

OTHER LOAN OPTIONS FOR DACA STUDENTS

Research other loan products to find the lowest cost, most student-friendly option for your degree and institution¹

MPOWER Financing

- No cosigner or credit history required.
- Must be admitted to one of 400+ MPOWER partner schools and be within 2 years of graduating.

Ascent

- Option for cosigned or no cosigned loans with general graduate school loans as well as specific loan products for business school, medical fields, law school, and dental school.

Discover

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident cosigner required for DACA students.
- General graduate school loans and specific loan products for business school, health professions, law.

Self-Help

- Co-signer required for borrowers that do not have sufficient income at application to qualify.
- Must be enrolled full-time at a qualifying medical or law school. Current geographies include Miami-Dade County, Chicago, and California.

SoFi

- Available with or without a cosigner.
- General graduate school loans as well as law and business school-specific loan products.

Earnest

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident cosigner required for DACA students.
- Social Security Number required with a minimum FICO score of 650 and no adverse credit history.

Tips for Researching other Loan Options

- When evaluating other loan options, **always compare the annual percentage rate (APR), or annual rate of interest charged to borrowers**, to understand the true yearly cost of funds over the term of a loan. The APR is a bottom-line number that can easily be compared with rates from other lenders.
- **Understand the terms and conditions of the loan.** How long will you have to pay back the loan? What are the repayment options? Are there any deferment options for when you are in-school, in a residency program, or have a temporary hardship? What are the terms of deferment?

1. Information contained in this slide is based on publicly available information from each of the above-listed lenders' sites at the time this document was created. Please independently verify the terms, conditions, and eligibility criteria for each lender.