In-state Tuition for MSU DACA & Undocumented Students

Understanding and getting in-state tuition can be pretty confusing – for help, please reach out to:

**Office of Admissions, Jordan Student Success Building, 1st floor**

[**www.msudenver.edu/admissions/residency/thedetails/**](http://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/residency/thedetails/)**, 303-556-3058**

or

**Immigrant Services Program, Jordan Student Success Building, room 238**

[**https://www.msudenver.edu/immigrant-services/**](https://www.msudenver.edu/immigrant-services/)**, 303-605-5390**

**What is in-state tuition?**

**“In-state tuition” is a lower tuition rate** for being a resident of Colorado. “Non-Resident” is a higher rate of tuition that students pay when coming from outside of the state, including international students. After being admitted to MSU, you will receive an email that states whether you will be charged “in-state” or “out-of-state” tuition. (See below for “Eligibility for in-state tuition”.)

**Can DACA/undocumented students receive in-state tuition in Colorado?**

**Yes!** In-state tuition and state financial aid (such as the Colorado College Responsibility Grant) are available to DACA/undocumented students if they qualify for in-state tuition (through Colorado’s ASSET law). Look at the section “How to request in-state tuition at MSU Denver” below to learn how to request in-state tuition.

**Eligibility for in-state tuition**

In Colorado, to be eligible for in-state tuition under the **ASSET state law**, you must meet the following criteria:

* Have attended a public or private high school in Colorado for at least three years immediately before graduation or GED completion
* Be admitted to a Colorado college or university within 12 months of high school graduation/GED completion
* Successfully apply for the College Opportunity Fund, or COF (<https://cof.college-assist.org/Apply>) as well as the Affidavit (only needed for DACA/undocumented students) – more info below

For more information or to get help, talk to the Office of Admissions or the Immigrant Services Program. (See above for contact info.)

**I am DACA/undocumented and was classified as non-resident, but I am eligible for in-state tuition. What should I do?**

This sometimes happens, and can be fixed if you are eligible for in-state tuition. To request & receive in-state tuition, you need to:

* Provide your **most recent high school transcript** to the Office of Admission
* You may need to show a **copy of your Employment Authorization Document** to the Admission front desk or email to [residency@msudenver.edu](mailto:residency@msudenver.edu).
* Complete the (attached) **In-state Correction Form** (for items 1. through 9. on the bottom of the form, use your parents’ information if you are under 23; Include as much information as you can – some items, like “registered to vote”, will not apply to you or your parents)
* Complete the **College Opportunity Fund application online** (<https://cof.college-assist.org/Apply>; more info on this stipend below); for help with the application, please contact the Office of Admission, Jourdan Student Success Building 1st floor, or Immigrant Services Program, Jourdan Student Success Building rm. 238, 303-605-5390
* Complete the **Affidavit** that is part of the COF application – you can do this **online** (<https://cof.college-assist.org/Apply>) or **on paper** (attached)
* **If you are DACA/undocumented** and are completing the COF application online, check the option “I do not have or wish to provide my SSN” – this will automatically bring up the COF Affidavit; you can also get a paper COF Application & Affidavit from the Office of Admissions or the Immigrant Services Program (303-605-5390)
* To complete the COF Affidavit, it is recommended that you know your 10-digit SASID (often but not always, the same as your high school ID number) which you might be able find on your high school transcript. If not, please ask your high school counselor, secretary, or records office.

**What is the College Opportunity Fund (COF), and are DACA/undocumented students eligible for it?**

Besides in-state tuition, **DACA and undocumented students are also eligible for the College Opportunity Fund** (which you can apply for here: <https://cof.college-assist.org/>). This is an automatic payment ($94/credit hour, so $282 towards a 3-credit class at MSU Denver) that is applied to your tuition account once you are approved. This amount is not considered financial aid, and is not required to be paid back.

**How can I get my high school transcripts to MSU?**

Your high school should mail sealed transcripts directly to MSU (Office of Admissions, Campus Box 16, PO Box 173362, Denver CO 80217-3362). College transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution to [transcripteval@msudenver.edu](mailto:transcripteval@msudenver.edu). More information can be found on [www.msudenver.edu/admissions/sendit](http://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/sendit).