

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Application Instructions for Undocumented Students

Students who are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents or do not possess a green card, visa, or other legal documentation can apply for admission to NIU and pay the in-state tuition rate. Illinois General Assembly Public Act 093-07 provides that undocumented students are classified as Illinois residents for tuition purposes if they meet all of the following conditions:

- Student resided with their parent or guardian while attending public or private Illinois high school,
- Student graduated from an Illinois high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Illinois,
- Student attended an Illinois school for at least 3 years (attendance does not have to be consecutive) as of the date of graduation of high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, and
- Student provides the university with an affidavit stating their intent to file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States.

Students must file an [NIU Affidavit](#) (oath made in writing) stating that they meet the above conditions and that they will apply for legal residency as soon as they are eligible to do so. This affidavit is kept confidential by NIU.

Students must complete the steps listed below when using the online application for admission to NIU and petition for in-state tuition (social security numbers are not required to submit the application and can be left blank):

1. Complete an NIU undergraduate admissions application online making sure to do the following:
 - a. Citizenship. You must be able to answer “NO” to the following questions.
 - Are you a U.S. citizen?
 - Are you a Lawful U.S. Permanent Resident?
 - Do you currently hold a valid U.S. visa or another valid immigration status (DACA ID’s do not qualify)?
 - Are you seeking a visa to study in the U.S.?
 - b. Non-citizen status. You must be able to answer “YES” to all the following questions and complete a signed affidavit to be considered an Illinois resident for tuition purposes.
 - Did you/Will you graduate from an Illinois high school or obtain a GED in Illinois?
 - Did you/Will you attend school in Illinois for at least 3 years as of the date that you graduated or the date you received the equivalent of a high school diploma?
 - Did you/Will you live with your parents while you attended high school in Illinois?
2. Submit the completed NIU undergraduate admissions application and all supporting documents: official high school transcripts, official ACT scores, and a personal statement.
3. Contact NIU Registration & Records at (815) 753-8218 to request that an NIU Affidavit form be sent to you. You can also access a PDF copy of a blank Affidavit form at: niu.edu/admissions/freshman/affidavit.pdf.
4. Return the NIU Affidavit signed and notarized by a notary public to Northern Illinois University, Office of Registration and Records, Williston Hall Room 214, DeKalb, IL 60115. If needed, the Affidavit can be notarized at no cost by one of NIU’s notary publics. You can access a list of campus notary publics at: niu.edu/apac/notary/index.shtml.
5. After completing the above, make certain to confirm that the Office of Registration and Records received the completed and notarized copy of your Affidavit and your official high school transcripts. In addition, verify that your status has been updated to reflect that you are receiving the in-state tuition rate. 6. Undocumented transfer students are required to also submit a copy of their official high school transcripts.

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