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DREAM SUMMIT SERIES:

Senior Workshop

We will start shortly.

Introduce Yourself In the Chat:

Put where you were born & your HS!



DREAM SUMMIT SERIES

Senior Workshop



Dream Summit Series Incentives

- **Incentives to Get Ready for College**
- **Six (6) students** will be awarded an incentive who attended today – will receive email from Carlos Sotelo
- **Major Incentive** for student who attended today AND our final event in Spring
- **Must fill out exit survey** to qualify for incentives



DACA

- USCIS is accepting first-time applicants
- Your HS registrar can help you with academic records for your application
- For assistance applying, contact FIEL. Call at 713-364-3435 to make your appointment.
- Fill out their form to check your eligibility: bit.ly/fiel-daca



Home Is Here! Yesterday, Federal Judge Garaufis ruled to reinstate DACA to it's 2017 state, protecting about 1 million eligible Dreamers. We break it down for you here in a few slides. Reminder that FIEL will help you renew your DACA or help you apply, call us at 713-364-3435.

FIEL HOUSTON TALKS

THE RESTORATION OF DACA

RULING MEAN?

INTERIM DHS SECRETARY CHAD WOLF'S MEMO TO BE SET ASIDE

DACA WORK ORDERS

When Chad Wolf issued the memo to

The court order extends work permits

RULING MEAN?

RE-OPENING OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED

ADVANCE PAROLE PRIVILEGES

Judge Garaufis' ruling

The Federal Government must

NEXT STEPS

"We encourage all those DACA eligible youth to apply to this program as soon as they are able to since"

TASFA: Start the Journey Successfully

*Presenter:
Daniel Rodriguez, College & Career Readiness Advisor*



Financial Aid Eligibility Overview

- **Grants: financial aid awarded by the government that does not have to be paid back**
- Some non-U.S. citizens qualify for federal aid grants
- All other non-U.S. citizens may qualify for state aid grants

Federal Aid

- U.S. Citizens
- Permanent Residents
- Refugee or Asylum Granted
- Child of T-Visa or U-Visa (Battered Immigrants)

State Aid

- DACA
- Temporary Work Permit
- Other VISA categories
- Other immigrant students who have resided in TX for at least 3 years

TASFA Submission Steps

1. Gather

Gather required documents and work with advisor to complete TASFA application



2. Complete & Review

Find and fill out any college-specific forms. Triple-check all documents



3. Submit

Submit electronically (UH, UNT, and a few other schools) *OR* mail out *OR* deliver in-person



4. Follow Up

Follow up with colleges to confirm your Texas residency status. May be asked to submit "**Core Residency Questionnaire**"



TASFA: Required Documents

Where To Get It

- Download application online

Will Need

- 2019 Parent(s) / Student's tax information
- College ID # for each college

2021-22 TASFA

Texas Application for State Financial Aid July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022


The Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is a free application that collects information to help determine eligibility for state (or institutional) financial aid programs administered by institutions of higher education in the state of Texas. Students classified as Texas residents who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA. To review the FAFSA filing requirements, visit fafsa.gov or contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend for the 2021-22 award year. **Note:** The federal application covers federal and state financial aid opportunities. If you meet the FAFSA filing requirements, you do not need to complete both the FAFSA and TASFA.

The state financial aid priority application deadline for many institutions of higher education is January 15. If you are considered for the most financial aid that may be available to you, it is important to complete and submit your application to the financial aid office on or before Jan. 15. **Note:** Texas residency and final eligibility for financial aid are determined by the institution you plan to attend.

To complete this application, answer each item within each section. If a question does not apply to you, refer to the **TASFA Notes on pages 6-8**. If you have further questions about this form, visit tasfa.org. Many institutions have an online version of the TASFA; check with your institution before filling out the form. Your information on the TASFA is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

SECTION ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION (See Notes for questions 5-6)

1. Last Name		2. First Name	
4. Date of Birth		5. Social Security Number, DACA Number, or N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Permanent Mailing Address			
8. City		9. State	
12. Email Address			



Download @
HoustonISD.org/TASFA

TASFA: Required Documents

Stamped Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared _____

known to me, who being by me duly sworn upon his/her oath, depose and said:

- My name is _____
 I am _____ years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and they are all true and correct.
- I graduated or will graduate from a Texas high school or received my GED certificate in Texas.
- I resided in Texas for three years leading up to graduation from high school or receiving my GED certificate.
- I have resided or will have resided in Texas for the 12 months prior the census date of the semester in which I will enroll in _____
 (name of college)
- I have filed or will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity that I am eligible to do so.

In witness whereof, this _____ day of _____,

 (Signature)

 (Printed Name)

 (Student I.D.#)

 (Student Date of Birth)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on the _____ day of _____, _____, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

2019 Tax Transcript(s)

Internal Revenue Service
 United States Department of the Treasury

This Product Contains Sensitive Taxpayer Data

Tax Return Transcript

Request Date: 03-04-2009
 Response Date: 03-04-2009
 Tracking Number: 10000070432

SSN Provided: 000-00-0100
 Tax Period Ending: Dec. 31, 2008

The following items reflect the amount as shown on the return (PR), and the amount as adjusted (FC), if applicable. They do not show subsequent activity on the account.

