

Guidance for Undocumented Students

This document is meant to guide undocumented students through the thought and planning process of applying to the [Coppola Family Travel Scholarship](#) and summer enrichment programs. It does not replace the critical need for consultation with immigration attorneys.

Can I apply?

Napa Valley Community Foundation welcomes scholarship applications from all students, regardless of country of origin or immigration status.

Due to the high risks involved and the rapid changes affecting immigration policies, it is critical for undocumented students to seek advice from an immigration attorney before proceeding with any plans to travel within or outside of the United States. We encourage students and their families to have an in-depth conversation with the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area Napa office (or other immigration attorney) about their plans.

What type of documentation do I need to provide?

Napa Valley Community Foundation's scholarship application does not ask for your citizenship status. However, undocumented students should be aware of additional documentation that may be asked by their program as it is related to travel and their entry and exit of both the United States and the country of destination.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status: Valid DACA status that covers the entire duration of their intended program abroad. There have been instances where a host country's consulate also requires a student's DACA status to be valid for an extended period of time (sometimes 6 months) beyond the end date of the program. It is important to consider the validity period of your current DACA and how that works or conflicts with the requirements.

Advance Parole: **Advance Parole** (through USCIS Form I-131) is a travel document issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The recipient must have a confirmed Advance Parole before going abroad for the ability to return to the United States at discretion. For undocumented students, a valid DACA is a part of the requirement for applying for Advance Parole.

Please note: The AP process may require confirmed program dates or a program acceptance letter.

Visa: Select countries may also require visa applicants to provide proof of ability to return to the US after the end of the program. This may mean that your approved Advance Parole will need to be in possession when applying for your student visa.

Are there any local organizations I can talk to?

Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (Napa Offices): <https://iibayarea.org/offices/napa/>

Puertas Abiertas: <https://www.puertasabiertasnapa.org/>