants must have graduated from or be a senior at a Virginia high school and demonstrate the ability to overcome challenges that result from their immigration status. Students must participate in a rigorous application and interview process during which their academic record, service to community and proven ability to overcome obstacles is assessed. Each year, Dream Scholars write a letter to their sponsor updating them about their academic progress and other extra curricular activities.

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