**An Introduction to TheDream.US – Washington State**

TheDream.US is the nation’s largest college access and success program for DREAMers - undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children. Our work is anchored in our belief that all children living in this country—regardless of where they were born —should have the opportunity to receive a college education, and graduate prepared to help our nation succeed.

TheDream.US now has over 3,000 Scholars who are enrolled in or have graduated from over 75 Partner Colleges committed to their college success. Their persistence rates and academic achievements are remarkable. And their contributions to their colleges and the companies at which they work are helping ensure our nation’s social and economic progress.

**TheDream.US Scholarship for Washington State Community College Graduates**

Washington State has over 16,300 DREAMers who have DACA status and has demonstrated a deep commitment to ensuring that its undocumented immigrant youth have affordable access to its colleges through in-state tuition, state need grants, and scholarships. Even with this support, it remains a challenge for undocumented students to transition from Washington’s affordable community colleges to its 4–year universities.

Working with the ***University of Washington - Seattle Campus*** and ***Eastern Washington University***, TheDream.US is offering graduates from Washington’s community colleges the opportunity of a scholarship and a welcoming collegiate community to complete a bachelor’s degree at one of these colleges.

**Eligibility Criteria - Summary**

Students who have or will graduate from a Washington community college in the 2017-18 academic year are eligible to apply if they meet all the eligibility criteria, including:

1. Have not previously enrolled in a 4-year university;
2. Have community college GPA of 3.0 or better;
3. Are eligible for in-state tuition;
4. Have DACA or TPS or can certify that they meet our immigration eligibility criteria (which mirror the DACA eligibility criteria);
5. Demonstrate significant unmet financial need.

**The Award - Summary**

The scholarship award will cover tuition and fees ***up to*** a maximum of $7,250 per year at either the University of Washington or Eastern Washington University. The award amount will be based on the cost of tuition and fees for the Scholar’s enrollment and will not be reduced by state, institutional, or other scholarship aid unless the Scholar is over-funded based on total cost of attendance. The total maximum award is $14,500.

If a student receives the award, they must be accepted to and enroll full-time (more than 12 credits per term) in either the ***University of Washington - Seattle Campus*** or ***Eastern Washington University*** in the Fall of 2018-19. They may renew the award for up to three years, so long as they meet the continuing eligibility criteria – including continuous full-time enrollment and a college GPA of 3.0 and do not exceed the maximum award of $14,500.

**More Than a Scholarship**

TheDream.US has created a college access and success model to help ensure DREAMers are able to attend college and graduate with career-ready degrees.

UW-Seattle and EWU are committed to our Scholars’ success and **will provide a dedicated Scholar Advisor** toassist our Scholars in successfully navigating their college journey and accessing any needed services.

**Our national community of Scholars provide peer-to-peer support** both on-campus and as part of a national Facebook community. They—better than anyone else—understand each other’s journeys and what it takes to succeed. We provide opportunities for the community to come together through online hangouts and a summer leadership development webinar series.

**We use data to monitor our Scholars’ academic progress**, success, and struggles.

We track early warning signs to ensure they are getting the help needed to succeed.

**Important Dates**

* November 1, 2017 - Application Opens
* ***March 1, 2018 - Application Closes***
* Late April – TheDream.US Awardees Notified