2018 SCHOLAR PEP RALLY

THEDREAM.US NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Live from San Jose State University
San Jose, California
August 9, 2018
WELCOME

- Meet TheDream.US Team
- Your Scholar Commitments
- Your Scholarship Award
- Your Resources
- Your Scholar Community
- Questions
MEET THE TEAM
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❖ Don Graham

❖ Carlos Gutierrez

❖ Henry Munoz
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Program Director

Scholarship Management and Customer Care
YOUR COMMITMENT
THE SCHOLAR PLEDGE

I believe in my future and myself.

I commit to enroll and persevere in college.

I commit to support other DREAMers who want to go to college.

I commit to graduate and join the workforce.

I will contribute to the economic prosperity and social richness of this country and the world.
YOUR COMMITMENTS AS A SCHOLAR

❑ Thank the donors who are funding my education

❑ Strive to maintain full time status and a cumulative college GPA of 3.0 or better

❑ Build and maintain a relationship with my Scholar Advisor by developing a plan to graduate on time, checking in at least once per term to review my progress, and ask for help if I am struggling to meet my commitments.

❑ Join the Facebook Scholar community

❑ Read and respond to text messages & other communications from TheDream.US and ISTS

❑ Support my fellow Scholars & mentor new Scholars

❑ Support & help improve TheDream.US by participating in surveys, on-line sessions, and Scholarship promotion.
YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
How much money am I getting?

Award is for the cost of your tuition and fees up to a maximum amount

NOTE:
• Your award will never be more than your actual tuition and fees for the term
• You will never get more than your maximum amount
Here are two examples

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<th>Example 1</th>
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<td>Tuition</td>
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<td>$8,000</td>
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<td>$3,000 (10,250 – $7,250)</td>
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**Notes:**

1. With the exception of NJ Scholars, the only time we will reduce your award is if your total aid for all financial aid sources is more than your college’s estimated cost of attendance (including housing and meals). But, this rarely happens.

2. If you have other aid that covers tuition and fees, you may use our Scholarship award to pay for other costs of attendance – including housing and meals.
What is my **maximum** scholarship award for my tuition and fees?
(Does not apply to CA, NJ, WA or Purdue Scholars)

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<th>And I am Attending a ...</th>
<th>My maximum annual award is up to...</th>
<th>My maximum total award is up to...</th>
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*$7,250 max annual award for GCU and Benedictine Scholars (college will close the gap).*

**NOTE:**
Your award will never be more than your actual tuition and fees for the term
Breaks in enrollment count as terms against the maximum term limit!
**CA, WA or Purdue Scholars: What is my maximum scholarship award for my tuition and fees?**

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New Jersey Scholars: What is my maximum scholarship award for tuition and fees?

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What is my maximum stipend for books, supplies and transportation? *(Does not apply to CA, WA or Purdue Scholars)*

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<td>2 years</td>
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- Award for tuition & fees and stipend is sent in one payment to your school. Stipend is $500 per term ($1,000/year)
- Stipends are given during the Fall and Spring semesters only.
- Stipend is first applied towards tuition and fees.
- Stipends are disbursed by each college at different times. Check with your Scholar or Financial Aid Advisor.

**PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**
Plan for other Costs of Attendance

- **Room & Board** - Charges vary. (Depending on where you live, meal plans, etc.)
- **Books, Supplies and Transportation** – Our stipend might not cover all of it and some Scholars do not get one.
- **Personal Expenses**- These include laundry, cell phone bills, and anything else you normally spend money on.
Questions about your award amount?
• Take as many credits as you can each term.
  ✓ Find out if your school has a tuition-flat rate - usually students pay the same amount of tuition whether taking 12 or 18 credits.
  ✓ The more credits you take per term, the faster you graduate, the less money you will spend!

• Buy or rent used textbooks, and sell your books back (Amazon and Chegg are great!)

• Don’t skip class! This is basically throwing money out the window

• Test out of classes if you can – modernstates.org

• Yes to student discounts!
How and when do I get the money?
Plan accordingly!