SSN: 000-00-0100 SPOUSE SSN: 000-00-0200
 NAME(S) SHOWN ON RETURN: JOHN DOE & JANE DEE
 ADDRESS: 300 ANYSTREET BLVD
 DALLAS, TX 77000-0000-000

FILING STATUS: Married Filing Joint
 FORM NUMBER: 1040
 CYCLE POSTED: 20091408
 RECEIVED DATE: Feb. 15, 2009
 REMITTANCE: 0.00
 EXEMPTION NUMBER: 5
 DEPENDENT 1 NAME CTRL: ABGR
 DEPENDENT 1 SSN: 000-00-0300
 DEPENDENT 2 NAME CTRL: ABGS
 DEPENDENT 2 SSN: 000-00-0400
 DEPENDENT 3 NAME CTRL: ABGS
 DEPENDENT 3 SSN: 000-00-0500
 DEPENDENT 4 NAME CTRL:
 DEPENDENT 4 SSN:
 PREPARER SSN:
 PREPARER EIN:

Income

WAGES, SALARIES, TIPS, ETC:	\$ 47,000.00
TAXABLE INTEREST INCOME: SCH B:	\$ 0.00
TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST:	\$ 0.00
ORDINARY DIVIDEND INCOME: SCH B:	\$ 0.00
QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS:	\$ 0.00
REFUNDS OF STATE/LOCAL TAXES:	\$ 0.00
ALIMONY RECEIVED:	\$ 0.00
BUSINESS INCOME OR LOSS (Schedule C):	\$ 0.00
BUSINESS INCOME OR LOSS: SCH C PER COMPUTER:	\$ 0.00
CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS: (Schedule D):	\$ 0.00
CAPITAL GAINS OR LOSS: SCH D PER COMPUTER:	\$ 0.00
OTHER GAINS OR LOSSES (Form 4797):	\$ 0.00
TOTAL IRA DISTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 0.00
TAXABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 0.00

- A copy of application and supplemental documents should be sent to **EACH** college applied to.

If I don't have Parent Tax Info

If parents/guardians did not file in 2019, it's OK, if:

They earned below a minimum amount and have filed before

- **Solution:** Request IRS Non-Filer's form.
- **Solution:** Get a letter signed by employer of estimated earnings.

You qualify as an independent student

- Don't live with parents, can be considered "homeless," etc.

2019 Minimum Filing Requirements

Filing Status	Income
Single Parent	\$18,000
Married Parents (on taxes)	\$24,000

TASFA: Required Documents



HOW TO REQUEST A TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT BY PHONE

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CALL 1-800-908-9946

1 Select Language
Dial "1" for English
OR
Dial "2" for Spanish

2 Enter SS# or ITIN
The Social Security Number or ITIN must match the records from your 2019 Taxes.
(Dial "1" to confirm or "2" to re-enter the information)

3 Verify Address Street Number
Must match the records from your 2019 Taxes.
(Example: If you live on "123 Rainbow St. you would dial "123")

4 Request Tax Return Transcript
You will have to wait until the voice message is over and then you will dial "2" to request "Tax Return Transcript."

5 Enter Tax Year
You will then be asked to dial the year that you are requesting the tax transcript for. You will dial "2019"
(Dial "1" to confirm or "2" to re-enter the information)

6 Confirm
Wait for the voice message to be over until it asks you to dial "1" to confirm your request.
(If you hang up before confirming the request, it will not be processed and you will have to do everything all over again)

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YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT IN THE MAIL IN ABOUT 5 - 10 DAYS

- For help starting this process or gathering these important documents, go to the “Getting Started with TASFA” breakout session at end

TASFA: Supplemental Documents

Male Students:

- Fill out and mail out Selective Service Registration form
- Should receive document of Registration card within 30 days of mailing it
- Make a photostan. Share it with advisor to complete your TASFA
- Most universities will allow you the TASFA with just a copy of registration form and can submit card later



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM
Register online (www.sss.gov) or complete this form

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

1 DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-00-YYYY) 2 SEX: (Mark with "X") Male Female 3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

