WHAT IS DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)?

According to the USCIS, the DACA process was created by the Secretary of Homeland Security to offer relief from removal (in 2 or 3 year increments) for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children and who met several key criteria. DACA is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion and does not provide lawful status. Individuals approved for DACA status may also be eligible to obtain legal employment in the United States.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR DACA?

The USCIS has developed a DACA Toolkit for Community Partners that provides a comprehensive examination of the DACA program eligibility, application process and other important information.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO REQUEST/RENEW DACA STATUS?

Individuals requesting deferred action must submit three forms: Form 1-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization; and Form I-765WS Form I-765 Worksheet.

Instructions for Form 1-821D are available at:

Instructions for Form 1-765 are available at:

Requests for renewals should be submitted to USCIS no less than 120 days and no more than 150 days prior to expiration of the current period of deferred action.

ARE LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE DACA APPLICATION PROCESS?

Yes! The UCLA Student Legal Services provides DACA application assistance to UCLA students. To schedule an appointment with Student Legal Services please, visit: www.studentlegal.ucla.edu, *click on appointments,* and complete the Student Legal Services Case Intake Form.

UCLA Student Legal Services
A239 Murphy Hall, Box 951439
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1439
Tel: (310) 825-9894

DACA Toolkit

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has published a new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Toolkit for Community Partners. The toolkit includes information regarding:

- DACA program overview
- "How Do I Request Consideration of DACA?"
- Tip sheet
- Frequently asked questions
- DACA process infographic
- "Avoid Immigration Scams" flyer
- List of federal government resources

ARE THERE CAMPUS JOBS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE DACA STATUS?

Yes! Students who have a valid DACA Employment Authorization can seek out job opportunities at the UCLA Career Center and through President’s Work-Study.

UCLA Career Center
501 Westwood Plaza (at Strathmore), 2nd & 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1573
Tel: (310) 206-1915

University Work-Study
Subject to availability of funds, University Work-Study is available to eligible ABS40 students who have a valid DACA Employment Authorization and completed a CA Dream Act application by the March 2nd priority filing deadline. Students must also have an Expected family Contribution (EFC) of no higher than $12,000 and DACA Employment Authorization valid for a minimum of 3 months after hire date.

Students who meet eligibility requirements and would like to be considered for President’s Work-Study must submit a completed Work-Study Request form and a copy of their DACA Employment Authorization card to the UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships office. Students who are awarded President’s Work-Study may be eligible for awards ranging from $1,500 to $2,000 depending on the grade level.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS TO REQUEST/RENEW DACA STATUS?

According to USCIS, individuals requesting deferred action must pay $465 in fees. This amount reflects an $85 biometric fee for a background check and a $380 fee for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

ARE THERE OUTSIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE DACA APPLICATION FEE?

Yes! There is a variety of loan and fee assistance programs available to DACA applicants. These are just a few of the programs available to assist with the DACA application fee:

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DREAMer LOAN PROGRAM

The California Community Foundation DREAMer Loan Program is a joint venture between the California Community Foundation and participating credit unions that provide loan assistance to finance the $465 DACA application fee.

For more information, please contact:
Louie Velazquez
Pacoima Federal Credit Union
13168 Van Nuys Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331
Tel: (818) 899-8506
lvelazquez@pacoimafcu.org
www.pacoimafcu.org

Must be or become a member of Pacoima Federal Credit Union. Please call for requirements.

Debbie Hernandez
Family Federal Credit Union
PO BOX 190
1000 N. Avalon Blvd.
Wilmington, CA 90748
Tel: (310) 835-6132
Fax:(310)835-0656
information@familyfcu.org
www.familyfcu.org

Must be or become a member of Family FCU. Please call for requirements.

USCIS FEE EXEMPTION

USCIS DACA Fee exemptions are available in very limited circumstances. For more information, please visit:

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

YOUTH POLICY INSTITUTE

The Youth Policy Institute – Offers DACA assistance and resources where prospective DACA applicants can obtain more information regarding the DACA loan.

For more information, please contact:
Ana Cornejo Fuentes
10896 Lehigh Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331
Tel: (818) 302-3265
afuentes@ypusa.org
The Mexican Consulate
2401 W 6th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 351-6825
The Mexican Consulate offers DACA application assistance to Mexican Citizens.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals
(800) 375-5283

Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
CHIRLA offers immigration legal services. CHIRLA’s programs include: assistance in applying for DACA, applying for citizenship, and renewal of permanent residency card. For more information, please visit or contact:
http://www.chirla.org/
2533 West 3rd Street Suite 101
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(888) 624-4752
info@chirla.org

Los Angeles Public Library Citizenship Corners
http://www.lapl.org/citizenship

Every public library in Los Angeles has a Citizenship Corner. This collaborative effort between Mayor Garcetti’s Office and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides resources for students and their families including assistance with DACA, AB60, and applying for citizenship.

The UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships office does not endorse any DACA application fee assistance program.