



California Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI)

California's Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI) will support undocumented Californians impacted by COVID-19 with a one-time cash benefit of \$500 per adult and a cap of \$1,000 per household.

To protect undocumented people, this money will be distributed through trusted nonprofit organizations. Catholic Charities of California will distribute funds in San Mateo County.



Time Sensitive - First come, first served!

Apply right away - funds are limited.



Am I eligible? Yes, if you can verify that you:

1. Are an undocumented adult over the age of 18;
2. Are not eligible for federal COVID-19 assistance such as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) stimulus payment or pandemic unemployment benefits; and
3. Have experienced financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.



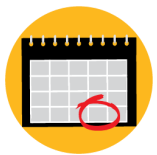
How do I apply?

Call Catholic Charities of California at **866-490-3899** or **415-324-1011**.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/covid-19-relief/drai.html>.

Applications are **only** accepted by phone.



When can I apply?

Monday, May 18, 2020

Deadline to apply is June 30th or until funds run out.

California Disaster Relief Assistance DRAI

Frequently Asked Questions from Catholic Charities of California

How do I apply for DRAI?

DRAI applications for undocumented adults living in the Bay Area begin Monday, May 18, 2020 and are only accepted by phone. The phone number will be published as soon as it is available.

Am I eligible for DRAI?

To be eligible for DRAI, you must be able to verify that you:

1. *Are an undocumented adult over the age of 18;*
2. *Are not eligible for federal COVID-19 assistance such as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) stimulus payment or pandemic unemployment benefits; and*
3. *Have experienced financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.*

What documents do I need to apply for DRAI?

During the telephone application process, the DRAI team will ask you for documents to verify your identity, home or mailing address, and how you have been affected by COVID-19. The verification documents required will be explained to you when you call to apply.

How is the DRAI distributed?

Applicants who are approved for DRAI will receive a prepaid card with the one-time assistance either through the mail or pre-arranged pick-up at a safe location and with adherence to social distancing practices.

Will receiving DRAI make me a public charge and affect my ability to apply for a green card (i.e. legal permanent resident status)?

This disaster relief assistance is not means-tested and is one-time assistance. The federal government does not list this assistance as a public benefit for public charge consideration. However, USCIS has not issued specific guidance related to this assistance. If you have questions about your immigration status and this assistance project, please consult an immigration attorney. More information, including a list of free and low-cost immigration services providers, is available in the new [Guide for Immigrant Californians](#).

Is the personal information I provide to apply for DRAI protected?

The information you provide our DRAI team will only be used to confirm your eligibility and assist you in the application process. Our team will provide general demographic information (e.g. age, gender, preferred language) to the State of California about applicants,

but none of your personal information (e.g. name, address) will be given to any government agency.

How long do I have to apply for DRAI?

Direct assistance will be available starting May 18, 2020 and distributed until the funding is spent or until June 30, 2020 at the latest. Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Given the economic hardship undocumented adults are experiencing due to COVID-19, this disaster relief assistance may run out within a very short period, so we encourage you to apply early. Please note: Disaster relief application services and assistance are not guaranteed. Applicants may only seek application assistance with the organization(s) assigned to their county of residency.

For additional information about California services and programs for immigrants please visit the [Guide for Immigrant Californians](#), which includes information about jobs, wages, and benefits, and small business and housing supports.