4 LAST NAME SUFFIX: (Mark with "X") JR III OTHER SUFFIX

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME

5 CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER

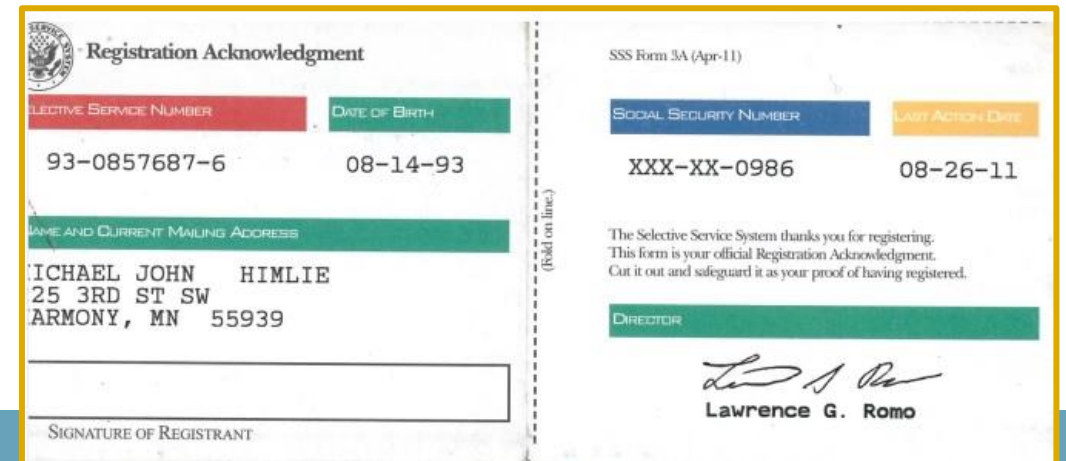
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

6 TODAY'S DATE: (MM-00-YYYY)

SSS FORM 1 (JAN 12) OMB APPROVAL #

Mail this form to:
Selective Service System
P.O. Box 94739
Palatine, IL 60094-4739

Download @
HoustonISD.org/TASFA



Registration Acknowledgment

SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER LAST ACTION DATE

93-0857687-6 08-14-93 XXX-XX-0986 08-26-11

NAME AND CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

MICHAEL JOHN HIMLIE
25 3RD ST SW
ARMONY, MN 55939

(Fold on line.)

The Selective Service System thanks you for registering.
This form is your official Registration Acknowledgment.
Cut it out and safeguard it as your proof of having registered.

DIRECTOR

Lawrence G. Romo
Lawrence G. Romo

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT

An FYI...

Many 4-Year universities award TASFA through state funds
(*Texas Grant*)

- Colleges aren't sure how much state funds they receive until closer to start of new school year, leading to delays for TASFA
- Very important to submit NOW to these schools (if you haven't yet) since the state priority deadline is Jan 15th

2-Year Colleges typically need the final transcript *after you've graduated* to process your TASFA

Stay In the Know with College & TASFA

- Know what you need and want
- Know how to get what you need and want
 - Be willing to do some research, send an email, or call an office
- Know you can't do it alone
 - Identify and know the people who can help you



Financial Aid
Office Asst.
Director,
Cousin who
graduated from
college,
HS Advisor /
Counselor, etc.

TASFA: Before the Money

*Presenter:
Ruby Rivera, College & Career Readiness Manager*



Forms on Forms on Forms

- **Why am I being asked to submit so many forms?**
- Citizen students can go through a similar process for federal aid called **Verification**
- It's a process of completing additional forms to ensure that the information you reported on your financial aid application is correct
- You will not receive aid until you submit all the additional documents the college asks of you



TASFA Steps After Submitting

2 Weeks After Submitting

Login to college portal. Check financial aid status.

If no update, contact financial aid office. Ask, *Has my TASFA been received? Is my TASFA complete? When will it be processed?*

Document date of each contact you make, what was said, and by whom.

4 Weeks After Submitting

If no update on your financial aid status, follow up every 2 weeks until it has been confirmed as received/processing.

Watch out for notices asking you to correct or resubmit a document. Ask just in case.

TASFA Steps After Submitting

Until You Receive an Offer

Create back-up plans and save, if possible.

Students, even U.S. citizens, often get their bill for classes before financial aid is transferred into their student accounts.

SPRING 2021 PAYMENT IN FULL DUE DATE

If you choose to pay your tuition and fees in full:
Payment will be due on **January 26th, 2021**.

SPRING 2021 INSTALLMENT DUE DATES

If you choose to enroll in the installment plan:

- 1st payment due by 5:00 PM on **January 26th, 2021**
- 2nd payment due by 5:00 PM on **February 19th, 2021**
- 3rd payment due by 5:00 PM on **March 19th, 2021**
- 4th payment due by 5:00 PM on **April 9th, 2021**

Installment Plans can be added through February 10th, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

Access your statement through the [Howdy Portal](#) and pay online!

After getting admitted, research payment or installment plan timelines for schools that have admitted you

TASFA Steps After Submitting

- Depending on the school, it is more common to receive a TASFA financial aid offer in May or over the summer



- Refer to the **HISD TASFA Checklist** and your advisor for more guidance on follow-up steps!

A screenshot of a document titled "TASFA CHECKLIST" from the Houston Independent School District. The document includes a section for "Frequently Asked Questions (TASFA)" with several paragraphs of text. A QR code is overlaid on the right side of the document. Below the QR code, there is a blue button with white text that reads "Download @ HoustonISD.org/TASFA".

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TASFA CHECKLIST

Frequently Asked Questions (TASFA):

I have my TASFA completed, my parents' income tax, and a copy of my selective service card, but my college has NOT loaded the 2021-2022 verification worksheet. What should I do?

