



DREAM Action NIU is student-led organization that works in collaboration with the Latino Resource Center at Northern Illinois University. DREAM Action NIU is a student-driven organization that works to increase awareness and support of the DREAM Act bill among the NIU community.

DREAM Action NIU understands the obstacles some youth face in respect to attaining higher education and especially those that have been disadvantaged in their access of educational opportunities. Our group motivates youth to pursue higher education and we believe that receiving a college education is attainable by everyone.

DREAM Action NIU is proud to offer this scholarship with the vision of increasing the number of underrepresented students that attend and graduate from college in our community.

Qualifications:

This scholarship is offered to high-school seniors or transfer students who will be attending Northern Illinois University in the fall of 2013, or to a student already enrolled at NIU and returning for the 2013-2014 academic year.

This scholarship is available to all students that qualify regardless of legal status. This scholarship will be received by two students in the amounts of \$500 each to be used towards their tuition at Northern Illinois University for 2013-2014. We are looking for students who are in need of financial assistance, who understand the importance of higher education and are active members of their school and community. Finalists for this scholarship will be contacted via phone or e-mail and may be asked to interview with members of the scholarship review committee at the end of April 2013.

All applicants to this scholarship program must meet these qualifications:

- High school senior enrolling at NIU for the upcoming academic school year or an undergraduate student attending NIU in the 2013-2014 scholastic years.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher. Please provide copy of most recent transcript. (unofficial)
- Be in need of financial assistance.
- Reside in the state of Illinois.
- Plan to enroll full/part time for the 2013-2014 academic year.



- Provide proof of NIU college enrollment, or intent to enroll.
- Demonstrate commitment to helping their community, as determined by involvement in extracurricular or volunteer activities.
- Commit to 10 hours of service per semester to DREAM Action NIU (events, meetings or workshops).

Application Procedure:

Please complete and attach the following:

- Completed Personal Information Sheet.
- Two Short Essays. (Typed, size 12 font, double-spaced, one page in length per essay)
- Completed Certification and Release Form.
- Recommendation Letters. (1 required; 1 additional letter optional) Letters can be from a school faculty member or from a supervisor at an organization where you provide community service who can write on behalf of your personal and leadership qualities.
- Copy of most recent unofficial school transcript.
- Proof of NIU college enrollment or intent to enroll.
- Mail or bring completed materials to:

Northern Illinois University
Latino Resource Center
C/O DA Scholarship Committee
515 Garden Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

Please contact Dr. Emily Prieto with any questions or concerns pertaining to the scholarship or application via e-mail at eprieto@niu.edu.

Applications must be received or postmarked no later than March 15, 2013.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date: _____ Year in School: _____

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth (**/**/**) _____

Cell Phone (area code first): _____

Home Phone (area code first): _____

Permanent Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you intending to apply for FAFSA for the 2013-2014 school year? Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

High School Name: _____ City: _____

Current GPA: _____ Expected Major: _____

TRANSFER STUDENTS

College Name: _____ City: _____

Current GPA: _____ Expected Major: _____

NIU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Local Address: _____ Apt #: _____

Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

Current GPA: _____

Student groups or organizations that you are involved with on campus:



ESSAYS

The essay portion of this application provides the scholarship reviewing committee with the opportunity to learn more about the applicant, his or her career goals and community involvement.

Each of the two essays should be typed, double-spaced, in size 12 font and roughly one-page in length per essay. Please do not write your name on the essays.

Please answer the following questions in short-essay form, abiding by the guidelines written above.

1. Please explain what your career plans are after graduating from Northern Illinois University. In what way do you believe that the DREAM Action NIU scholarship will help you to achieve these long-term career goals? How will you use your education and learning experiences to further these goals?
2. DREAM Action NIU is a student group that works for the passage of the DREAM Act, a proposed federal bill, which, if passed, would grant certain undocumented students conditional permanent residency. Explain in your essay why you support the DREAM Act and how you think the passage of this bill would benefit the lives of undocumented students if it is passed. Also include what impact you believe it would have for you personally and for our communities.

For more information on the DREAM Act, visit:

www.dreamactivist.org



Required Certification and Release Form

I _____ declare that all the information I
(Printed Applicant Name)

have included in this application, is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct. I certify that I meet all the requirements to be considered eligible as a candidate for the DREAM Action NIU scholarship; and I understand that by providing inaccurate data I will be disqualified from receiving the DREAM Action NIU scholarship.

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Mail or drop off your completed application with all required additional documents to:

Northern Illinois University Latino Resource Center

C/O DA Scholarship Committee

515 Garden Road DeKalb, IL 60115

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