

2025-2026 Aid Application for CT Undocumented Students (AACTUS)



Connecticut State
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This application is exclusively for a specific group of undocumented students who cannot apply for federal student aid.

Information on this application will determine eligibility for institutional financial aid for the 2025-2026 academic year for students who:

- Cannot apply for federal student financial aid due to immigration status, -AND-
- Meet conditions described in a signed affidavit in Part One of this application.

Students meeting the above criteria must submit the following to be considered for institutional funding:

- ☐ Complete and signed Aid Application for CT Undocumented Students (AACTUS)
- ☐ 2023 income and tax documentation as described in the AACTUS
- ☐ For veterans seeking aid: DD-214 – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty

Student Identification & Contact Information:

Student ID: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

____ Social Security Number, ____ ITIN, ____ A# or ____ N/A (not applicable): _____

Student Citizenship:

- ☐ I am a US Citizen/ US National: **STOP!** Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) instead!
- ☐ I am an eligible noncitizen (e.g., Permanent Resident): **STOP!** Complete the FAFSA instead!
- ☐ I am not a citizen nor a noncitizen eligible for federal financial aid: Continue your application.

Notes

- A Notary Public must witness your signature in Part One of this form. A Notary is a person specially trained to certify affidavits and signatures. The Financial Aid Office at your school can let you know the availability of free notary services at your school. Free notary services may also be available at certain banks and libraries.
- Only CT students without legal immigration status who are Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and who meet the conditions for in-state tuition per subsection (9) of C.G.S. § 10a-29 may apply for aid for the 2025-2026 aid year.
- CT students without legal immigration status who are NOT Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces but meet the conditions for in-state tuition per subsection (9) of C.G.S. § 10a-29, may apply for institutional financial aid in the 2025-2026 aid year.
- Students who may be eligible for federal student aid should fill out a FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. The results of the FAFSA will be used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional aid.
- If you have questions about which application to use, contact the financial aid office at your school.
- Institutional aid may only be granted to students who would be otherwise eligible for financial aid excepting their undocumented status. All students must show financial need, make satisfactory progress, and must be enrolled in a Title IV aid-eligible program to receive institutional aid.

Part One: Affidavit of Eligibility for CT Undocumented Students

All student applicants must complete this section, sign, and have this page notarized. These are the conditions under which students may apply for institutional aid using the AACTUS for the 2025-2026 school year.

Check the statements below if you are a Veteran student applying for aid:	Check the statements below if you are a student applying for aid:
☐ I am a CT resident.	☐ I am a CT resident.
☐ I am an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States and have attached my DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to prove so.	☐ I was sixteen years of age or younger when I arrived in the United States and have continuously resided in the U.S. since such arrival.
☐ I was fifteen years of age or younger when I arrived in the United States and have continuously resided in the U.S. since such arrival.	☐ I was thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012 (birthdate 6/15/1982 or later).
☐ I was thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012 (birthdate 6/15/1982 or later).	☐ I completed high school level education in CT for at least two years.
☐ I completed high school level education in CT for at least two years.	☐ I graduated from high school in CT, or the equivalent thereof.
☐ I graduated from high school in CT, or the equivalent thereof.	☐ I have not been convicted of a felony in any state in the U.S.
☐ I have not been convicted of a felony in any state in the U.S.	☐ I am currently without legal immigration status but have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file such application as soon as I am eligible.
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All student applicants must sign below and have this witnessed by a Notary Public.

By signing and dating below, I certify that all the above checked statements are accurate:

Student's Signature

Student's Printed Name

Date

For Notary use only:

(Notary Seal)

Subscribed and sworn before me

on this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court

My Commission Expires _____

Part Two: Student Personal Information*All students must complete this section.***Student gender? (select one)**

___ Male ___ Female ___ Nonbinary ___ Prefer not to answer

Student Marital Status: (select one)

___ Single ___ Married ___ Remarried ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Widowed

Student Living Arrangements: (select one)

___ Off-Campus ___ On-Campus ___ with Parents Other: _____
(specify)

Student Personal Circumstances: (select all that apply)

- ☐ You are currently serving on Active Duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- ☐ You are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- ☐ You have children or other people (excluding your spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you now and between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, you were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, you were a ward of the court.
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care.
- ☐ You are or were a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in your state of residence.
- ☐ You are or were in legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
- ☐ None of these apply.

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, were you unaccompanied and either homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

___ Yes ___ No

If answer is “Yes”, did any of the following determine you to be homeless or at risk of being homeless? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ Your high school or school district homeless liaison or designee.
- ☐ Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant.
- ☐ Financial Aid Administrator (FAA).
- ☐ None of these apply.

