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The Dream Act From KQED’s Perspectives, 11/2010

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Not being a U.S. citizen _______ a handicap when I was younger. I just knew I had _______ careful about telling people I was _______ in Mexico. My family _______ to begin the naturalization process, but _______ scared of what might happen. We have family friends who've _______ and ended up getting deported. My parents are scared the same thing could happen______ us. We have no idea what ________

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And then there's the fact that _________ a degree might not guarantee ____a great job. I don't have ___ social security number or other documentation employers look for. So finding a _____that pays me well will be _______.

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There have been times where I've asked myself ________ I'm working so hard when my status is working against me. I've felt like giving ______. It's scary -- I have no idea ______my parents and I will be able ___ _____ for my education without ________. But my parents always taught me that _____ ___________ is the best way to get ahead in life. And I'm not going to let them down.

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