Continuing Threats to DACA

Though the Biden Administration has been clear about its commitment to protecting DACA and creating a pathway to permanent residency and citizenship for DACA recipients, there is still an ongoing court case in Texas that could impact the future of the DACA program.

The case, Texas v. Nielsen, is challenging the validity of the DACA program. Texas v. Nielsen recently held a hearing on 12/22/2020 but there has been no decision on this matter.

Please visit www.nilc.org and www.ilrc.org/daca for updates on this matter.

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What is the current status of DACA?
On December 4, 2020, a federal judge ordered the Department of Homeland Security to restore the original DACA program.

What applications is USCIS accepting now?
- Initial Applications: Applications that are submitted by first time applicants who meet all DACA requirements
- Renewal Applications: Applications that are submitted by current DACA recipients whose DACA grant will expire soon
- Advance Parole Applications: Applications submitted by DACA recipients who are seeking to travel abroad for educational, work-related, or humanitarian reasons

Who can apply for DACA?
You may request DACA if you:
- Were under 31 years old on 06/15/2021
- Came to the U.S. before your 16th birthday
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since 06/15/2007 until the present time
- Were physically present in the U.S. on 06/15/2012 and at the time of making your DACA request
- Had no lawful status on 06/15/2012
- Are currently in school, graduated from high school or received a certificate of completion, obtained a GED, or are an honorably discharged U.S. military veteran
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors

Visit [https://www.ilrc.org/daca](https://www.ilrc.org/daca) for more information

Documents Needed for an Initial DACA Application:
IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS
- Certified copy of birth certificate with translation OR
- Copy of valid passport OR
- Copy of any valid government issued ID OR
- Copy of a valid school ID

PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN THE U.S.
- Copies of complete school records (i.e. transcripts that may cover several years) OR
- Copies of medical records like vaccination records, doctor's/dentist's appointments OR
- Copies of financial records like bank account statements, credit card statements, etc. OR
- Copies of employment records

PROOF OF EDUCATION
- Copy of high school diploma or certificate of completion OR
- GED Certificate OR
- Proof of Enrollment in GED program OR
- Copy of military record