Part Three: Parent Personal and Household Information (if applicable)

IMPORTANT: This section must be completed when students are considered Dependent for financial aid purposes. Please complete this section if **all** of the following are true:

- ✓ The student was born after the year 2001 **- and -**
- ✓ The student's current marital status is single (never married), divorced, separated, or widowed **- and -**
- ✓ The student's grade level is first year, second year or other undergraduate **- and -**
- ✓ The student selected "None of these apply" for Student Personal Circumstances and answered "No" to being unaccompanied or at risk of being homeless on page 4 of this application

If you have questions about whether or not to include parent information, contact the Financial Aid Office at your campus.

Parent Marital Status: (select one)

☐ Single ☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together ☐ Married
☐ Remarried ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

**If student's parents are separated/divorced, complete this section about the parent who provides the greater portion of support, even if the student does not live with them. If the parent is remarried answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.*

Parent Personal Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 ___ SSN or ___ ITIN (if available): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Spouse or Partner: Last

Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 ___ SSN or ___ ITIN (if available): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s)' Household information:

How many people are in the parent's family? _____

Include:

- Student
- Parent (and spouse or partner)
- Parent(s)' dependent children (even if they live apart because of college enrollment)
- Other people living with parent(s) if parent(s) will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?

Dependent Students: Did your parent or anyone in your parent(s) family receive benefits from any of the state/ federal programs below in 2023 or 2024. Check all programs that apply. Answering this question will not reduce your aid eligibility.

☐ Earned income tax credit (EITC)	☐ Federal Housing Assistance
☐ Free or reduced-price school lunch	☐ Medicaid
☐ Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP)	☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	☐ None of these apply

Part Four: Parent Financial Information (if applicable)

IMPORTANT: This section must be completed by students considered Dependent for financial aid purposes. If you have questions about whether or not to include parent information, contact the Financial Aid Office at your campus.

Please enter a value in each box in the following sections pertaining to Financial Information. Enter N/A if the question does not apply to you.

Dependent Students' Parent Income Information:

Dependent Students: Please report the amount your parent(s) earned from working in 2023.

	Parent 1	Parent Spouse or Partner
Total 2023 Income from Work		

Dependent Students:

For the tax year 2023, did or will your parent file their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

- ☐ **Yes** – My parent has already filed their 2023 tax return.
(Provide a signed copy of the parent's 2023 Federal Tax Return or 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> to obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript or Verification of Non-filing Letter.)
- ☐ **No** - My parent is not going to file a 2023 tax return.
 Please indicate which situation applies to the parent for 2023. (Select one)
- ☐ The parent filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. Territory.
- ☐ The parent filed or will file a foreign tax return.
- ☐ The parent either earned income in a foreign country but did not and will not file a foreign tax return, or worked for an international organization and was not required to report income on any tax return. International organizations include; the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.
- ☐ The parent, even though they earned income in the U.S. did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income is below the tax filing threshold.
- ☐ The parent did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.
- ☐ The parent did not and will not file any tax return because they did not earn any income.

Did or will your parent file a 2023 joint tax return with their current spouse? ___Yes ___No ___N/A
 (If "No" please answer questions in Part Five: Parent Spouse or Partner Financial Information page 8.)

Do your parents have **2023 IRS W-2 forms**? ___Yes ___No

- If IRS forms W-2 or 1099 exist, I am including a copies of those forms.
- If my parents have an SSN or ITIN, I am also including my parents' **2023 Verification of Non-filing Letter**.

Note: Applicants whose parents are required to file an income tax return (i.e., have earnings above the filing threshold) must demonstrate that they did file in order to complete the AACTUS.

Parent Filing Status (select one): Single Head of Household Married Filing Jointly
 Married Filing Separately Qualifying Surviving Spouse

Dependent Students: If your parents had untaxed income that was not reported in the boxes above, complete the section below.

Type of Untaxed Income	2023 Amount
IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans	
IRA or Pension rollover into another IRA or qualified plan	
Tax exempt interest income	
Untaxed IRA distributions and pensions	

Part Four: Parent Financial Information cont'd

IMPORTANT: This section must be completed by students considered Dependent for financial aid purposes. If you have questions about whether or not to include parent information, contact the Financial Aid Office at your campus.

Please enter a value in each box in the following sections pertaining to financial information. Enter N/A if the question does not apply to you.

Dependent Students: If your parents had any of the following income, complete the section below:

Type	2023 Amount
Amount of college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS	
Foreign earned income exclusion	
Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C	

Enter the total amount your parent received in child support for the last complete calendar year. _____

Note: If parent is married, remarried or unmarried and both legal parents living together, enter the combined amount the parent and their partner/spouse received.

