2027-2028 ROUND:
APPLICATIONS OPEN NOV. 1

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

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CLOSES JAN. 31, 2027

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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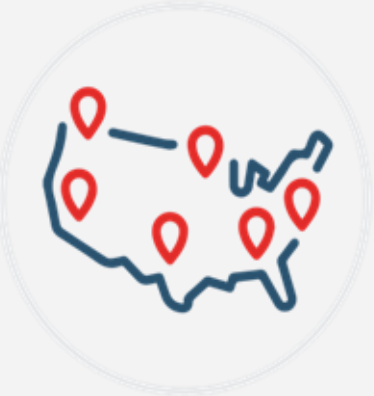
Who We Are

Nation's largest and leading organization supporting Dreamers in higher education, careers, immigration, and advocacy



13,000+
Scholarships awarded
5,000+
Graduates
19 states + D.C.
close to 80
Partner Colleges

Goal:
9,750+
Graduates with meaningful careers

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Opens: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Closes: Sunday, January 31, 2027

Awards Announced: Mid-March

Application Here

*Up to **$100,000** to help cover tuition, mandatory fees, on campus housing and meals for up to 4 years to earn a bachelor's degree.*

5 OPPORTUNITY PARTNER COLLEGES

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Trinity

(Women's College)

Delaware State University

Making our mark on the world

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

CBU

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Opportunity Scholarship States

14 Opportunity States: Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin

- Must live in and have graduated or will graduate from high school from one of these 14 Opportunity states
- Must enroll and live on- campus at 1 of our 5 Opportunity Partner Colleges
- Must start Fall 2027
- Students in FL, GA, IL, and TX remain eligible to apply to the National Scholarship Program

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Opportunity States and Travel Guidance

See online HERE

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Opportunity Partner Colleges and Opportunity States

TheDream.US encourages Opportunity Scholarship applicants to attend their closest Opportunity Partner College

Opportunity Scholarship states listed below under each column are within approximately an eight-hour drive of each Partner College

Christian Brothers University *Memphis, TN*	Delaware State University *Dover, DE*	Dominican University *River Forest, IL*	Eastern Connecticut State University *Willimantic, CT*	Trinity Washington University *Washington, DC*
Alabama	Maine	Alabama	Maine	Indiana
Arkansas	New Hampshire	Arkansas	New Hampshire	Maine
Indiana	North Carolina	Indiana	North Carolina	New Hampshire
Iowa	Ohio	Iowa	Ohio	North Carolina
Louisiana	South Carolina	Mississippi	West Virginia	Ohio
Mississippi	West Virginia	Missouri		South Carolina
Missouri		Ohio		West Virginia
North Carolina		West Virginia		
Ohio		Wisconsin		
South Carolina				
West Virginia				

See more information about our travel guidance HERE.

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Opportunity Scholarship – Eligibility Criteria

You are eligible to apply if you:

- Are a **first-generation immigrant student** who came to the United States **before November 1, 2021;** and **has continuously lived in the United States** since then; and **must navigate immigration barriers as a Dreamer** (for example, you are undocumented, have or had DACA or TPS, or have a pending immigration application);
- Are **not an eligible category for federal student aid (FAFSA)** as defined by the federal government and do not currently hold a student, visitor, work, or other temporary nonimmigrant visa
- Entered the United States **before the age of 16;**
- **Have graduated or will graduate** from a public or private **high school** in one of our Opportunity states by the end of the **2026-2027** academic year;
- **Live in the state from which you graduated high school;**
- Graduated or will graduate with a high school **GPA of 2.5 or better** on a 4.0 scale and have a cumulative college/university GPA of 2.5 or better (if you have earned college credits after high school)
- **Intend to relocate, live on-campus, and enroll full-time** in a bachelor's degree program at an Opportunity Partner College in the Fall term of the 2027-2028 academic year
- Have significant **unmet financial need**

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Opportunity Application Timeline

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Opens: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Closes: Sunday, February 28, 2027

Awards Announced: Late April

Application Here

Tuition and fees up to $18,000 for an associate degree and $36,000 for a bachelor's degree. Recipients also receive up to an additional $6,000 stipend for books, supplies, and transportation.

