

## La Matrícula Estatal en Wisconsin

**La Matrícula Estatal para Estudiantes Inmigrantes.** En julio 2009, después de 10 años de lucha, la matrícula estatal para estudiantes inmigrantes fue aprobada como parte del presupuesto estatal de Wisconsin de 2009-2011. Antes de pasar esta nueva ley, los estudiantes inmigrantes indocumentados no eran considerados residentes de Wisconsin y por eso no calificaban para la matrícula estatal en las universidades y colegios técnicos del estado. Esta barrera hacía que la educación superior fuera económicamente inaccesible para muchos estudiantes dedicados y con mucho talento que han vivido en Wisconsin la mayor parte de sus vidas, y que deseaban continuar estudiando para contribuir positivamente a nuestro estado.

Ahora, con la aprobación de la matrícula estatal, los estudiantes inmigrantes pueden estudiar en las universidades públicas y escuelas técnicas del estado, pagando el mismo precio que los otros compañeros de clase de la preparatoria. Para calificar, el estudiante tendrá que: 1) haber vivido en el estado de Wisconsin continuamente por lo menos tres años, 2) haberse graduado de la preparatoria o haber recibido un diploma GED en Wisconsin, y 3) presentar una declaración jurada a la universidad que declara que el estudiante solicitará la visa de residencia permanente en cuanto sea posible.

## In-State Tuition in Wisconsin

**In-State Tuition for Immigrant Students** In July 2009, after 10 years of struggle, in-state tuition for immigrant students was approved as a part of the 2009-2011 Wisconsin State Budget. Before this new law passed, undocumented immigrant students were not considered residents of Wisconsin and therefore did not qualify for in-state tuition rates. This barrier made higher education financially unavailable to many dedicated, talented students who have lived most of their lives in Wisconsin and who desire to contribute positively to our state.

With the passing of in-state tuition, immigrant students are now able to attend state universities and technical colleges paying the same rates as their high school classmates. To qualify, a student will have to: 1) live in the State of Wisconsin continuously for at least three years, 2) graduate from a high school or receive a GED in Wisconsin, and 3) present the institution with an affidavit stating that they have or will apply for permanent residency once they are eligible.

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36.27 (2) (cr) A person who is a citizen of a country other than the United States is entitled to the exemption under par. (a) if that person meets all of the following requirements:

1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from this state.
2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least 3 years following the first day of attending a high school in this state or immediately preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.
3. The person enrolls in an institution and provides that institution with proof that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so.