

# Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Checklist



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Born on or after June 16, 1981
- Came to the United States before reaching 16<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007 (the past 5 years), up to the present time
  - If previously deported, ordered removed, or left the US during this period, DISCUSS WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making DACA application
- Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012
- Are currently in school, have graduated from high school, or obtained a general education certificate (GED)
- Have NOT been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
  - If you have any arrests or criminal convictions, DISCUSS WITH AN ATTORNEY
- Be at least 15 years old to file an application (unless you are or have been in deportation proceedings)

## EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY

**(We strongly recommend that you discuss your case with an attorney or accredited representative before submitting any documentation to the government)**

Requirement	You may need one or more of the following document types to prove eligibility for each category (you do not need all of the documents below)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of identity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Birth certificate (with translation) plus photo identification</li> <li>• School or military ID with photo</li> <li>• Any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof you came to U.S. before your 16th birthday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport with admission stamp</li> <li>• Form I-94/I-95/I-94W</li> <li>• School records from the U.S. schools you have attended</li> <li>• Any Immigration and Naturalization Service or DHS document stating your date of entry (Form I-862, Notice to Appear)</li> <li>• Travel records</li> <li>• Hospital or medical records</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>If you have been in deportation proceedings or entered with a visa, proof of expired immigration status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form I-94/I-95/I-94W with authorized stay expiration date</li> <li>• Final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal issued as of 6/15/2012</li> <li>• A charging document placing you into removal proceedings</li> <li>• DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH AN ATTORNEY</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007 and that you were present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rent receipts, utility, cell phone bills</li> <li>• Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc)</li> <li>• School records (transcripts, letters, report cards, etc)</li> <li>• Military records (Form DD-214 or NGB Form 22)</li> <li>• Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony</li> </ul>

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007 and that you were present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012 (Continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country</li> <li>• Passport entries</li> <li>• Birth certificates of children born in the U.S.</li> <li>• Dated bank transactions</li> <li>• Social Security card</li> <li>• Automobile license receipts or registration</li> <li>• Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts</li> <li>• Tax receipts, insurance policies</li> <li>• Medical, vaccination and dental records</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of your student status at the time of requesting consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School records (transcripts, report cards, etc) from the school that you are currently attending in the United States showing the name(s) of the school(s) and periods of school attendance and the current educational or grade level</li> <li>• U.S. high school diploma or certificate of completion</li> <li>• U.S. GED certificate</li> <li>• If you have served in the U.S. military, copies of military records</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>If you have ever been arrested by the police or any government agency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain copies of police reports and court records for any arrests, criminal convictions or juvenile cases.</li> <li>• <b>MAKE SURE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY OF THIS DOCUMENTATION</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>To Complete Form I-821D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a list of the addresses of all of the places you have lived since you entered the U.S. and the dates you lived there</li> </ul>

**WHERE TO OBTAIN FORMS:**

- USCIS Website- [www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals](http://www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals)
- NWIRP Website- <http://nwirp.org/dream>

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- Form I-821D ( Original, handwritten signature, and date)
- Form I-765- Application for Work Authorization
- Form I-765 WS- Application for Work Authorization Worksheet
- (OPTIONAL) Form G-1145 E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance
- 2 passport style pictures
- \$465 Fee- Check or Money Order made payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”
- Submit all the necessary documents (evidence to prove eligibility), with translations if not in English
- Make a copy of everything you are submitting (forms, documentation) and keep for your own records

**WHERE TO FILE:**

I live in ...	U.S. Postal Service	USPS Express Mail/Fed Ex/UPS
WASHINGTON, OREGON	<b>USCIS Chicago Lockbox Facility</b> USCIS P.O. Box 5757 Chicago, IL 60680-5757	<b>USCIS Chicago Lockbox Facility</b> USCIS Attn: DACA 131 S. Dearborn – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60603-5517