



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

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)



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)

Last year, the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) partnered with other White House Initiatives to engage youth about health care changes that are happening through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This partnership led to the recruitment of young leaders to become Healthy Engaged Youth (HEY!) Ambassadors to lead ACA outreach activities in their communities.

Educate, Engage, Empower (E3!) is the expansion of the program to include these four topic areas: **Education, Mental Health, Pathways to Public Service, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**. We are inviting young leaders like you to **become E3! Ambassadors and lead outreach activities in those four areas in your local communities** this year. The possibilities are endless – set up a table to share resources at a campus fair, create outreach videos, or even host a conference – whatever you want to do to get the word out to those around you!

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 **DACA**.

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS: The Issue

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](#)¹ for a period of two years, which would defer removal action, and are also eligible for work authorization. According to [the latest report](#)² 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 DACA applicants.

Top Countries of Origin	Accepted to Date ¹	Approved to Date ²
MEXICO	493,669	427,653
EL SALVADOR	24,199	20,227
GUATEMALA	16,472	13,301
HONDURAS	16,297	13,223
PERU	8,007	7,259
SOUTH KOREA	7,904	7,396
BRAZIL	6,709	5,793
COLOMBIA	6,062	5,419
ECUADOR	5,897	5,149
PHILIPPINES	4,041	3,644
ARGENTINA	3,848	3,436
JAMAICA	3,377	2,550
INDIA	3,097	2,609
VENEZUELA	2,782	2,407
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2,673	2,179
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	2,462	2,029
COSTA RICA	1,844	1,615
BOLIVIA	1,801	1,647
URUGUAY	1,779	1,583
PAKISTAN	1,605	1,366

Number of I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, 2012-2014, USCIS

It is [estimated](#)³ 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.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

² [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)

³ http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/09/nyregion/advocates-struggle-to-reach-immigrants-eligible-for-deferred-action.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0

The target outreach months
for DACA 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 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 DACA eligible youth.
- Look to [@WhiteHouseAAPI](#) on Twitter and Facebook for ideas! Also check out USCIS ([@USCIS](#)) and the 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>

DACA 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 \(Traditional\)](#)⁴
 - [Korean](#)⁵
 - [Tagalog](#)⁶
- Flier: [Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)⁷

How do you renew DACA?

- Find out how to renew DACA [here](#)⁸



Eligibility for Consideration of DACA Infographic, USCIS

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

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<https://www.gcir.org/sites/default/files/resources/AAP1%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/DeferredActionforChildhoodArrivals/daca-consider.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/renew-your-daca>

When do you need to renew DACA?

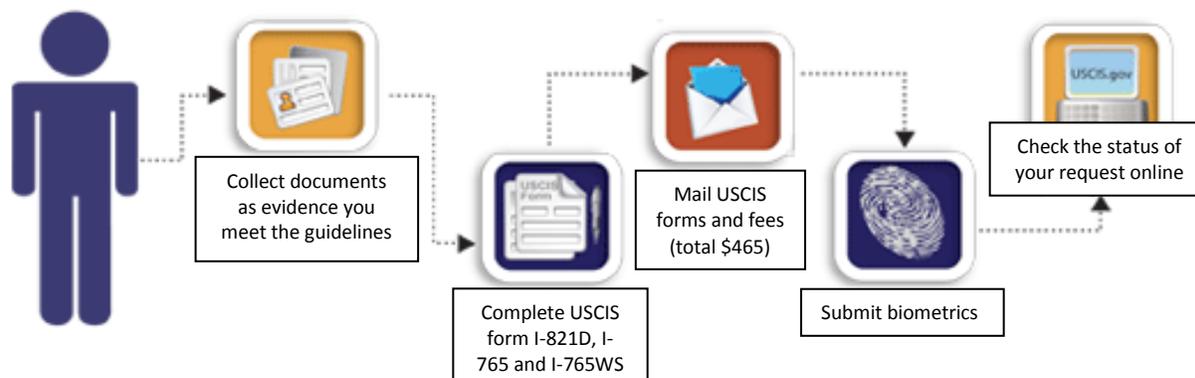
- The first DACA approvals will begin to expire in September 2014. To avoid a lapse in the period of deferral and employment authorization, individuals must file renewal requests before the expiration of their current period of DACA. USCIS encourages requestors to submit their renewal request approximately 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

Frequently Asked Questions about DACA:

- [English](#)⁷
- [Korean](#)⁸
- [Tagalog](#)⁹

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.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process/frequently-asked-questions>

⁸ http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/DACA_FAQs/FAQ-Korean.pdf

⁹ http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Multilingual/DACA_FAQs/FAQ-Tagalog.pdf

Legal Service Resources:

- The [Department of Justice](#)¹ and [USCIS](#)² both have lists of legal service providers.

After DACA approval:

- Apply for a [Social Security Number](#)³.

Contacting USCIS:

- Attend [local engagements with CROs](#)⁴.
- 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.

¹ <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/probono/states.htm>

² <http://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

³ http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/deferred_action.pdf

⁴ <http://www.uscis.gov/outreach/upcoming-local-engagements/upcoming-local-engagements-your-area>