



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

**A Resolution in Support of Expanding Financial Assistance to Undocumented Students**

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**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students Inc., CSUF (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, which sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, undocumented students, including DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), recipients are not eligible to receive federal financial aid;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2017, the ASI Board of Directors passed a Resolution In Support of Undocumented and DACA Students which established a permanent \$500 semesterly scholarship titled the Titan Dreamers Scholarship;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2019, the ASI President increased the Titan Dreamers Scholarship budget from \$1,000 per academic year to \$10,000 per academic year for the 2019-2020 academic year;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Titan Dreamers Scholarship was expanded from one (1) \$500 scholarship per semester to five (5) \$1,000 scholarships per semester for the 2019-2020 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017 the DACA program has undergone legal uncertainty and as of April 2020 the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has yet to make a decision regarding the future of the program;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19, Coronavirus, pandemic has led to adverse impacts on college students, including undocumented students, including the economic impacts of unemployment, significant adjustments to academic learning, and public health concerns;<sup>5</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/05092017-Resolution-in-Support-of-Undocumented-and-DACA-Students.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Consolidated-Budget-2019-20.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://diverseeducation.com/article/172691/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://diverseeducation.com/article/172691/>

**WHEREAS**, the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act excludes undocumented individuals from being eligible to receive this assistance;<sup>6</sup> therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that with the adoption of the resolution, ASI continues to support undocumented students in their efforts to pursue their educational goals; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI increases the annual funding for the Titan Dreamers Scholarship to \$20,000 per academic year henceforth; and let it be

**RESOLVED**, that the \$20,000 per academic year shall fund ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships per Fall and Spring semester henceforth; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: the Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Titan Dreamers Resource Center, the Academic Senate, and the ASI Executive Director and applicable ASI departments for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the nineteenth day of May in the year two thousand and twenty.

  
Lorren Baker (May 28, 2020 08:41 PDT)

Lorren Amelia Baker  
Chair, Board of Directors

  
Brittany Cook (May 28, 2020 22:12 PDT)

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Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors

<sup>6</sup> <https://diverseeducation.com/article/172691/>