

# WOMEN GRADUATES–USA

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## Resolution

**Issue:** U.S. DREAM ACT

**Resolution Title:** Support U.S. Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act

**Resolution Number:** 2011.2.R4

**Resolution Text:**

*WG-USA resolves to encourage action and support among members and others for the passage of the U.S. Dream (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act at the national level and at the state level in related legislation improving the educational opportunities of alien minors brought into the U.S. as children.*

## **Rationale:**

This resolution supports the work of the Working Group on Access to Education for Women and Girls in that the DREAM Act will make possible higher education opportunities, grants, and scholarships currently reserved for students with legal status in the U.S. Alien minors who were brought to the U.S. years ago, illegally, through no fault of their own, are in immigration limbo with no recourse to improve their condition or to graduate and obtain jobs. The Working Group has chosen to focus our initial efforts on immigrant high schoolgirls, and the Dream Act directly relates to the undocumented immigrants among that group.

For a more detailed description of the DREAM Act and the reasons it is needed, please see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/DREAM-Act-WhiteHouse-FactSheet.pdf> In July, 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a CA version (a more limited version) of the Dream Act, and Gov. Quinn signed a similar one in Illinois on Aug. 5, 2011.



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