Go ahead and submit your TASFA application with parents' income tax return and a copy of your selective service card if a male. Keep checking the financial aid websites of the colleges you applied to for the 2021-2022 verification sheet. Once you see it's been uploaded, copy it, complete it, and immediately turn it in.

I've turned in my TASFA and all supporting documents. Now what?

Give your college about two weeks to start processing your application. Log into your student account and check your financial aid status. Your student account is your one-stop-shop for everything. Get classes, communicate via campus email, receive financial aid status updates, and pay for your student account. So take an afternoon and get familiar with it.

If you see no activity in your financial aid account, you should contact the financial aid office. Ask if they have received your TASFA and if they have any questions. Then ask when you can expect your financial aid. Don't be surprised if they tell you in late summer.

The trick is to call every few weeks with questions. Stop by the office as well. Get to know the Texas Grant by name. Tell them your story — why you need the funds and your dream questions. Processing a TASFA requires a little more of their attention than a F.A.A. thinking "Hey, this kid really wants to attend college," they are more likely to remember TASFA from a large stack of them.

Also, document in a notebook every time you make a call or visit. What did you do, what follow up steps will be needed? Personally, I've had kids march into a financial aid office with long email trails and copious notes about all of their visits to financial aid. These students are more likely to get the Texas Grant.

Why does it take so long for a college to award me the Texas Grant?

First, the State has to determine how much money to allocate for the Texas Grant. Then the college has to tell you that they have received the money.

Second, a large number of colleges have small financial aid offices. Unfortunately, the financial aid office is generally not open during the summer months.

Download @
HoustonISD.org/TASFA

The Journey Ahead...Before the \$

Common obstacles

- Confusing forms to fill out still
- Different answers from different people working in the same financial aid office
- Long waiting periods until you get a financial aid offer



As a self-advocate, don't forget:

- Set up meetings with you advisor for help
- Ask for an email or phone # to contact a more senior financial aid staff member
- Keep a log of each notification you get and each phone call you make
- Contact the office and get to know the person who oversees the *Texas Grant* by name
- **Stay persistent - the process is worth it!**





Scholarships

Presenter:
Carlos Sotelo, College & Career Readiness Manger



Scholarships for Dreamers

- List on HISD Dreamers Website
- Updated 3 times a year

State / National Scholarships	Local Scholarships
<p> Empowering students. Launching futures.</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: December 6, 2020• Amount: Up to \$3,500• Website: https://bit.ly/3kiqv7r <p>Children's Defense Fund Texas – Beat the Odds Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: December 9, 2020• Amount: Up to \$5,000• Requirements: Recommendation Letters and Essay• Website: https://bit.ly/35F3Wic <p>Charles Butt Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: Varies by college (most are between December 2020 to February 2021)• Amount: up to \$40,000 over 4 years• Requirements: Recommendation Letters and Essay	<p> Reaching Dreams. Alcanzando Sueños.</p> <p>Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: February 13, 2021• Amount: Up to \$1,000• Requirements: Essay• Website: https://bit.ly/shpe-houston <p>Dream.US Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: February 25, 2021• Amount: Up to \$33,000 over 4 years• Requirements: Essay and enrollment at UH or other state colleges• Website: https://www.thedream.us/ <p>Out for Education Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: February 28, 2021• Amount: Up to \$1,000• Requirements: Essay and Interview• Website: https://bit.ly/ofe-houston

College Scholarship Programs



HCC Honors College: Up to cost of tuition & fees

Great for students who intend to transfer. If selected, take classes with same group of students; learn with a small community of driven students.



UHD Scholars Academy: Additional scholarship up to \$4,500 / year

Great for STEM majors. Additional tutoring / mentoring support.



Dream.US: UH, TAMU-San Antonio, UNT-Dallas up to \$33,000 (4 years)

Receive help with choosing classes, get connected with campus resources, and join a national alumni network

Out of State Options

- **Over 50** private colleges offer great financial aid for undocumented students
- **Financial aid can cover 90% to 100% of college costs**
 - Can be more affordable to attend than Texas A&M / UT
- Difficult to get accepted: need strong application and essays
- Apply through CommonApp

Most located outside of TX

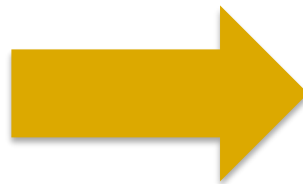
- Occidental (CA): Jan 10th
- Franklin & Marshall (PA): Jan 15th
- Oberlin (OH): Jan 15th
- Bryn Mawr (MA): Jan 15th
- Colgate (NY): Jan 15th



Scholarship Process

- Looking at eligibility requirements of scholarships can be discouraging but never let that determine your worth
- Treat a rejection as a redirection
- Strive to make the most of your opportunities

“I feel [*frustrated, sad, discouraged*] that my immigration status means I have fewer scholarships to apply to compared to others.”



“I must focus my time on available scholarship opportunities. I am determined to find others. I’m resourceful and will use all the help I can get.”

