



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

TOP 10 WAYS TO SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

1. Provide Hope & Encouragement

- Reassure students that college is possible, despite the obstacles

2. Don't Make Assumptions

- Don't ask students to self-identify
- Make resources easily available

3. Know Relevant Policies & Legislation

- Understand college-specific admissions and enrollment for undocumented students
- Understand in-state tuition requirements and process (if applicable)
- Keep informed about the federal DREAM Act and immigration issues

4. Find Scholarships

- Keep track of scholarships that don't require citizenship or residency
- Help students apply to as many available scholarships as possible
- Encourage scholarships to allow undocumented students to apply

5. Build Support Network

- Identify mentors/tutors
- Identify allies/advocates/sponsors
- Identify mental health professionals/support groups

6. Identify Role Models

- Identify older undocumented students who can serve as role models

7. Involve Parents

- Educate parents about reasons for undocumented students to pursue college
- Encourage good communication between children and parents
- Invite parents into college process

8. Refer to Legal Service Providers

- Help students obtain individual analyses of their immigration remedies
- Identify reputable, affordable legal service providers in your area
- Encourage students to pursue immigration remedies (if available to them)

9. Instill Agency

- Create a safe community where undocumented students can speak openly
- Start a student group/club to raise awareness about immigration issues
- Encourage students to share their stories with new audiences (when safe)
- Find new funding sources

10. Be There

- To listen
- To help solve problems
- To be a public ally
- To remind students of their dreams, passions, and potential to contribute

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