



**White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)
Educate, Engage, Empower (E3!)**

Immigration



President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden meet with DREAMers who have received Deferred Action and U.S. citizen family members of undocumented immigrants, in the Oval Office, May 21, 2013. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

E3! is a youth engagement program that discovers, develops, and defines a new generation of young leaders committed to advocating for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). The [E3! Ambassadors Program](#) affords young leaders the opportunity to brainstorm and implement their own unique ideas to help improve the overall quality of life for AAPIs across the country.

The mission of E3! is to **Educate, Engage, and Empower** young leaders to increase awareness around critical issues facing the AAPI community and to highlight key federal programs and resources in which AAPIs may be underserved.

The inaugural class of 31 E3! Ambassadors came from 29 different cities and hosted more than 55 events during the 2014-2015 year. Whether it was setting up a table to share resources at a campus fair, facilitating a workshop during a conference, or even utilizing social media, E3! Ambassadors and other young leaders conducted outreach within their campuses and communities.

The E3! Ambassadors are focused on raising awareness around **four** major issues.



To help you get started, we have created a toolkit that caters to each specific area! These toolkits are to help you get started – do not feel limited to the ideas and resources we have compiled for you! Let this be a starting point for you and let your creativity take off from here. This toolkit is focused on **Immigration**.

Immigration: The Issue

From family members hoping to reunite with loved ones to high skilled scientists and entrepreneurs to undocumented DREAMers, AAPIs are a rapidly growing immigrant population in the U.S. In 2011, 25% of the foreign born population in the U.S. came from Asian countries. Asian immigrants also make up [11% of the 11 million](#)¹ undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain individuals who came to the United States as children may request [consideration of deferred action](#)² for a period of two years, which would defer removal action, and are also eligible for work authorization. According to [the latest report](#)³ released by [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#), South Korea, the Philippines, and India are included in the top 15 countries of origin for [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#) applicants.

Top Countries of Origin	Accepted to Date	Approved to Date
Mexico	851,476	702,043
El Salvador	42,162	33,846
Guatemala	28,118	22,054
Honduras	26,989	20,892
South Korea	14,490	13,015
Peru	13,933	12,080
Brazil	11,082	9,271
Ecuador	10,185	8,436
Colombia	10,113	8,647
Philippines	7,211	6,306
Argentina	6,587	5,635
India	5,396	5,653
Venezuela	4,589	3,833

Number of I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, 2012-2015, USCIS

It is [estimated](#)⁴ however, that fewer than 16% of eligible Filipinos and fewer than 9% of eligible Chinese have applied for DACA consideration. Many factors may contribute to low DACA enrollment rates within the AAPI community, including a lack of awareness of the benefits of DACA, cultural and linguistic barriers, as well as the financial burden of applying.

¹ http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/publications/ois_ill_pe_2011.pdf² <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

³ [http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports and Studies/Immigration Forms Data/All Form Types/DACA/I821d_daca_fy2014qtr2.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/I821d_daca_fy2014qtr2.pdf)

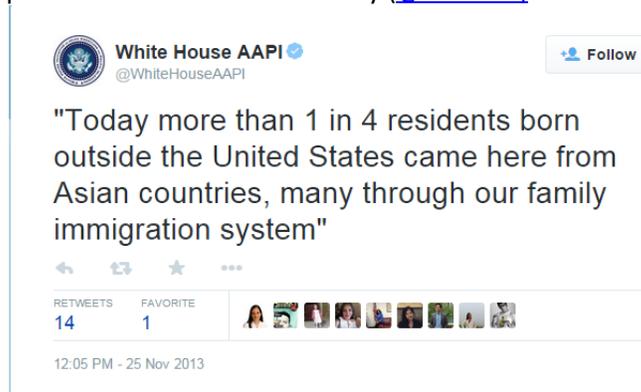
⁴ https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/aapi_fact_sheet_0.pdf

The target outreach months
for Immigration are
March and April 2015.

Outreach Ideas

Use the suggested outreach ideas below to get an idea of what kind of activities you should host during these months.

- The most effective way to spread awareness and help people come forward to request DACA is to share stories and experiences! Recruit DACA recipients to speak up about their experiences and to support other DACA eligible youth.
- Share immigration stories in a variety of ways, including:
 - Media pieces
 - White House Blogs
 - [Once Undocumented, Now an Immigrant Advocate](http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/10/31/once-undocumented-now-immigrant-advocate)¹
 - [AAPI Dream Riders Inspire](http://www.ed.gov/blog/2013/07/aapi-dream-riders-inspire)²
 - Testimonials
 - [DACA Champions of Change](http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/daca-champions-of-change)³
- Include in-language blogs or media pieces and share them through ethnic media.
- Lead discussions at schools, churches, and other community centers to create intergenerational support for new immigrants and DACA eligible youth.
- Look to [@WhiteHouseAAPI](#) on Twitter and Facebook for ideas! Also check out USCIS ([@USCIS](#)) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([@DHSGov](#)) on Twitter.



- Host workshops on the DACA filing process.
 - Invite a CRO (USCIS Community Relations Officer) to walk-through the process and answer questions.
- Get creative... the possibilities are endless!

¹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/10/31/once-undocumented-now-immigrant-advocate>

² <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2013/07/aapi-dream-riders-inspire>

³ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/daca-champions-of-change>

Immigration Materials Guide

What is DACA?

- Learn more about [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)¹ at [USCIS.gov](#) or [DHS.gov](#).