General Application Tips

- Create and update resume with academic achievements
- Include any record of involvement at school, church, and community

Michael Garcia

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Phone: 713-123-4567 E-Mail: mj@thriller.org

ACADEMICS

Sharpstown High School

Expected Graduation: May 2016

- **Weighted GPA:** 4.34
- **Advanced Courses:** AP Biology (4, May 2014), AP World History, Pre-AP Algebra II, Pre-AP Geometry, Pre-AP Algebra, Pre-AP English, Pre-AP Chemistry, Pre-AP Biology
- **Activities:** Sharpstown Summer Scholars Program, Teen Leadership 2, JV Volleyball (Co-Captain), Key Club
- **Awards:** Honor Roll (2012, 2013), Living the Apollo Creed (April 2013), Biology Student of the Month (Sept. 2012)

COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Sharpstown Summer Scholars, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

Summer 2015

Accepted into the inaugural Sharpstown Summer Scholars Program which focuses on college readiness skills

- Developed college readiness skills including email etiquette, resume writing, and self advocacy
- Focused on writing completing college application essays through self reflection workshops
- Explored various career opportunities through Career Shadows with Junior Achievement
- Mentored incoming freshmen from Sugar Grove Academy, a middle school that feeds into Sharpstown

Teacher's Assistant, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

August 2013 - June 2014

Volunteer with the Pre-AP Biology teacher after school on a daily basis

- Assisted teacher by grading student work and organizing the classroom
- Tutored peers in small groups, focusing on specific topics as assigned by the teacher

Teen Leadership Member, Sharpstown High School - Houston, TX

August 2012 - Present

Selected into the Magnet Leadership Program upon entering Sharpstown

General Application Tips

- Leadership is not just at school, but in the workplace, at home, and the community.
- On applications, emphasize your **impact and how you contribute** at any of the above places
- Not the place to be humble – Put the spotlight you deserve on yourself and show off your skills

Watch over my brothers and sisters at home



Help siblings with homework
teaching skills
Help maintain home and prepare meals
organizational skills
Translate for parents
cross-cultural communicational skills

Recommendation Tips



Ask a potential recommender in advance (teacher, coach, etc.) (at least month's notice) and **a date they plan to submit it by**



Share scholarship information, submission steps, your resume, and offer to setup a time to share more about yourself



Remind them the week of submission date and **thank them** with a note / email!

Essay Tips & Timeline



Copy essay prompts in Google Docs (do this right after you look over scholarship forms)



Brainstorm ideas and create outlines.
Use college essay, *if applicable*.



Set personal draft deadlines so someone can review your essay.
(Ask in advance so someone can review at least **3 weeks before due**)
Give them at least a week to review. Thank them! More drafts, the better.

For More Resources & Scholarships



HoustonISD.org/dreamers

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The image shows a screenshot of the HoustonISD.org/dreamers website and a tweet from @HISD_Wings. The website header includes the HISD logo, a COVID Gauge Level 2 Orange indicator, and navigation links for Home, About Us, Board, Students & Parents, Directory, Careers, myHISD, News, and HISDtv. The main content area features a banner with the text "TOGETHER WE STAND TOGETHER WE DREAM" and a "Follow" button. Below the banner are sections for "DID YOU KNOW?" (regarding Texas law Senate Bill 1528), "WHAT IS THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM?", "LEARN MORE" (with links to FAQs, Community Resources, and College Access Resources), and "TESTIMONIALS". The tweet from @HISD_Wings is pinned and dated Oct 21, with the text: "Register for Launch the Dream! Sessions will cover college readiness, financial aid, mental health & how to access community resources. Register at bit.ly/LTD-RSVP. Open to all HISD students born outside the U.S. #HISDLaunchTheDream @HISD2College". Below the tweet is a banner for the "LAUNCH THE DREAM" virtual kickoff event, mentioning the DREAM Summit Series for the 2020-2021 school year.

DREAM.US Scholarship

Presenter:

Carlos Sotelo, College & Career Readiness Manager

Daniel Rodriguez, College & Career Readiness Adviser



Dream. US Eligibility



Residential

- Current senior that qualifies for in-state tuition
- Came to US before age of 16
- Resided in US since November 1, 2015

Academic

- Will graduate with 2.5 GPA or better
- Must enroll at partner college: UH – Main, Texas A&M – San Antonio, UNT Dallas, UT El Paso, or UT Rio Grande Valley

Financial

- Have significant financial need

DEADLINE: FEB 25, 2021



Dream. US Benefits



Financial Support

- Dream.US covers gap in your bill: tuition & fees up to maximum **\$33,000**. TASFA usually does not cover entire cost of tuition at the partner colleges.



College Support

- Through partner campus resources, Dream.US Scholars get support to navigate college and graduate
 - Checking in with scholarship advisor
 - Connecting with resources at Urban Experience Program (UH)
 - Help with meeting 3.0 GPA requirement to keep scholarship

Application Sections

Applicant Information

- Certify that you have current DACA/TPS status OR you meet immigration residency status eligibility criteria
- Report age & date of arrival

Academic Information

- Provide HS information
- Select 1st Choice Partner College
- Upload transcript (unofficial is fine) and any SAT/ACT test scores (if you have scores)

Financial Information

- Report annual household income

“Don’t let your status stop you from anything.”

