Keeping the Dream Alive
College and Career Readiness Event
February 1 - March 31, 2021

Santa Clara County Office of Education
Parent Engagement Program
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Applying for DACA: 2021 Updates for New Applicants
Our Speakers and Honored Guests

**Teresa Castellanos** has worked with the diversity of immigrant communities for over 30 years and has been a guiding force behind the Santa Clara County's citizenship and immigrant integration programs.

**Erika Rivera** is an immigration attorney with over 12 years experience who recently joined the County’s Office of Immigrant Relations. She assists with community presentations, legal services providers’ support, and immigration policy analysis.
Our Speakers and Honored Guests

Ana Navarrete Avina is the Program Director at the SJSU UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center.

Angelica Esquivel Moreno works with the HEFAS program, the Vasconcellos Institute at DeAnza Community College, and is a community activist.

Beatriz San Juan is a SJSU graduate, was staff to the Latina Coalition SV and is currently working with Girl Scouts of Northern California.
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Information

Program Status, Benefits of the Program, and DACA Requirements
DACA PROGRAM
STATUS

• USCIS is accepting:
  • Initial DACA applications
  • DACA renewal applications
  • Advance Parole applications
    • Educational reasons
    • Work related grounds
    • Humanitarian reasons
DACA General Information

- The filing fee for DACA initials and renewals is $495
- The processing time for renewals is 2-3 months
- The processing time for an initial application varies, can take 4-6 months or longer
- All DACA applicants will be fingerprinted and USCIS will run extensive background checks
DACA BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

**BENEFITS**
- Employment authorization (work permit) that is valid for two years and can be renewed every two years
- Protection from removal (deportation)
- You have the option to travel abroad if you need to do so for educational, employment, or humanitarian reasons

**LIMITATIONS**
- DACA is temporary, not permanent relief
- You cannot travel abroad freely
- DACA can be taken away/lost
DACA REQUIREMENTS (1)

- Were under the age of 31 on 06/15/2012
- Must be at least 15 years old to submit a DACA application to USCIS
- Must have arrived in the United States before the age of 16
DACA REQUIREMENTS (2)

- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS
DACA REQUIREMENTS (3)

- Have no lawful status as of 06/15/2012
- Have not been convicted of:
  - ONE felony
  - THREE or more misdemeanors
  - ONE significant misdemeanor
- Applicant cannot otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
QUESTIONS? 😊

Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations

Phone Number:
408.678.1430

Email:
Immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org

Website:
https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/oir.aspx
Access to College

- Anyone can attend college
- FERPA allows for privacy of student records
- DACA vs Educational Policies
  - AB 540
  - CA DREAM Act
- Financial Resources
  - Scholarships
    - Immigrants Rising
    - Dreamer’s Road Map App
    - My Undocumented Life Blog
Access to College

● How to choose a college?
  ○ Undocumented Student Resource Center
  ○ Welcoming environment
  ○ Campus policies
    ■ 6 unit waiver

● Other tips
  ○ Know your rights
  ○ Legal resources
  ○ Lookout for deadlines
  ○ Contact someone at the college
  ○ Participate and get involved

● More Information:
  ab540hefas@gmail.com
UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center (USRC):

Services Include:

- UndocuSpartan Virtual Summer Academy (July 12th-21st, 2021)
- 1:1 Personal and Academic Support
- Legal Support Services and DACA fee assistance
- Navigating Academics and Educational Opportunities
- Navigating Campus and Community Resources
- Budgeting and scholarships
- Workshops

USRC Contact

○ Phone: (408) 924-2762
○ undocuspartan@sjsu.edu

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Testimonials

To all applicants,

“Find community”

“Set reminders for DACA renewals (3-6 months before it expires)”

“Subscribe to emails and newsletters from organizations and centers for the immigrant community”

“Register for Know Your Rights trainings”

“Take financial literacy resources”

“Protect your permit and social security information (hint: cybersecurity)”

“Save your DACA application copies”

“If you can, apply to Advance Parole”
To all students,

“Your school is your job, balance your time studying with breaks”

Take care of your mental, emotional, and physical health”

“When choosing classes consider which classes and professors you will you invest time on and tuition in”

“If you are studying abroad speak to your college advisors and lawyers months in advance, maybe even more like a year in advance”

“Visit resource centers. Take space. Do not shy away from taking the resources”

“Apply for scholarships, fellowships/internships. Even if you do not fulfill all the requirements, submit applications. What is the worst that can happen? You get rejected”
Testimonials

To all,
“You are exhausted physically and spiritually because the pace created by this system is for machines and not a magical and divine human being. You are enough. Rest”
- @TheNapMinistry

"Cheer up! Despite all the opposition, of this system created to defeat us, we are still present, united in community, and pushing forward"
## Girl Scout Opportunities

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<th><strong>Girl Memberships</strong></th>
<th>Girls get hands-on experience, learn new things, build skills for today and tomorrow.</th>
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<td><strong>Summer Camp</strong></td>
<td>Have fun as you hike mountains, pitch startups, or plan scavenger hunts.</td>
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<td><strong>Counselor in Training</strong></td>
<td>The values and skills you’ll learn will prepare as you go on to college and your adult life.</td>
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<td><strong>Volunteer</strong></td>
<td>Gain organizational and leadership skills that will help you grow personally and professionally.</td>
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<td><strong>Apply to seasonal, part-time, full-time jobs</strong></td>
<td>Join a movement of driven individuals with a passion for helping girls find their voice.</td>
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We are offering opportunities at **no cost** to families and volunteers,
contact Beatriz San Juan

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call/text: (408) 634-9578

[Girl Scout Interest Link (hyperlinked)](link)
[Girl Scouts Lista de Interes (enlace)](link)
Resources

Girl Scouts of Northern California

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Resources About DACA

DACA Updates

• **HOME IS HERE |** Get the latest information on DACA.
• **DACA Class Action Lawsuit**

Resources for initial applicants:

• **Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals** (USCIS Home Page)
• **Initial document checklist in ENGLISH (Spanish, Chinese, Creole, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese)** (United We Dream)
• **Preliminary DACA Screening Tool** (UC Immigrant Legal Services Center)
Legal Resources and Scholarships for DACA

DACA Scholarships/Grants
- Find DACA Help Near You (Search Engine) - InformedImmigrant.com
- https://missionassetfund.org/
- Santa Clara County DACA Renewal Scholarships

Free Legal Services Directory
- CSU Legal Support Services:
  Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to **CSU students, employees, and family members** across all 23 CSUs. Visit the CSU website for campus contact information.
  [https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/legal-support-services.aspx](https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/legal-support-services.aspx)
- Immigration Services (California Department of Social Services):
  The California Department of Social Services funds programs at community based organizations that help immigrants who live in California. Search for resources within your county.
  [https://www.cdss.ca.gov/immigration-services](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/immigration-services)
- Legal Services Referral List (Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations):
  List of nonprofit Attorney and BIA accredited agencies in Santa Clara County (Nominal fees may apply).
  [https://www.sccgov.org/sites/or/Documents/Immigration%20Legal%20Services%20Flyer%20OIR%20December%202017.pdf](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/or/Documents/Immigration%20Legal%20Services%20Flyer%20OIR%20December%202017.pdf)
Resources

De Anza College
Resources for Undocumented Students
https://www.deanza.edu/students/undocumented.html

Foothill College
DREAMers and UndocuALLY
https://foothill.edu/dreamers/
Thank You!

Have questions or feedback? Visit bit.ly/KTDAFeedback

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Parent Engagement website
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