

# Scholarships Handout for AB540 Students

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## Public Funding – You're NOT eligible!

**Federal – Any money coming from the US**

**Federal Government**

- ◆ FAFSA
- ◆ Americorp
- ◆ McNair

**State – Any money coming from a state agency**

- ◆ Cal Grants
- ◆ University/College Scholarships
- ◆ University/College Grants
- ◆ University/College Fellowships
- ◆ Work-Study

## Private Sources- You ARE eligible, APPLY !!!!!

- ◆ Foundations
- ◆ Community organizations and civic groups
- ◆ Religious or ethnicity-based organizations
- ◆ Organizations related to student's field
- ◆ Local businesses and employers

## Internet Searches

### Search Keywords

"Scholarship 2008" "Scholarship May 2008"  
"Scholarship May 2008"  
"Scholarship 2008 .DOC"  
"Scholarship May 2008 .PDF"  
"List of Scholarships"

## Scholarship Lists

<http://www.latinocollegedollars.org>

<http://www.maldef.org/pdf/Scholarships.pdf>

[http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard/2007\\_Student\\_resource\\_guide.pdf](http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard/2007_Student_resource_guide.pdf) - 52 PAGES!!!

## Loans

Scenarios: Undocumented students may receive loans, but there are several restrictions and qualifications. For Example:

Must have U.S. Citizen or permanent resident borrower who will take out loan for student  
Student must have valid SSN

Must have co-borrower  
Co-borrower must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident  
Student must provide proof of enrollment

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Cal Edge loan must be certified by student's school

## Application

**Frequently Asked Questions that you should be asking at least 5 people ( a Counselor, a Teacher, an AB540 College Student, an AB540 College Grad, parents, community members, etc)**

- ◆ What should my essay look like?
- ◆ What does coming from a sense of empowerment mean?
- ◆ Should I Mention my situation?
- ◆ What if it asks for a Social?
- ◆ What is the worst thing that can happen if I say I am a US citizen?
- ◆ Do they check for immigration status? If so, how?

Credits: Maldef.org, Rep. Roybal-Allard

### **What is an ITIN?**

An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is a tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Service. It is a nine-digit number that always begins with the number 9 and has a 7 or 8 in the fourth digit, example 9XX-7X-XXXX. IRS issues ITINs to individuals who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who do not have, and are not eligible to obtain a Social Security Number (SSN) from the Social Security Administration (SSA). ITINs are issued regardless of immigration status because both resident and nonresident aliens may have U.S. tax return and payment responsibilities under the Internal Revenue Code. Individuals must have a filing requirement and file a valid federal income tax return to receive an ITIN, unless they meet an exception.

### **What is an ITIN used for?**

ITINs are for federal tax reporting only, and are not intended to serve any other purpose. An ITIN does not authorize work in the U.S. or provide eligibility for Social Security benefits or the Earned Income Tax Credit. ITINs are not valid identification outside the tax system.

IRS issues ITINs to help individuals comply with the U.S. tax laws, and to provide a means to efficiently process and account for tax returns and payments for those not eligible for Social Security Numbers.

### **Who needs an ITIN?**

IRS issues ITINs to foreign nationals and others who have federal tax reporting or filing requirements and do not qualify for SSNs. A non-resident alien individual not eligible for an SSN, who is required to file a U.S. tax return only to claim a refund of tax under the provisions of a U.S. tax treaty, needs an ITIN.

*Examples of individuals who need ITINs include:*

*Non-resident alien filing a U.S. tax return and not eligible for an SSN*

*U.S. resident alien (based on days present in the United States) filing a U.S. tax return and not eligible for an SSN*

*Dependent or spouse of a U.S. citizen/resident alien*

*Dependent or spouse of a non-resident alien visa holder*

### **How do I know if I need an ITIN?**

If you do not have an SSN and are not eligible to obtain an SSN, but you have a requirement to furnish a federal tax identification number or file a federal income tax return, you must apply for an ITIN. If you have an application for an SSN pending, do not file Form W-7. Complete Form W-7 only if the Social Security Administration (SSA) notifies you that an SSN cannot be issued.

To obtain an SSN, see Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Number Card. To get Form SS-5 or to find out if you are eligible to obtain an SSN, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or contact an SSA office.

By law, an alien individual cannot have both an ITIN and an SSN.

IRS processes returns showing SSNs or ITINs in the blanks where tax forms request SSNs. IRS no longer accepts, and will not process, forms showing "SSA205c," "applied for," "NRA," blanks, etc.

### **Are ITINs valid for work purposes?**

No. ITINs are for federal income tax purposes only. Getting an ITIN does not change your immigration status or your right to work in the United States.

### **How do I apply for an ITIN?**

Use the February 2008 revision of Form W-7, [Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number](#) to apply. Attach a valid federal income tax return unless you qualify for an exception, and include your original or certified proof of identity documents.

<http://www.irs.gov>