MARISELA

THE DREAM.US SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Every DREAMer has a voice. And a bright future.
We can help you get a scholarship and the college education you deserve. Visit www.thedream.us or ask your counselor.

 THE DREAM.US

Application Sections

Responsibilities Section

- Community, volunteer, and HOME responsibilities. Don't overlook this section. Make sure to honor your tasks at home.

Essays

- Most important section
- 2 prompts (750 words max)
- Finish essay drafts by January 15 to have time to ask for feedback and make edits.

“I am now in a position that will enable me to contribute to the medical field and society at large.”

GRADUATE
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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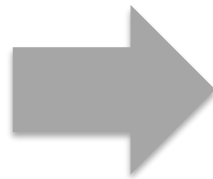
Educational & Career Goals

- Describe your educational and career goals and explain what or who has inspired or helped shape these goals.
- Excluding financial needs, what are the most significant challenges you expect to face in successfully completing college? How will you overcome these challenges?

Education & Career Essay

- **Be specific** about your goals. Do research to find more details.
 - Are there specific **programs in college**?
 - Are there **roles** at **companies/organizations** you'd like to be in?
 - Would you like to **start your own business** after getting your degree?
- Make a connection between your goals and the source of your inspiration. The reader should see how your values and interests align with your goals.

I want to go to college and study nursing. My career goal is to work at a Children's Hospital.

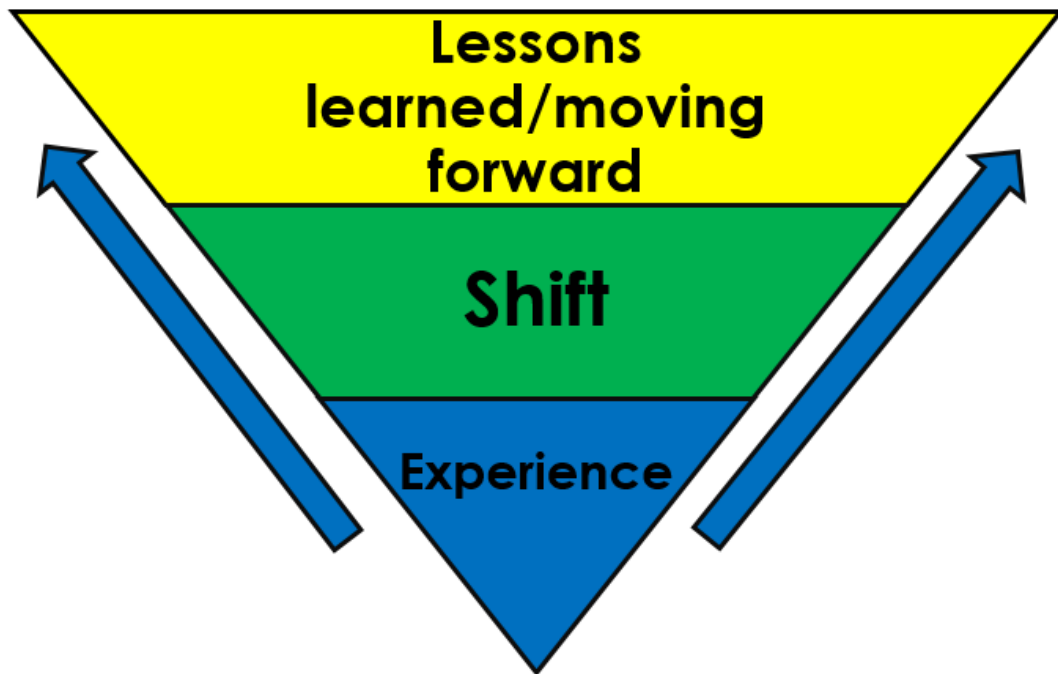


I want to attend the University of Houston to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After getting experience at a neonatology unit providing critical care for infants, I aspire to become a Nurse Practitioner at a pediatric hospital.

Overcoming Adversity

- Describe a challenging family or personal circumstance that has affected your achievement or participation in school, work, or community activities.
- How did you overcome this challenge and what did you learn from the experience above?