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- Are **not an eligible category for federal student aid (FAFSA)** as defined by the federal government and do not currently hold a student, visitor, work, or other temporary nonimmigrant visa;
- Entered the United States **before the age of 16;**
- **Have earned or will earn by the start of the 2027-2028 academic year a high school diploma** or a commensurate alternative award from a public or private high school, or has obtained a general education development certificate **(GED)** recognized under State law or a high school equivalency diploma in the United States;
- Graduated or will graduate with a **high school GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale** and have a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better (if you have earned college credits after high school);
- **Intend to enroll full-time** in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a Partner College in your state or online either in the Fall of 2027 or Spring of 2028
- Are **eligible for in-state or domestic tuition at a Partner College in your state;** attending a private Partner College in your state; attending an online Partner College; or attending Austin Community College, San Antonio College, or South Texas College in Texas.
- Have significant **unmet financial need**

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National Scholarship

- If applicant is not sure if they are eligible for in-state tuition, consult the Higher Ed Immigration Portal Tuition & Financial Aid map. For additional support, submit an expert assistance request stating that you are interested in applying for TheDream.US National Scholarship
- Students and Partner Colleges can access our National Partner College List (Password: collegedream).
- Continuing college students are welcome to apply

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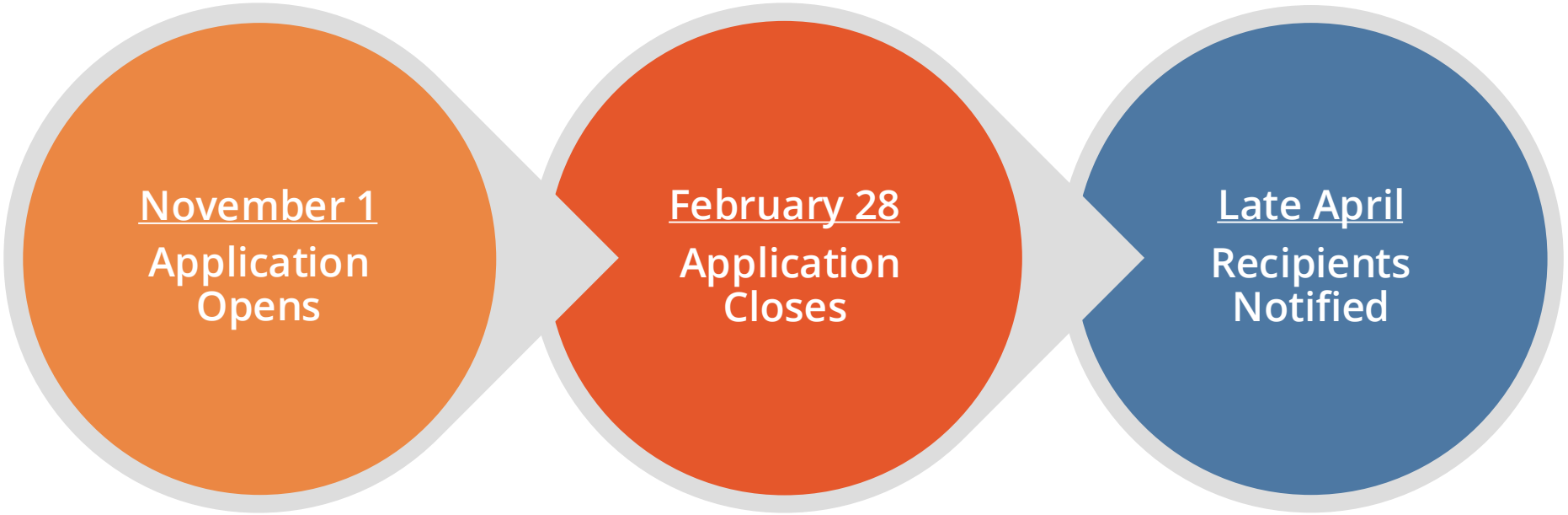
National Application Timeline