- **Mid-August**
  - PC puts a hold on Scholars Accounts so classes don’t drop

- **Sept./October**
  - PC’s confirm enrollment status, tuition and fees, and financial aid for each Scholar

- **30 Days Later (generally around late October to early November)**
  - ISTS wires scholarship funds to College

Talk to your Scholar or Financial Aid Advisor to make sure there is a hold on your account so your classes are not dropped.

ISTS will send you an email letting you know the amount of your award for the term.
Remember to Renew your Scholarship!

✓ You all renewed successfully this summer!

✓ Scholars must be currently enrolled or have a break in enrollment to renew

✓ You must meet the renewal eligibility criteria to renew
  • If cumulative GPA below 2.5 – must provide description of plan to raise GPA
  • If cumulative GPA below 2.0 for more than two terms – lose award
  • Continue to have DACA or TPS approved status or meet our immigration eligibility criteria

If Scholar fails to renewal by deadline, they lose Scholarship.
YOUR RESOURCES
Have other questions about your award?

✓ Can I transfer to another college?

✓ What do I do if I have to go part-time or take a term off?

✓ What do I do if my GPA falls under a 2.5?

✓ What happens if I gain legal status?

✓ And more...

Go to your Scholarship Program Guide
Your Scholarship Program Guide for help with your Award!

Bookmark your Scholarship Guide!

If answer is not in Program Guide go to

ISTS Customer Care

Email: THEDREAM.US@APPLYISTS.COM

Telephone: 1-(855) 670-ISTS (4787)

Reference TheDream.US National Scholarship Program
Your Scholar Advisor for help with:

• Developing a plan if your GPA falls below 2.5; you need to go part-time; or you need to take a break in enrollment

• Addressing any concerns or issues

• Reviewing your progress against your education plan

Answering your questions related to:

• Academics or help if you are struggling
• Internships or Career Opportunities
• Your health – mental and physical
Your Financial Aid Advisor for help with

- Finding other scholarships or sources of potential financial aid

- Understanding how much money you have received from TheDream.US and if the money has been received yet

- Determining how to best manage your financial aid to cover as many expenses as possible
Tania and Sadhana from TheDream.US for help with

- Scholar Webinars
- Programs for Scholars
- Summer Internships
- Facebook Community
Your Scholar Hub for help with?

• Finding your **latest** Program Guide

• Finding your **latest** Scholar and Financial Aid Advisors’ contact info

• Reading the latest emails sent all Scholars

• Learning about enrichment opportunities

• [http://www.thedream.us/](http://www.thedream.us/)
Don’t Miss Out on Critical Info!

You will receive communications in 4 ways:

1. Emails from us – TheDream.US team

2. Emails from ISTS - ADD THEDREAM.US@APPLYISTS.COM to your contacts! And remember to update your email address and mobile numbers in your ISTS Portal

3. Text messages

4. Facebook Scholar Community (Remember to join!)
Got Questions?
YOUR COMMUNITY
Your National Scholar Community

- You are part of a **community of almost 4,000 TheDream.US Scholars** nationwide!

- Join the National Scholar Facebook Community!
  
  [https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheDream.US/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheDream.US/)
Your Scholar community on your campus

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<td>Colorado State University</td>
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“To my fellow DREAMers, you are not alone.”

Yulissa, Scholarship Recipient
DACA UPDATE

DACA Renewals

• Consider applying ASAP (even if expires within a year)
• Consult a lawyer for questions and help
• Resources:
  • https://unitedwedream.org/renew-my-daca/
  • https://www.informedimmigrant.com/guides/daca/

New DACA Applications

• There **might** be an open window after Aug. 23rd
• Have your paperwork ready
• Have your application fee ready
• For info go to:
  • https://www.uscis.gov/archive/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca#request%20DACA
Questions?
“I want my parents to know it was worth it—every fear they had, every tear on their face, every wall they couldn’t pass.”