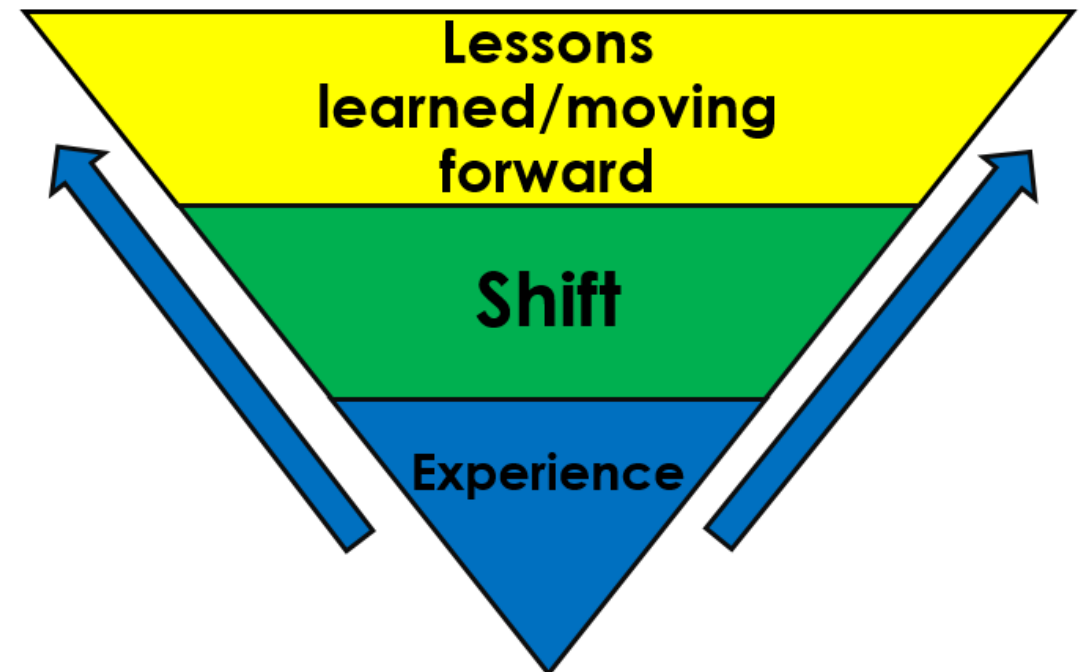
Essay Reminders



- ALL applicants writing this essay have faced challenges due to their status, so the way to stand out is in HOW you tell your story and being clear in what YOU took away from your experience
- Use this framework to guide how you craft and review your essay

Strong Essay: The Experience

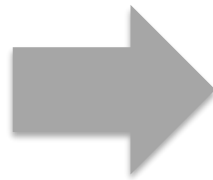
- **Own and Embrace Your Story:**
Choose a challenge you've experienced that is key to your story of what you've been through and has significantly changed your life
 - *If I didn't experience this, would my life be different?*
- **Write with intention:** The details and images you highlight inform the reader about your background
 - Aim to be concise. The essay shouldn't focus too much on the "negative"



Strong Essay: The Shift

- Your essay needs to have a clear **shift** – the moment where you begin to overcome the challenge
- The reader should be able to see how the challenge(s) you've been through led to transformation
 - Describe how your mindset or perspective changed

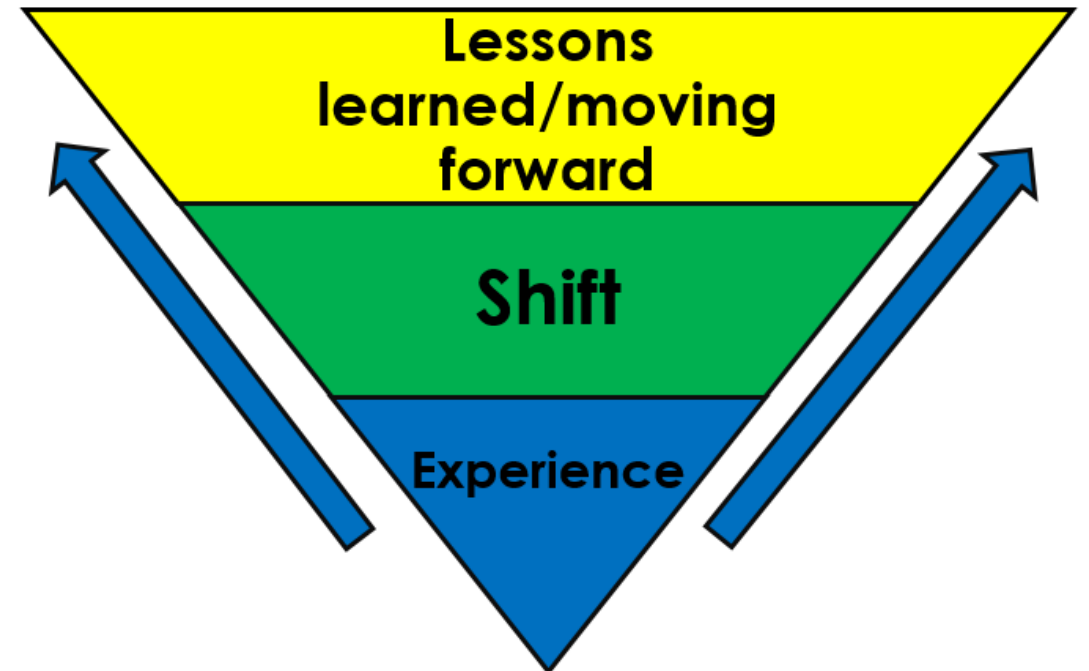
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I was limited...
Our circumstances made me and my family feel...