Dependent Students' Parent Asset Information: As of today, indicate your parent(s)' financial assets in the section below:

Type of Asset	Today's Value
Parent(s)' total cash, savings, and checking account balances	
Total <u>net</u> worth of parent(s)' investments, including real estate (not including the home in which your parents live)	
Total <u>net</u> worth of parent(s)' businesses and investment farms (include parent's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations)	

Part Five: Parent Spouse or Partner Financial Information

For the tax year 2023, did or will your parent spouse or partner file their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

- ☐ **Yes** – My parent spouse or partner has already filed their 2023 tax return.
(Provide a signed copy of the parent spouse or partner's 2023 Federal Tax Return or 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> to obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript or Verification of Non-filing Letter.)

- ☐ **No** - My parent spouse or partner is not going to file a 2023 tax return.
Please indicate which situation applies to the parent spouse or partner for 2023. (Select one)

My parent spouse or partner filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. Territory.

My parent spouse or partner filed or will file a foreign tax return.

Part Five: Parent Spouse or Partner Financial Information cont'd

- ☐ My parent spouse or partner either earned income in a foreign country but did not and will not file a foreign tax return, or worked for an international organization and was not required to report income on any tax return. International organizations include; the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.
- ☐ My parent spouse or partner, even though they earned income in the U.S. did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income is below the tax filing threshold.
- ☐ My parent spouse or partner did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.
- ☐ My parent spouse or partner did not and will not file any tax return because they did not earn any income.

Filing status (select one):

___ Single ___ Head of Household ___ Married Filing Jointly
 ___ Married Filing Separately ___ Qualifying Surviving Spouse

Dependent Students: If your parent spouse or partner had untaxed income that was not reported in the boxes above, complete the section below.

Type of Untaxed Income	2023 Amount
IRA deductions and payments to self employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans	
IRA or Pension rollover into another IRA or qualified plan	
Tax exempt interest income	
Untaxed IRA distributions and pensions	

Dependent Students: If your parent spouse or partner had any of the following income, complete the section below:

Type	2023 Amount
Amount of college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS	
Foreign earned income exclusion	
Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C	

Dependent Students' Parent Spouse or Partner Asset Information: As of today, indicate your parent spouse or partner financial assets in the section below:

Type of Asset	Today's Value
Parent spouse or partner's total cash, savings, and checking account balances	
Total <u>net</u> worth of parent spouse or partner's investments, including real estate (<i>not including the home in which your parent spouse or partner live</i>)	
Total <u>net</u> worth of parent spouse or partner's businesses and investment farms (<i>include parent spouse or partner businesses or for-profit agricultural operations</i>)	

Part Six: Independent Student Household Information

Important: Complete Part Six if the student checked a box under Personal Circumstances on page 4 of this application or answered yes to the question regarding being an unaccompanied youth or at risk of homelessness.

Do NOT complete this section if the student is considered Dependent for financial aid purposes and submitted parent information in Parts Four and Five of this application.

Independent Student's Household information:

How many people are in the student's family? _____

Include:

- Student (and spouse)
- Student(s)' dependent children (even if they live apart because of college enrollment)
- Other people living with student if student will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

How many people in the student's family will be in college between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?

Independent Students: Did you or anyone in your family receive benefits from any of the state/ federal programs below in 2023 or 2024. Check all programs that apply. Answering this question will not reduce your aid eligibility.

☐ Earned income tax credit (EITC)	☐ Federal Housing Assistance
☐ Free or reduced-price school lunch	☐ Medicaid
☐ Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP)	☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	☐ None of these apply

Part Seven: Student Educational History and Plans*All students must complete this section.***About High School:**

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2025-2026 school year?

☐ High school diploma	☐ Homeschooled
☐ GED certificate	☐ Other (specify):
☐ None of the above	

From which CT High School did you graduate? _____

City of High School: _____ State: _____

Dates of attendance at above school: _____

About College/University:

What will your grade level be when you begin the 2025-2026 school year? (check one below)

Undergraduate = Associates, Bachelors, and many certificate programs
☐ First year undergraduate (freshman)
☐ Second year undergraduate (sophomore)
☐ Other undergraduate (junior year and beyond)
☐ Master's or doctorate program (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.)

Will you already have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2025-2026 school year? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you making Satisfactory Academic Progress? ___ Yes ___ No

Part Eight: Student Financial Information*Please enter a value in each box in the following sections pertaining to financial information. Enter N/A if the question does not apply to you.**All students must complete this section.***Student Income Information:****All Students:** Please report the amount you (and your spouse, if married) earned from working in 2023:

	Student	Student Spouse or Partner
Total 2023 Income from Work		

For the tax year 2023, did or will you file your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

- ☐ **Yes** – I have has already filed their 2023 tax return.
(Provide a signed copy of the student's 2023 Federal Tax Return or 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> to obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript or Verification of Non-filing Letter.)
- ☐ **No** - I will not file a 2023 tax return.
 Please indicate which situation applies for 2023. (Select one)
- ☐ I filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. Territory.
- ☐ I filed or will file a foreign tax return.
- ☐ I either earned income in a foreign country but did not and will not file a foreign tax return, or worked for an international organization and was not required to report income on any tax return. International organizations include; the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.
- ☐ Even though they earned income in the U.S. did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income is below the tax filing threshold.
- ☐ I did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.
- ☐ I did not and will not file any tax return because I did not earn any income or was not required to file under the Internal Revenue Code.

