

Tip Sheet for Undocumented Students

Undocumented students face unique challenges in their quest to obtain postsecondary education. This tip sheet is designed to help this population with some of the pressing questions they have while contemplating whether or not they can enroll in school.

Question	Answer
1. I just finished high school and want to go to college. Will the fact that I am an undocumented student prevent me from continuing my education?	Generally speaking, your status will not prevent you from being admitted to college or a vocational program, or from enrolling in classes. Your status as an undocumented student limits the type of financial aid you receive and could impact your tuition charges. See Questions 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 below.
2. I am an undocumented student, but I have lived in the U.S. since I was three years old. Am I eligible for financial aid to help pay for college?	As an undocumented student, you are not eligible for federal financial aid such as Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Direct Loans. However, you may be eligible for financial aid from other sources, including your college and private organizations.
3. I was born in the U.S. but my parents are undocumented. How does my parents' status affect my eligibility for federal financial aid?	As a U.S. citizen, you are eligible to receive federal financial aid, regardless of your parents' status. However, their status will prevent them from borrowing a parent PLUS Loan to help pay your college expenses. For more information about how this affects your eligibility for federal student aid, contact the financial aid office at your college.

4. I am an undocumented student but I have lived in Kansas since my family came to the

