

## List of Necessary Documents for DACA

As the result of the December 4, 2020 Federal Court decision, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is accepting new applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). In order to start preparing your application, below you will find of list of documentation you can start gathering.

In order to qualify for DACA, you must:

- Be at least 15 years old now (or younger than 15 if you have a deportation order)
- Have come to the U.S. before turning 16 years old
- Been born after June 15, 1981
- Have continuously lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007
- Been present in the U.S. without status on June 15, 2012
- **Have not been convicted of a felony, a “significant” misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors of any kind, and do not pose a threat to public safety or national security**
- Be currently enrolled in school, have graduated from high school or have a GED, or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard

You will need to gather the following documents to assess and prove you qualify for Deferred Action:

**(1) Proof of Identity**

- Passport, or
- Birth certificate accompanied by photo ID

**(2) Proof that you entered the United States before the age of 16, and that you have been living in the U.S. since June 15, 2007** (you may have one document that will prove both of these things, or you may need more than one kind of proof for each.

**For example:** If you came to the U.S. on June 1, 2007, but did not enroll in school until September 2007, you may need two kinds of proof.)

- School Records (diplomas, report cards, transcripts, GED certificate, college acceptance letters, school ID) from schools you attended. It must show the dates of attendance. Ask your school for your attendance record and the Student Historical Profile Report (RHSP).
- Hospital or Medical Records (NYS health insurance/child health plus, visits to clinics, hospital, dentist, or doctor, vaccination/immunization records)
- Travel Records (All passports, including expired ones, I-94 or arrival/departure card, plane or train tickets/reservations/itineraries)

- Employment Records/Financial Records (Bank account statements, paychecks, listed as dependent on someone's tax return, cell phone bills, internet bills, rent receipts, contracts, lease, etc.)
  - Life Events (marriage certificates, birth of your children, confirmation or baptismal records from church, graduations)\*
- (3) **Proof** you were **physically present in the US on June 15, 2012**. You may already have one document in the previous section that proves this, but you could also use:
- Mail or magazine subscriptions
  - Receipts for purchases you made with your name on them (think of any on-line orders you may have made)
  - Yearbooks, printed dated photos in front of U.S. landmarks, social media (i.e. tagged photos on Facebook)
- (4) **Proof** of ONE of these:
- Currently enrolled in HS school (Class schedule and student ID)
  - High school diploma or GED certificate
  - Honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed forces or Coast Guard
- (5) Copies of any tickets or certificates of dispositions if you have ever been arrested
- (6) **Proof you were not in status on June 15, 2012:**
- If you entered with a visa, a copy of the I-94 or arrival and departure document that shows the expiration date (or if you extended your stay, any other notices from the immigration service that show when you authorized stay expired, like an I-20 if you were an F-1 or I-797 notice from USCIS).
  - You do not need any documents if you never had immigration status, BUT
  - If you don't remember or know how you got here, get more information about how you entered the U.S. (i.e. where you entered, if it was by car, by foot, by plane).
- (7) You will also need:
- A check or money order for \$495** payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - 2 passport size photos** (2inch x 2 inch)
  - A list of every address you have ever lived at since you came to the U.S. and the dates you live there**
  - An estimate of how much you earn per year if you are working.

**Once you have all your documents:**

- Organize school and medical records in chronological order (Oldest → Newest)
- Scan all documents using a scanner, or use an app on your phone to scan them
  - <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/mobile/scanner-app.html>
- Please note we will not submit applications until we receive guidelines from USCIS