



Sonoma State University Partners with TheDream.US to Offer Scholarships to Undocumented Students

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Sonoma State University is now a partner college of TheDream.US, the nation's largest college access program for DREAMers offering privately funded scholarships to undocumented immigrant students. Sonoma State is the only institution in California added this year as a new partner college with TheDream.US.

"We are very excited about this new partnership with TheDream.US," says Sonoma State University President Judy K. Sakaki. "I signed this agreement because it will help many undocumented students realize the transformative opportunity of a Sonoma State education."

TheDream.US scholarships are available to incoming freshman and transfer DREAMer students at Sonoma State. The scholarships are renewable each year, and can cover a maximum of \$25,000 towards a bachelor's degree. Because of their undocumented immigrant status, these students do not have access to federal financial aid.

Sonoma State becomes the sixth California State University campus to partner with TheDream.US.

"This is a great opportunity for academically qualified students who may not have been able to afford to go to college to pursue a four-year degree," says Gustavo Flores, senior director of enrollment management at Sonoma State.

"We not only support college access and success for DREAMers, we want to help raise the consciousness of our nation as to the plight of these young immigrant youth," says Candy Marshall, president of TheDream.US. "We believe the cost of a college education should not preclude highly motivated DREAMers with the commitment and desire to succeed from going to college."

About TheDream.US

TheDream.US is the nation's largest college access and success program for DREAMers. Since its founding in 2014, the organization has paid out \$14 million in scholarships to 1,700 students. This scholarship is available to students entering partner colleges for the first time as a freshman or transfer student.

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<http://www.thedream.us/>

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