



White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkit Immigration

Introduction

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) works to improve the quality of life and opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) by facilitating increased access to and participation in federal programs where they remain underserved. AAPIs are now the fastest growing racial group in the U.S. and are expected to increase over four times as rapidly as the total U.S. population and to double to more than 47 million by 2060. Recognizing this tremendous growth and the unique needs within AAPI communities, President Obama reestablished WHIAAPI through Executive Order 13515 in October 2009.

Engaging a New Generation of Leaders

Through its work with young leaders, WHIAAPI seeks to highlight both the tremendous unmet needs in the AAPI community as well as the dynamic community assets that can be leveraged to meet many of those needs. WHIAAPI engages a new generation of young leaders through annual youth forums and briefings. In addition:

- In 2013, WHIAAPI launched the **Healthy Engaged Youth Program**, encouraging young leaders to conduct outreach around the Affordable Care Act and new options for health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- In 2014, WHIAAPI established its [E3! Ambassadors Program](#)¹, enlisting students and young professionals to educate, engage, and empower their campuses and communities on key issues like education, mental health, pathways to public service, and immigration. E3! Ambassadors led more than 130 projects and events to demystify the federal government and connect their communities to federal resources and programs. As part of the program, WHIAAPI released a series of **Young Leaders Dialogue Google+ Hangouts** and **Young Leaders Dialogue Video Playlists** which can be found at www.youtube.com/WhiteHouseAAPI.

Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkits

This *Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkit* is one in four issue toolkits designed to serve as a guide to federal agency resources around issues like education, mental health, public service, and immigration. We hope the data, resources, and videos included help to create and sustain ongoing dialogues in campuses and communities around issues affecting the AAPI community

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¹ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/e3/>

The Issue: Immigration

From family members hoping to reunite with loved ones to high skilled scientists and entrepreneurs to undocumented young people, AAPIs are a rapidly growing immigrant population in the U.S. Nearly [2 in 3 AAPIs are foreign-born](#)². AAPIs naturalize at among the highest rates of those who choose to become American citizens, and in 2014, individuals from Asian countries made up more than [35% of newly naturalized citizens](#)³.

Asian immigrants also make up [11% of the approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants](#)⁴ in the U.S. On June 15, 2012, the Obama Administration announced that the Department of Homeland Security would establish Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The 2012 DACA policy allows certain undocumented individuals who came to the U.S. as children to seek temporary relief from removal as a matter of prosecutorial discretion on a case-by-case basis and, if provided, an opportunity to apply for employment authorization. According to the latest [report](#)⁵ released by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), South Korea, the Philippines, India are included in the top 15 countries of origin for DACA requests.

After four years of DACA, over [700,000 applications](#)⁶ have been granted, but AAPI enrollment remains disproportionately low. Many factors may contribute to low DACA request rates within the AAPI community, including a lack of awareness of the benefits of DACA and cultural and linguistic barriers, as well as the financial burden of applying.

Immigration Materials

How does immigration and naturalization affect AAPIs?

- Fact Sheet: [Immigration Matters to the AAPI Community](#)⁷
- Fact Sheet: [Naturalization Matters to the AAPI Community](#)⁸

What is the federal government doing to support new immigrants and refugees?

- On November 21, 2014, President Obama established the [White House Task Force on New Americans](#)⁹, a government-wide effort tasked with better integrating immigrants and refugees into American communities. Read about the Task Force's [strategic plan](#)¹⁰.
- [USCIS.gov](#) includes resources on applying for citizenship, preparing for the citizenship test, and more.

What is DACA?

- Learn more about [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)¹¹ at [USCIS.gov](#) or [DHS.gov](#).
 - DACA program overview in [Chinese](#)¹², [Korean](#)¹³, [Tagalog](#)¹⁴, [Thai](#)¹⁵, and [Vietnamese](#)¹⁶
 - DACA tip sheet in [Chinese](#)¹⁷, [Korean](#)¹⁸, [Tagalog](#)¹⁹, [Thai](#)²⁰, and [Vietnamese](#)²¹

² Census: http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_10_1YR_B05003D&prodType=table

³ Department of Homeland Security: https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Naturalization%20Flow%20Report_2014_508.pdf

⁴ Department of Homeland Security: https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ois_ill_pe_2012_2.pdf

⁵ USCIS:

https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca_performancedata_fy2016_qtr3.pdf

⁶ USCIS:

https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca_performancedata_fy2016_qtr3.pdf

⁷ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/2016-FINAL-AAPI-Immigration-Factsheet.pdf>

⁸ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/2016-Final-AAPI-Naturalization-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

⁹ White House: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/immigration/new-americans>

¹⁰ White House: https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/final_tf_newamericans_report_4-14-15_clean.pdf

¹¹ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

¹² USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-chinese.pdf>

¹³ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-korean.pdf>

¹⁴ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-tagalog.pdf>

¹⁵ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-thai.pdf>

¹⁶ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-prog-overview-vietnamese.pdf>

¹⁷ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-chinese.pdf>

¹⁸ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-korean.pdf>

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. See the [WHIAAPI Immigration page](#)²² for data, infographics, and additional resources.
- Fact Sheet: [AAPI and Undocumented? Invest In Your Future](#)²³
 - Also available in [Chinese](#)²⁴, [Hindi](#)²⁵, [Korean](#)²⁶, and [Tagalog](#)²⁷

How do you request consideration?

- Brochure: [How do I request consideration of DACA?](#)²⁸
 - Also available in [Chinese](#)²⁹, [Korean](#)³⁰, [Tagalog](#)³¹, [Thai](#)³², and [Vietnamese](#)³³
- Infographic: [Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)³⁴

How do you renew DACA?

