

**Council of Graduate Students**  
**Michigan State University**

**Resolution:** 18-FS-24

**Title:** A resolution to establish the COGS Graduate DREAMers Fund

**Introduced by:** Finance Committee

**Introduced on:** November 14, 2018

**Supported by:**

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY ENACTS:**

WHEREAS, in 2016, the 2015-2016 COGS Full Council passed resolution 16-SS-21: Resolution to Establish the COGS DREAMers in Higher Education Grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of 16-SS-21 was to create a scholarship fund that would be used to support DREAMers seeking an education at MSU; and,

WHEREAS, 16-SS-21 defined DREAMers as individuals who meet the general requirements of the proposed Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act; and,

WHEREAS, 16-SS-21 set aside \$2,500 in the budget as seed money for this fund; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016-2017 Full Council reaffirmed a desire to establish this scholarship in 16-FS-21: A Resolution in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and DREAMers; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent steps were not taken to create said scholarship; and,

RECOGNIZING, that under the current political climate, it is not ethical for COGS to ask DREAMer students to self-identify to our organization; and,

RECOGNIZING, a desire on the part of past Full Council's to support MSU students who are undocumented; and,

RECOGNIZING, the specific mission of COGS to represent the graduate and professional student community; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the scholarship fund proposed in 16-SS-21 and 16-FS-21 be re-conceptualized to aid current MSU graduate and professional students who are undocumented; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that MSU's Immigration Law Clinic will determine when a graduate, undocumented client is in need of funds to support their attempts to gain status; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Immigration Law Clinic will contact the COGS office to request a transfer of funds, up to but not exceeding \$1,000 per student; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Immigration Law Clinic will not share the identity of the student seeking funding; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, COGS will allocate at least \$2,500 in the budget annually to support MSU DREAMer students; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the funds will be dispersed on a first-come, first-serve basis; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that any funds unused at the end of the fiscal year will be rolled-over to the DREAMers line item the subsequent year; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Immigration Law Clinic will provide an annual report to COGS detailing the number of students aided and how funds were utilized, withholding all identifying information; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the COGS Treasurer will report these details and the balance of the fund to the Full Council on an annual basis; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the COGS Treasurer will meet with representatives from the Immigration Law Clinic every two years, at minimum, to check on the status of the fund; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

INTRODUCED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

41 FOR  
2 AGAINST  
4 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President