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Illegal immigrant students want 'tuition equality'

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - A group of [graduating](#) high school seniors is pledging to carry on with their education despite the challenges of being illegally in the country.

On Saturday, [students](#) and their supporters around the state will tie on blue ribbon bracelets symbolizing their commitment to education and what they call "tuition equality."

Students who can't prove citizenship are not eligible for in-state tuition. According to the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, which is sponsoring the effort, those students must pay three times as much as their classmates to attend public universities in Tennessee.

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The six comments below are why this is such an issue, illegals in America. What I don't get (does anyone) is when they are so proud to voice that they are not legal and they smile about it, why not put them in a bus and haul them back to Mexico or wherever. Oh wait, that would be insensitive...

Jennifer A. Ray

23 mins ago

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So they are here illegally, not paying taxes, etc. but they want equality? OK, let's get these people up to par with the rest of us regarding contributing their fair share in taxes and then we can talk about cutting rates on benefits. My taxes are not being paid to foot the bill for those who are not paying their fair share. It seems as if their idea of 'equality' is for the rest of us law-abiding tax-paying citizens to give them a free ride.

Katie

30 mins ago

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Yeah, really and if they are here illegally and get pregnant and have a kid that kid automatically becomes a US citizen! And if they get on welfare WE pay for it to be born here! But you work all your life as a US citizen and get old and you don't get JACK! They try to take away everything they can from our elderly citizens! I say it's time to stop kissing illegal --- and take care of our own!

catinahat63

1 hour ago

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Paying three times the amount sounds like a good fine for being in the country illegally!!!

brian21285

3 hours ago

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I don't want one cent of my money to go for anything illegal... Why are they not deported immediately when they come out and say they are illegals????

Rudyard

3 hours ago

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And Tennessee students still have to prove residency...sigh....

Monsterous

3 hours ago

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Why not, they already get everything else free as well. Look how many of them are on the entitlement programs like food stamps, welfare, etc. If they want an education, they go back home!!! I am so tired not being able to attend college myself due to financial reasons, but all of these **** illegal aliens get everything handed to them on a silver platter. What happened to deporting all of these terrorists???

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