- Find out how to renew DACA [here](#).³⁵



Eligibility for Consideration of DACA Infographic, USCIS

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.

¹⁹ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-tagalog.pdf>

²⁰ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-thai.pdf>

²¹ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-toolkit-tip-sheet-vietnamese.pdf>

²² WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/immigration/>

²³ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/files/2016/05/AAPI-DACA-Fact-Sheet-FINAL.pdf>

²⁴ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/AAPI-DACA-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-CHINESE.pdf>

²⁵ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/AAPI-DACA-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-HINDI.pdf>

²⁶ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/AAPI-DACA-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-KOREAN.pdf>

²⁷ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.cd.gov/aapi/files/2014/02/AAPI-DACA-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-TAGALOG.pdf>

²⁸ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca.pdf>

²⁹ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-chinese.pdf>

³⁰ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-korean.pdf>

³¹ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-tagalog.pdf>

³² USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/hdi-daca-thai.pdf>

³³ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/daca-viet.pdf>

³⁴ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/daca-consider.pdf>

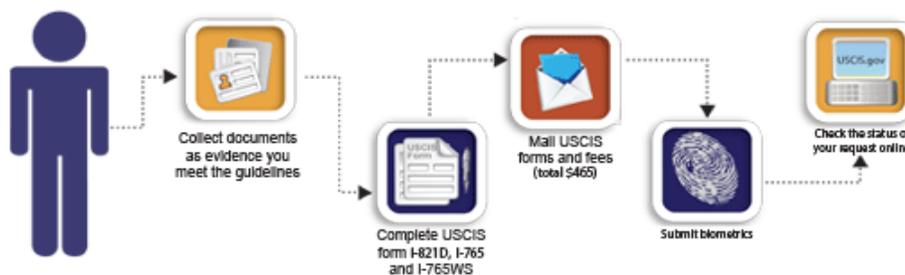
³⁵ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/renew-your-daca>

What forms need to be filled out?

- [I-821D \(Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals\)](#)³⁶
- [I-765 \(Application for Employment Authorization\)](#)³⁷
- [I-765WS \(Application for Employment Authorization Worksheet\)](#)³⁸

Information on filing for DACA:

- [Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-821D](#)³⁹
- [Filing Tips for DACA](#)⁴⁰
 - Also available in [Chinese](#)⁴¹, [Korean](#)⁴², [Tagalog](#)⁴³, and [Vietnamese](#)⁴⁴
- [Consideration of DACA Fee Exemption Guidance](#)⁴⁵



Filing Process for DACA Infographic, USCIS

Legal Service Resources:

- The [Department of Justice](#)⁴⁶ and [USCIS](#)⁴⁷ both have lists of legal service providers.
- Learn more about the [Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law \(UPII\)](#)⁴⁸.

After DACA approval:

- Apply for a [Social Security Number](#).⁴⁹

Contacting USCIS:

- Attend [local engagements with Community Relations Officers](#).⁵⁰
- 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](#)⁵¹

Check out our E3! Ambassadors Young Leaders Dialogue:

- [2016 Young Leaders Dialogue on Immigration Video Playlist](#)⁵²

³⁶ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-821d>

³⁷ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/i-765>

³⁸ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-765ws.pdf>

³⁹ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d-addresses>

⁴⁰ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/filing-tips-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals>

⁴¹ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Chinese.pdf>

⁴² USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Korean.pdf>

⁴³ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Tagalog.pdf>

⁴⁴ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA-filing-tips-Vietnamese.pdf>

⁴⁵ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/forms/forms-and-fees/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-fee-exemption-guidance>

⁴⁶ Department of Justice: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map>

⁴⁷ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

⁴⁸ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/outreach/notes-previous-engagements/unauthorized-practice-immigration-law-upii-and-building-capacity-immigrant-serving-organizations>

⁴⁹ Social Security Administration: https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/deferred_action.pdf

⁵⁰ USCIS: <http://www.uscis.gov/outreach/upcoming-local-engagements/upcoming-local-engagements-your-area>

⁵¹ USCIS: <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams>

⁵² WHIAAPI: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLP2myFogEmOFFil9z7yyXPBNvtLamqk5>

Outreach Ideas

What now? Use these resources to educate, engage, and empower your campuses and communities around diverse immigration stories, naturalization, and DACA, and to create greater dialogue on why these topics are important to the AAPI community.

- Share your immigration story with your school, social media, and the federal government to show the diversity of AAPI immigration experiences.
 - [Once Undocumented, Now an Immigrant Advocate](#)⁵³
 - [From Living in Fear of Deportation to Now Empowering AAPIs](#)⁵⁴
 - [AAPI Dream Riders Inspire](#)⁵⁵
 - [World Refugee Day Live Blog](#)⁵⁶
- Work with student organizations, community centers, and USCIS Community Relations Officers to highlight DACA recipient stories and walk through the DACA filing process.
 - [AAPI DACA Stories](#)⁵⁷
 - [DACA Champions of Change](#)⁵⁸
- Lead discussions at schools, churches, and other community centers to create intergenerational support for new immigrants and DACA eligible youth.
- Include naturalization and DACA information on student organization websites.
- Get creative... the possibilities are endless!

⁵³ WHIAAPI: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/10/31/once-undocumented-now-immigrant-advocate>

⁵⁴ WHIAAPI: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/04/07/living-fear-deportation-now-empowering-aapis>

⁵⁵ Department of Education: <http://blog.ed.gov/2013/07/aapi-dream-riders-inspire/>

⁵⁶ UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/latest/2016/6/5763d20d4/live-blog-world-refugee-day-kicks-amid-record-displacement.html>

⁵⁷ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/community-stories/#DeferredActionforChildhoodArrivals>

⁵⁸ White House: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/daca-champions-of-change>