How does DACA affect the AAPI community?

- AAPIs comprise a significant portion of DACA eligible individuals, yet AAPI participation in the program [has been markedly low](#)².

How do you request consideration?

- Brochure: [How do I request consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals?](#)³
 - [Chinese](#)⁴
 - [Korean](#)⁵
 - [Tagalog](#)⁶
 - [Thai](#)⁷
 - [Vietnamese](#)⁸
- Flier: [Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)⁹

How do you renew DACA?

- Find out how to renew DACA [here](#)¹⁰

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are currently in school, have graduated or obtained your certificate of completion from high school, have obtained your general educational development certification, or you are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You were present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS 	

Eligibility for Consideration of DACA Infographic, USCIS

¹ <http://www.dhs.gov/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals>

² <https://www.gcir.org/sites/default/files/resources/AAPI%20DACA%20Summary%20Brief%20Design.pdf>

³ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-chinese.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-korean.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-tagalog.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/hdi-daca-thai.pdf>

⁸ http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/ExecutiveActions/ExecActionFlier_Full_Vn.pdf

⁹ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/DeferredActionforChildhoodArrivals/daca-consider.pdf>

When do you need to renew DACA?

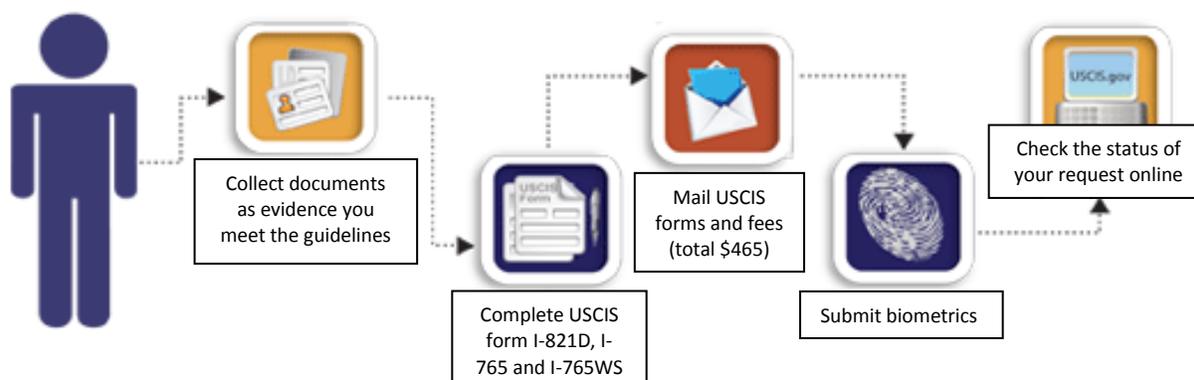
- To avoid a lapse in the period of deferral and employment authorization, individuals must file renewal requests before the expiration of their current period of DACA. USCIS encourages requestors to submit their renewal request approximately 120 days (four months) before their current period of deferred action expires.

What forms need to be filled out?

- [I-821D \(Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals\)](#)¹
- [I-765 \(Application for Employment Authorization\)](#)²
- [I-765WS \(Application for Employment Authorization Worksheet\)](#)³

Information on filing for DACA:

- [Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-821D](#)⁴
- [Filing Tips for DACA](#)⁵
- [Consideration of DACA Fee Exemption Guidance](#)⁶



Filing Process for DACA Infographic, USCIS

Legal Service Resources:

- The [U.S Department of Justice](#)⁷ and [USCIS](#)⁸ both have lists of legal service providers.

After DACA approval:

- Apply for a [Social Security Number](#)⁹.

Contacting USCIS:

- Attend [local engagements with CROs](#)¹⁰.
- For additional questions, call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD for the hearing-impaired). Customer service officers are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in each U.S. time zone.
- [Avoiding Scams](#)¹¹

¹ <http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d>

² <http://www.uscis.gov/i-765>

³ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-765ws.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d-addresses>

⁵ <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/filing-tips-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals>

⁶ <http://www.uscis.gov/forms/forms-and-fees/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-fee-exemption-guidance>

⁷ <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/probono/states.htm>

⁸ <http://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

⁹ http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/deferred_action.pdf

¹⁰ <http://www.uscis.gov/outreach/upcoming-local-engagements/upcoming-local-engagements-your-area>

¹¹ <http://www.uscis.gov/avoidscams>

Frequently Asked Questions about DACA:

- DACA Filing Tips:
 - [Chinese](#)¹
 - [Korean](#)²
 - [Tagalog](#)³
 - [Vietnamese](#)⁴

- DACA Toolkit- Program Overview:
 - [Chinese](#)⁵
 - [Korean](#)⁶
 - [Tagalog](#)⁷
 - [Thai](#)⁸
 - [Vietnamese](#)⁹

- DACA Toolkit- Tip Sheet:
 - [Chinese](#)¹⁰
 - [Korean](#)¹¹
 - [Tagalog](#)¹²
 - [Thai](#)¹³
 - [Vietnamese](#)¹⁴

¹<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Chinese.pdf>

²<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Korean.pdf>

³<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Tagalog.pdf>

⁴<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Vietnamese.pdf>

⁵<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-chinese.pdf>

⁶<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-korean.pdf>

⁷<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-tagalog.pdf>

⁸<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-thai.pdf>

⁹<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-vietnamese.pdf>

¹⁰<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-chinese.pdf>

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¹³<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-thai.pdf>

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