

Alright guys home stretch. Let's do whatever it takes to get to the finish line.

Lesson 17 – Can I Go to College if I Am Undocumented?

Introduction

Educators may not always know if they are working with undocumented students, but if a student does disclose their status to you, it is important to be prepared to help with current, accurate information. These young people are just as full of potential and hope for the future as their classmates, but achieving their dreams will require a bit of extra planning. Fortunately, as we'll see in this lesson, college is not entirely out of reach, and neither is the opportunity to build a successful career and contribute to the workforce and the community.

One thing to keep in mind is that undocumented students may be laboring under some false assumptions about their prospects for the future. There is a lot of discouraging rhetoric and a lot of myths floating around out there. One thing you can do to help overcome these myths is to talk openly about the fact that your school is equipped to help all students — including undocumented students — to pursue their education after high school. Even if an undocumented student has chosen not to disclose their status, hearing positive messages like this increases the likelihood that they will reach out and access the necessary information. The more we talk about it, the more likely it is our students will be willing to join the conversation.

So, let's get the conversation started and take a look at how we can help our undocumented students prepare for continued learning after high school!