Did or will you file a 2023 joint tax return with your current spouse? ___ Yes ___ No ___ N/A
 (If "No" please answer questions in Part Ten: Student Spouse or Partner Financial Information)

Note: Applicants who are required to file an income tax return (i.e., have earnings above the filing threshold) must file in order to complete the AACTUS.

Filing status (select one):

___ Single ___ Head of Household ___ Married Filing Jointly
 ___ Married Filing Separately ___ Qualifying Surviving Spouse

Student: If you or your spouse or partner had untaxed income that was not reported in the boxes above, complete the section below.

Type of Untaxed Income	2023 Amount
IRA deductions and payments to self employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans	
IRA or Pension rollover into another IRA or qualified plan	
Tax exempt interest income	
Untaxed IRA distributions and pensions	

Student: If you or your spouse or partner had any of the following income, complete the section below:

Type	2023 Amount
Amount of college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS	
Foreign earned income exclusion	
Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C	

Enter the total amount you and your spouse or partner received in child support for the last complete calendar year. _____

Note: If student is married or remarried enter the combined amount the student and their spouse received.

Student's Asset Information: As of today, indicate your financial assets in the section below:

Type of Asset	Today's Value
Student's total cash, savings, and checking account balances	
Total <u>net</u> worth of student's investments, including real estate (not including the home in which you live)	
Total <u>net</u> worth of student's businesses and investment farms (include businesses or for-profit agricultural operations)	

Part Nine: Student Spouse or Partner Information

Student Spouse or Partner:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

___SSN or ___ITIN (if available): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Part Ten: Student Spouse or Partner Financial Information

Please enter a value in each box in the following sections pertaining to financial information. Enter N/A if the question does not apply to you.

For the tax year 2023, did or will your spouse or partner file their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

- ☐ **Yes** – My spouse or partner has already filed their 2023 tax return.
 (Provide a signed copy of the spouse or partner's 2023 Federal Tax Return or 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> to obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript or Verification of Non-filing Letter.)

- ☐ **No** - My spouse or partner is not going to file a 2023 tax return.

Please indicate which situation applies to your spouse or partner for 2023. (Select one)

- ☐ My spouse or partner filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. Territory.
- ☐ My spouse or partner filed or will file a foreign tax return.
- ☐ My spouse or partner either earned income in a foreign country but did not and will not file a foreign tax return, or worked for an international organization and was not required to report income on any tax return. International organizations include; the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.
- ☐ My spouse or partner, even though they earned income in the U.S. did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income is below the tax filing threshold.
- ☐ My spouse or partner did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.
- ☐ My spouse or partner did not and will not file any tax return because they did not earn any income.

Filing status (select one):

___ Single ___ Head of Household ___ Married Filing Jointly
 ___ Married Filing Separately ___ Qualifying Surviving Spouse

Student Spouse or Partner: If your spouse or partner had untaxed income that was not reported in the boxes above, complete the section below.

Type of Untaxed Income	2023 Amount
IRA deductions and payments to self employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans	
IRA or Pension rollover into another IRA or qualified plan	
Tax exempt interest income	
Untaxed IRA distributions and pensions	

Student Spouse or Partner: If your spouse or partner had any of the following income, complete the section below:

Type	2023 Amount
Amount of college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS	
Foreign earned income exclusion	
Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C	

Student Spouse or Partner Asset Information: As of today, indicate your spouse or partners' financial assets in the section below:

Type of Asset	Today's Value
Spouse or Partner's total cash, savings, and checking account balances	
Total <u>net</u> worth of spouse or partners investments, including real estate (<i>not</i> including the home in which your spouse or partner lives)	
Total <u>net</u> worth of spouse or partner's businesses and investment farms (<i>include spouse or partner's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations</i>)	

Part Eleven: Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this application certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct.

Willful falsification of information in this application and/or related documentation will have consequences including, but not limited to, cancellation of aid and reporting said conduct violation to college administration.

Giving false or misleading information on this application could subject the applicant to penalties as provided by law.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (Mandatory if student is considered Dependent)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional if student is married)

Date

Submit this application and all required documentation to the financial aid administrator at your school.

Illegible or missing information will delay processing and awarding of financial aid.

Ensure that all relevant sections are completed.

If a section does not apply to you, mark it as "N/A" or "Not Applicable."

Your privacy is important to us!

Information on this application will be shared with school personnel as needed to administer financial aid programs.

Other agencies may request this information: If this occurs, personal data will be omitted whenever possible.