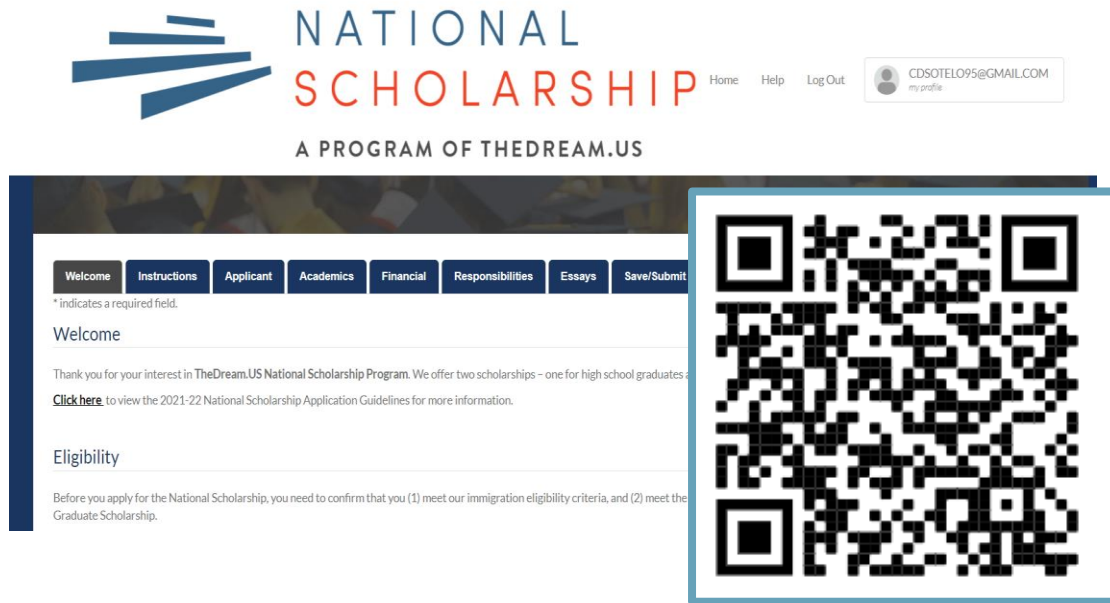
I responded by...
I started to...
I changed what I could control...
I adopted the mindset of..

Strong Essay: Lessons Learned

- **End True to Yourself:** Essay needs the big lessons and takeaways you gained from your experience. May describe how it serves as source of inspiration or motivation.
- **Where does the story continue?** How are you applying your new mindset in life moving forward? Will you take these lessons on your journey entering college?



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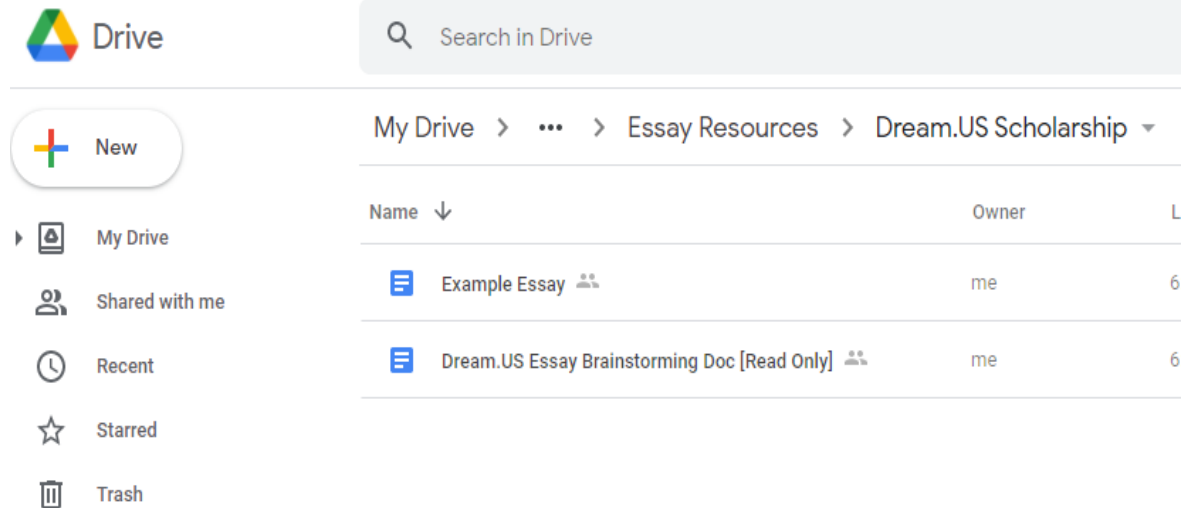
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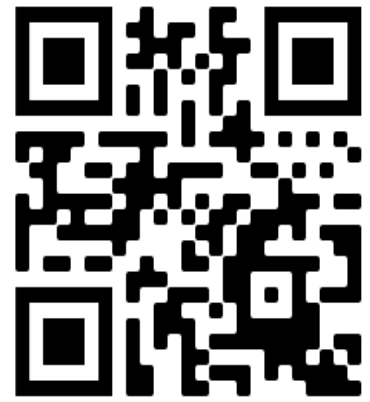
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