



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

COMPARISON OF BENEFITS & RIGHTS BASED ON IMMIGRATION STATUS

THIS CHART IS BASED ON CALIFORNIA LAW. BENEFITS AND RIGHTS MAY BE DIFFERENT IN OTHER STATES.

	U.S. Citizen	Legal Permanent Resident	DACA Beneficiary	Undocumented
EDUCATION & FINANCIAL AID				
For more information about immigrants' rights in education, please visit www.nilc.org/education.html				
Free Public School K-12 Education	YES	YES	YES	YES
Federal Financial Aid	YES	YES	NO	NO
State Financial Aid & Grants	YES	YES	YES	YES
In-State Tuition (Colleges & Universities)	YES, if state resident for 1 Year OR AB540 eligible	YES, if state resident for 1 Year OR AB540 eligible	YES, if AB540 eligible	YES, if AB540 eligible
Private Scholarships	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government Loans	YES	YES	NO	NO
Private Loans	YES	YES	MAYBE, with a legal resident or USC co-signer	MAYBE, with a legal resident or USC co-signer
Work-Study	YES	YES	NO	NO
PUBLIC BENEFITS				
For more information about immigrants' access to public benefits, visit www.nilc.org/access-to-bens.html				
Cash Benefits - General Assistance (GA)	YES	YES	MAYBE	NO
Cash Benefits - Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF/ CalWorks - Standard Varies by County)	YES	YES	NO	NO
Cash Benefits - Social Security Income (SSI)	YES	MAYBE	NO	NO
Obama Health Insurance	YES	YES	NO	NO
Food Stamps, Public Housing (i.e. Non-Cash Benefits)	YES	YES	NO	NO
Emergency Medical Insurance	YES	YES	YES	YES
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION				
Driver's License	YES	YES	YES	NO
Car Insurance	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Travel Domestically	YES	YES	YES	YES, but high-risk for detection & detention
Travel Abroad	YES	YES, with restrictions	YES, with restrictions	NO
WORK & RELATED BENEFITS				
Social Security Number	YES	YES	YES	NO
Work Authorization (Able to be Hired by Employer)	YES	YES	YES	NO
Independent Contract Work	YES	YES	YES	YES
Owning a Business (Including LLCs)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Required to Pay Taxes (Using Either SSN or ITIN)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Unemployment Benefits	YES	YES	YES	NO
Workers' Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES
CONSTITUTIONAL & CIVIL RIGHTS				
Able to Vote	YES	NO	NO	NO
Right to a Free Criminal Attorney If Can't Afford One	YES	YES	YES	YES
Right to a Free Immigration Attorney If Can't Afford One	NO	NO	NO	NO
IMMIGRATION BENEFITS				
Can Be Deported	NO, except if de-naturalized	MAYBE	MAYBE	YES, high-risk
Able to Naturalize	N/A	YES	NO	NO
Able to Petition for Family Members	YES	YES, but CANNOT petition for married children, siblings, or parents	NO	NO

To learn more about your immigration remedies and benefits, visit E4FC's Legal Services at www.e4fc.org/legalservices.html. This chart was authored by Marilia Zellner, E4FC's Legal Services Supervisor. Thank you to Sally Kinoshita (ILRC), Barbara Pinto (ILRC), and Tanya Broder (NILC) for their input.