Financial Aid Guidance for Families with Undocumented Members

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) seeks to foster a welcoming environment for all students, regardless of immigration status. Below is information about how undocumented students and students with families of mixed citizenship status can navigate financing their education.

Should undocumented students complete FAFSA?

No, only U.S. Citizens and eligible non-citizens should complete FAFSA. Undocumented students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, should not complete FAFSA.

Who is an eligible non-citizen?

The Federal Student Aid web site defines eligible non-citizens at: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/es/node/54

Are there other opportunities for DACA students?

DACA students with legal work authorization can apply for Title I Workforce innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) services. For information concerning this program contact a WIOA representative at your college or visit one of two City College of Chicago's WIOA offices located at Wilbur Wright College or Malcolm X College.

What if I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen, but my parents aren't?

Your parents' citizenship status will not affect your eligibility and will not be verified. See below for instructions on how to complete FAFSA if your parents do not have Social Security Numbers.

Are undocumented students/families eligible for in-district tuition?

Proof of Chicago residency is required for CCC's in-district tuition rates. CCC does not require the in-state tuition affidavit required by 4-year Illinois public colleges for undocumented students; however, if you transfer to a 4-year you will need to complete it to receive in-state tuition.

Can undocumented students apply for City Colleges of Chicago Scholarships?

Yes. CCC's STAR Scholarship (ccc.edu/starscholarship) and Foundation Scholarships (ccc.edu/scholarships) do not discriminate based on citizenship status. In place of FAFSA, you will complete a Certification form (available on the scholarship sites).

What about external scholarships for DACA students?

CCC encourages all students, not just DACA students, to visit their academic advisor on a consistent basis to receive updated scholarship information and eligibility requirements.

External Resources:

https://www.isac.org/resources-for-non-us-citizens/
https://www.iacac.org/undocumented/money/
https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/financial-aid/undocumented-students
http://www.thedream.us/

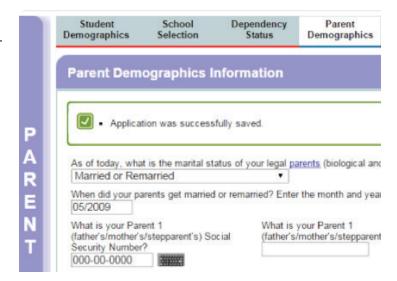CITY COLLEGES® of CHICAGO
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How to Complete FAFSA if Your Parents do not have Social Security Numbers

Students must complete the Parent Demographic Information section for both parents, even if one or more parents does not have a Social Security Number (SSN).

If your parent does not have a SSN, enter it as all zeroes (000-00-000). See example to the right.
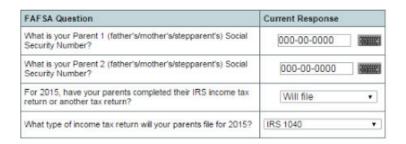
Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) cannot be used. (ITINs begin with the number 9.)

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics

Parent Demographics Information

☑ • Application was successfully saved.

As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents (biological and
Married or Remarried ▼

When did your parents get married or remarried? Enter the month and year
05/2009

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number?
000-00-0000 ⌨

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent

☒ **The following error(s) have occurred:**

- You reported that the Parent 1 (Father's/Mother's/Stepparent's) Social Security Number (SSN) is all zeroes (000-00-0000), and the Parent 2 (Father's/Mother's/Stepparent's) SSN is blank or all zeroes. You also reported that the parents' tax return status is filed or will file, and the tax return type is not a foreign tax return.

ⓘ • Review the answers to the questions on this page and make corrections or updates as needed. Once you are done, click Check For Errors to continue.

FAFSA Question	Current Response
What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number?	000-00-0000 ⌨
What is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number?	000-00-0000 ⌨
For 2015, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?	Will file ▼
What type of income tax return will your parents file for 2015?	IRS 1040 ▼

CHECK FOR ERRORS

When you enter zeroes for your parents SSN, you will receive the error message to the left.

Click "Check for Errors" 3 times to continue on to the next page.

Parents without a valid SSN will not be able to create an FSA ID, so you will print the signature page and mail it to:

Federal Student Aid Programs
P.O. Box 7652
London, KY 40742-7652

It will take around 6 weeks for FAFSAs with mailed signature pages to be processed.