

# In-State Tuition and Financial Support Guide for Students and Parents in Massachusetts



Undocumented students in Massachusetts are now able to receive in-state tuition and financial support to afford higher education. This guide is meant to help ensure a successful application process.

## Step One: Check if You Qualify

- I have attended a Massachusetts public high school for 3 years (partial years count),
- AND**
- I have graduated with a high school diploma or its equivalent, like a GED.



## Step Two: Get Your Paperwork

- I have submitted my high school transcripts, diploma, or proof of graduation like a GED certificate to my college.

**NOTE:** Your college must receive your high school transcripts, diploma, or proof of graduation like a GED certificate before you proceed to Step Three.

## Step Three: Fill out the Tuition Equity Eligibility Form

- Fill out the **Tuition Equity Eligibility Form!** The form for HS students is [found here](#). The form for all other students is [found here](#) - or scan the QR code.

**NOTE:** There are several ways you can meet requirement #5 on the form, but the most common method is to **submit an affidavit**, which is found on the second page of the form.



Once you fill out the Tuition Equity Eligibility Form, you will be assessed to be eligible for “high school completer” status by the institution of your choice.

## Step Four: Complete the MASFA application

- Fill out the **Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA) application**, [found here](#) or scan the QR code.

The MASFA is the state-approved form equivalent to the FAFSA and will be used by the student’s institution to determine their eligibility for need-based financial aid.

**NOTE:** If you live with your parents or guardians, you will their financial information and signature to complete the application.



Filling out the MASFA doesn't guarantee financial aid, but it allows all students to be considered under equal terms.

## Step Five: Stay Tuned!

- The Office of Student Financial Assistance and your university or college should be in touch with you with further updates! Make sure to check your inbox and follow up to ensure your application is being processed.
- You can apply to the most current academic year and the most recent academic year retroactively.
- Have questions? [Here is a helpful Q&A!](#)