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IN ADDITION TO APPLYING TO OUR SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENTS MUST ALSO APPLY TO THEIR PARTNER COLLEGE OF CHOICE

Visit our website for detailed information on our scholarship & application guides

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Application Overview

Applicant Information:

- Personal (no addresses collected)
- Eligibility for our Scholarship

Academic Information:

- Select Partner College
- High School and/or College Information

Financial Information:

- Identify dependent/independent status
- Annual Household Income
- Number in the household supported by this income
- Number of dependents supported by this income attending college in the upcoming academic year

Responsibilities:

- Volunteer
- Community Service
- Home Responsibilities

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Application Overview – 1 Essay

750 Words Max

Essay Prompt:

TheDream.US recognizes the challenges and aspirations unique to Dreamers. How has your journey and experiences as a Dreamer shaped your identity and perspective? In what ways do you envision leveraging who you are and your experiences to contribute to your community and college campus if awarded TheDream.US Scholarship?

Only Transcripts are Required for Upload: 2.5 GPA Required

High School or GED Graduates*:

- Official or unofficial high school transcript showing grades and cumulative GPA (or GED certification)

And/or

Current College Students:

- Official or unofficial college transcript showing grades and cumulative GPA

*GED Graduates can only apply for the National Scholarship

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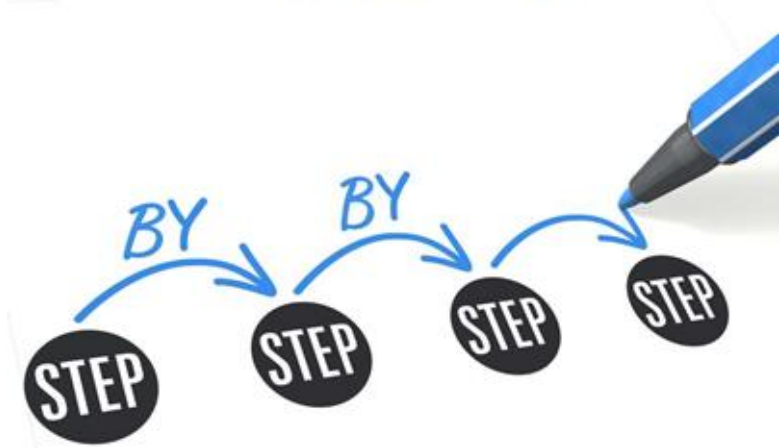
Application Guide:
A Step-by-Step Guide for Applicants

Step 1: Determine Your Eligibility
Step 2: Complete the Application
Step 3: Submit and Monitor Your Application Status
Step 4: Award Notification
Step 5: Accept the Award by deadline
Step 6: Take TheDream.US Pledge



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Opportunity Virtual College Fairs:

Thursday, December 17, 2026
5PM ET, 4PM CT, 2PM PT

Opportunity Virtual Parent Session:

Thursday, January 14, 2027
5PM ET, 4PM CT, 2PM PT

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National Q&A Sessions:

Tuesday, December 15, 2026
5PM ET, 4PM CT, 2PM PT

Tuesday, February 23, 2027
5PM ET, 4PM CT, 2PM PT

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Important – Don’t miss getting our emails because they go to spam or your account is deactivated

- Add TheDream.US@applyISTS.com to your contact list or as a safe sender for emails from ISTS
- Add @thedream.us domain as a safe sender for emails from TheDream.US
- Don’t use a high school or other institution/org email that may be deactivated after Spring 2027

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More than a Scholarship – We are a Family

- A national community of 13,000+ Scholars and 5,000+ Graduates
- Scholar and Financial Aid Advisors at each college
- Mental Health & Immigration Resources
- Career Connections – coaching, internships, and networking
- State and Federal Advocacy

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Get Your College Degree – NOW!

- Opens careers that will enable you to support yourself and family
- Legislation likely to require college education
- Career Pathways are available to you
- No one can take your college education away from you!

We will support you in your college journey!

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