



EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

Supporting undocumented students in their pursuit of college, career, and contribution

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E4FC RELEASES “LIFE AFTER COLLEGE GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS”

This 73-page guide contains valuable information, tips, and resources to help undocumented students navigate life after graduation.

“Often it can seem as though undocumented students have very few options upon graduating from college,” says Katharine Gin, Cofounder and Executive Director of Educators for Fair Consideration. “We published this guide to show students that possibilities *do* exist. We hope that students will read this guide and feel encouraged and unafraid about their futures.”

The guide has been written to be as inclusive and comprehensive as possible by including personal narratives, student testimonials and advice from experts. It covers a range of topics, including graduate schools, professional schools, and internships. It also educates students about opportunities to earn a living within the current legal system. “We want students to know that they can legally earn a living, even though they cannot be legally employed,” says Gin.

“Graduating from college as an undocumented student was very challenging. All throughout college I worked very hard and carefully developed a plan of action, but things did not work out as planned. Within a year after graduating, I found myself lost, hopeless and unclear about what the future would hold for me,” says Iliana Perez, author of *Life After College Guide for Undocumented Students*. “I created this guide as a way to show undocumented students that there are many opportunities and reasons to be hopeful.”

The guide has received positive reviews from around the country.

“The guide is an inspirational and practical resource for students who are facing challenging dilemmas on how to continue in higher education or earn a living. Students can learn that real options are available and connect with supportive allies in the community like E4FC.” -- Bill Ong Hing, University of San Francisco School of Law

“The *Life After College Guide* is excellent. It is probably the most valuable guide produced so far for undocumented students, and it is written BY undocumented students, which is wonderful. This will be an invaluable guide to undocumented students who are in high

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school, university, and have already graduated.” -- Mark Silverman, Immigrant Legal Resource Center

"*The Life After College Guide* is a thorough, practical resource for undocumented students trying to navigate the complexities of earning a living, society, and immigration law. I highly recommend it." -- Stephen Yale-Loehr, Cornell Law School

About Educators For Fair Consideration (E4FC)

Educators for Fair Consideration’s mission is to support undocumented students in realizing their academic and career goals and actively contributing to society. Since 2006, we have offered scholarships, legal services, career internships, and a peer network for undocumented students in the San Francisco Bay Area. We also lead presentations and create educational materials to raise awareness about the needs of undocumented students nationwide.

About the Author

ILIANA PEREZ was born in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico and immigrated to the United States when she was eight years old. With the support and encouragement from her parents, family and friends, she graduated with academic and university honors from California State University, Fresno with a degree in Mathematics and minors in Economics and Business. Upon graduation, Iliana went on to pursue a Master’s Degree in Global Political Economy and Finance at the New School for Social Research in New York City. She believes that every student deserves the right to an education regardless of legal status. Because of her personal and educational history, she feels committed to bringing change to immigrant communities and later to communities in Mexico. Iliana would like to embark on an academic career that will ultimately prepare her for a career in academia as a professor. Iliana is currently a first-year Ph.D. student in the department of Educational Studies at Claremont Graduate University.

Link to the guide:

http://e4fc.org/images/E4FC_LifeAfterCollegeGuide.pdf

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