Free Immigration Legal Services at SJSU

UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center

Direct immigration legal services are available free of cost to ALL CSU students, recent alumni, employees, and their immediate families. At San Jose State University, individuals can schedule an appointment with an immigration attorney from Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD), a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing free immigration legal services.

ILD can provide consultations and case representation in most immigration cases. Services include (but are not limited to):

- Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
- Advance Parole
- Temporary Protective Status (TPS) or Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Family petitions
- U & T visas
- VAWA petitions
- Refugee/Asylum
- Applications for Lawful Permanent Resident Status
- Citizenship



Services are FREE TO ALL SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and their immediate family members.

You can request translation support in the appointment intake form.

To request an appointment visit the UndocuSpartan website at: sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/

Contact the Undocuspartan Student Resource Center if you have any questions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can use the Immigration Legal Services at SJSU?

ALL SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and their immediate family members (including parents, siblings, spouse, children, and/or legal guardian). Services are available year round.

How do I register for an appointment with the legal services?

Individuals can request to meet with an Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) attorney through our website sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/ under the Help > Legal Services tab.

Can I meet with an immigration attorney outside of the scheduled dates if my case is time sensitive?

Absolutely. Individuals can let us know what works best for them in the comment section of the sign up form. Individuals may also email us at <u>undocuspartan@sjsu.edu</u> for more information.

How will appointments take place?

All consultations will be held over the phone or zoom until further notice.

How can I schedule an appointment for a family member? Ex. Parent/guardian, brother/sister, spouse, child

Students, recent alumni, staff, and faculty can sign up on behalf of family members. When scheduling an appointment, please make sure to include the preferred contact information for the family member so ILD can contact them directly during the appointment time.

Do I have to pay for a consultation or for representation in an immigration case?

No. All consultations, appointments and case representation are free of cost to SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and immediate family members. The only cost to the client would be possible immigration fees.

Can I request to speak to an attorney in a language other than English?

Yes. ILD will do their best to provide an attorney who speaks the requested language or provide a professional interpreter to support in any language upon request. Please use the comment section in the intake form to indicate your preferred language for the consultation and if any additional accommodations are needed for the appointment.

What are Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings?

Individuals who are not U.S. citizens can request an appointment to learn about their eligibility for current immigration statuses that can provide them with a pathway towards Permanent Residency, citizenship, or other forms of immigration relief. Clients will also receive information on the next steps to take in order to proceed with their case.

I am an alumni; can I still receive free legal support through the CSU Legal Services?

Yes. Recent alumni who graduated within the last two years can access the CSU Immigration Legal Services through ILD.

If I already met with another immigration attorney, can I still use the Immigration Legal Services at SJSU?

Yes. Individuals have the legal right to seek second legal advice or change their legal representatives if they wish to do so.

Is there funding available for SJSU students to cover the \$495 DACA application fee?

Yes, funding is available for students that are registered at SJSU. Family members who are not enrolled at SJSU are not eligible to receive the grant, but may inquire directly with ILD to see if any other financial support is available outside of the SJSU campus. To request DACA fee assistance through SJSU, please fill out our request form (must be signed in to your SJSU email). Access the DACA Fee Assistance Request From here: https://forms.gle/Mu1afH4bw36pQDHd8

Is there a limit to how many appointments we can make with ILD?

No. You can request as many appointments as necessary with ILD either through the USRC or through your ILD attorney directly.