

Ways You Can Help Undocumented Youth

1. If students come to you looking for information about or help with DACA, refer them to www.weownthedream.org, here they can learn all about DACA. This website can help your students determine their eligibility for DACA and complete their application.
2. Some people complete DACA applications without legal assistance, but it may be helpful to consult a licensed attorney or Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative. If your students want legal assistance, OWN the DREAM will link indigent students with a volunteer lawyer.
3. Discourage your student from using an unlicensed legal consultant or "notarios," who may provide bad advice or may charge exorbitant fees.
4. Encourage school administrators to provide students applying for DACA with materials they need like transcripts, yearbooks, enrollment and attendance records.

OTHER RESOURCES

FINDING LEGAL HELP

- To help an undocumented youth find a free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services provider, please see OWN the DREAM, Find Legal Help, available at www.weownthedream.org/legalhelp
- To find a private immigration attorney to help with a case, visit AILA's Immigration Lawyer Search www.ailalawyer.com or the National Immigration Project's Lawyer Referral Director www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/find.htm

DACA FORMS

These following forms are all available at www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals:

- USCIS Form and Instructions for Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- USCIS Employment Authorization Application and Worksheet
- Form to Request Notification when your Application is received

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATION FEES: DACA LOAN PROGRAMS

For the most updated list of DACA loan programs, please see Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, Expanding Financial Access for Immigrants: Loans for DREAMers, available at www.gcir.org/system/files/DACA%20Loan%20One-Pager%203.18.13_0.pdf

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Great Public Schools for Every Student

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Want to help your undocumented student go to college?
See if they are eligible for DACA.
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OWN the DREAM is a national campaign supported by leading immigrants' rights non-profits to help aspiring Americans brought to this country as children, request, if eligible, DACA. Check us out at www.weownthedream.org

What is DACA?

On June 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a program for certain undocumented youth called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Persons granted DACA are protected from deportation for two years, subject to renewal, and provided with a work authorization permit.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Be under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday;
3. Have lived in the U.S. continuously since June 15, 2007;
4. Entered illegally before June 15, 2012, or your immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
5. Was physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your DACA application;
6. Are currently attending school, have a high school degree or general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard; AND
7. Have not been convicted of certain crimes.

NOTE ABOUT THE AGE REQUIREMENT

Applicants have to be at least 15 years old to apply for DACA unless you are in immigration court or are under an order to depart the country.

FILING FEE

Absent extraordinary circumstances, the DACA application fee is \$465

Eligibility Screening & Application Preparation with OWN the DREAM help

These resources can make a huge difference in your aspiring American students' lives. You may want to familiarize yourself with the DACA application process so you can guide your students to these resources. However, you should not provide legal advice, and you should encourage any minor students to work with a parent or guardian on the application.

Encourage your students to visit www.weownthedream.org to find:

1. An online screening tool to help them determine their eligibility for DACA and help with the application process
2. A directory of undocumented-run free legal clinics, low cost legal service providers and trustworthy private attorneys who can help
3. Helpful videos
4. Answers to frequently asked questions.

Encourage your students and others you know to download the free pocket DACA App for iPhone and Android phones. The App puts a powerful DACA screening tool, the latest resources and ways to get involved right in the palm of everyone's hands.

Educators seeking additional information on DACA can contact us at: info@weownthedream.org or call (855) DREAM-31.

Other Ways You Can Help

1. Do not inquire or make assumptions about students' immigration status. Either provide resources only to students who ask for them, or make information and resources available to all students.
2. Tell undocumented students they can go to college, but they may need to do some additional research because some options and services may not be available to them.
3. Help students identify scholarships that don't require citizenship or permanent residency. Encourage other scholarship sponsors to change their policies regarding exclusion of undocumented students.
4. Help students get ongoing mentoring and advice, even after the college admissions process.
5. Learn about Senate Bill 744 (which includes DREAM Act 2013) and respective state legislation that support undocumented students.
6. Identify older students to serve as role models for young undocumented students.
7. Encourage students to explore whether they are eligible for other immigration remedies. Encourage students to visit OWN the DREAM website to find legal help.