

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Admissions 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 in-state tuition. Illinois General Assembly Public Act 093-07 provides that undocumented students be classified as Illinois residents for tuition purposes if they meet **all** of the following conditions:

- Student resided with her/his parent or guardian while attending a 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 high school for at least 3 years as of the date of graduation from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Illinois
- Student provides the university with an affidavit stating her/his intent to file an application to become a permanent resident of the U.S.

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 in order to apply for admission to NIU and petition for in-state residency:

1. Complete an NIU undergraduate admissions application making sure to do the following:
 - a. Enter "123-45-6789" for question 10 (U.S. Social Security Number) if applying on-line.
 - b. Choose "D" for question 19 (Citizenship) and answer the questions that follow.
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 Records & Registration representative Lisa Allison at (815) 753-8218 to request that an NIU Affidavit form be sent to you or view and print the Affidavit at <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/freshman/affidavit.pdf>.
4. Return the NIU Affidavit signed and notarized by a notary public to NIU.

For further information please contact:

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