

APRIL COCKERHAM DREAM ACT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) was first introduced in 2001 to benefit foreign aliens and their children seeking new lives and new opportunities in the United States. The act has not been passed by Congress, and despite resistance from many legislative and judicial bodies, executive action from President Obama enacting key portions of the DREAM Act represents progress for immigrants everywhere.

There is still much to be done, however, before immigrants can enjoy the full benefits of a clear path to U.S. citizenship, and many individuals will strive tirelessly in social, political, and legal arenas in order to achieve the necessary reforms. It takes a special kind of person to advocate for justice—a person who is willing to champion equal rights at the expense of certain privileges and exclusive beliefs held by many individuals and groups in our country. Now, more than ever, the individuals who desire to make a measurable difference in the area of immigration reform must be well educated, highly motivated, and have a hands-on understanding of the issues and policies in the U.S. and around the world.

The [April Cockerham](#) DREAM Act Scholarship is designed to support individuals who are interested in making a difference in the lives of immigrants and other non-native individuals living in the United States. By furthering the educational goals of these unique members of our nation, Ms. Cockerham looks to invest in a richer, more inclusive future for our country and those who seek to join it.

April Cockerham is proud to offer this \$500 scholarship to students pursuing any level of post-secondary education who submit materials in accordance with the following guidelines.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- The scholarship program is available to undergraduate, graduate, and law school students as well as incoming college freshmen.
- The candidate must be in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA.

Application Requirements:

The April Cockerham DREAM Act Scholarship program invites all candidates who meet the aforementioned criteria to apply. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

The scholarship candidate must submit a 700-word essay or statement that considers current immigration conditions and reforms in the United States and offers at least two concrete ways that these conditions might be improved.

The scholarship candidate must submit a professional resume listing past academic, professional, and volunteer experience.

The scholarship candidate must submit a current official transcript from his or her school. First-year college students, graduate students, or individuals who have recently transferred between schools may submit an unofficial transcript from their current institution, as well as their most recent official transcript from a prior school.

Application Instructions and Deadline:

Fax or mail submissions may be addressed to:

April Cockerham DREAM Act Scholarship
Attn: Firm Administrator
409 7th Street NW
Suite 235
Washington, DC 20004
Fax: (202) 664-1331

If students wish to email their application, please send all required information to: scholarships@thevisafirm.com

To be considered eligible for this scholarship, interested students must submit a completed application along with the above requirements no later than May 1, 2016. The results of the scholarship program will be announced later this year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

(Name) Last	First	MI

Date of Application		

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone (Home/Mobile)	Email		

Address	Apt/Suite		

City	State	Zip	Country

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Current Year of Study	Major

Current School/Most Recent School	

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