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DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

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Background On DACA:

- Policy announced by the Department of Homeland Security on June 15, 2012
- Eligible children and young adults could've applied starting August 2012
- Benefits given to those eligible were:
 - Work permit (SSN)
 - 2 year permission to stay in the U.S. and closure from any deportation case
- In CA, according to the Migration Policy Institute:
 - Between 2012 and 2017: 242,339 people received DACA
 - Nationwide: 800,000



Who qualifies for DACA?

- Did you arrive to the U.S. before the age of 16?
- Have you continuously lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007?
- Are you currently in school, have completed high school (or GED) or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard?
- Were you younger than 31 on June 15, 2012?
- Have you never been convicted of a felony, 3 or more minor misdemeanors, and/or pose a threat to the national security or public safety?

Documents Needed:

- Proof of Identity:
 - Birth certificate with photo identification
 - Passport or national identity document from your country of origin.
 - School or military ID with photo
 - Any U.S. government immigration or other document with your name and photo
 - Proof of your student status at the time of requesting DACA:
 - Official records (transcripts, report cards, etc) from the school that you are currently attending in the U.S.
 - U.S. high school diploma or certificate of completion
 - U.S. GED certificate
 - Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007
 - School records (letters, report cards, etc)
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Important Information/Tips:

- Renew your DACA **within 120 days** of your expiration date
 - Make sure the forms (I-821D, I-765, I-765WS) are all up to date and are not expired.
 - When renewing, do not submit additional documents, unless they involve removal proceedings or criminal history that have not already been submitted.
 - Look for free legal services! (many colleges and lawyers offer free legal services)
 - Financial Aid: FAFSA and CA DREAM Act!
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What is the CA DREAM Act?

The California Dream Act allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. Citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a non-resident exemption under **Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540)** to receive certain types of financial aid such as:

- Private scholarships funded through public universities,
- State university grants
- California College Promise Grant
- Cal Grants

In addition, the California Dream Act, allows eligible students to pay **in-state tuition** at any public college in California.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to complete the CADAA at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> if you are:

- Undocumented
- Have a valid or expired DACA
- U Visa holders
- Have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540

What are the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540?

Students must meet all four (4) requirements to be eligible:

1. Time and coursework requirements

Attendance for three full-time years or the equivalent at any combination of the following:

- California high school
- California adult school (including non-credit courses offered by a California community college)
- California community college (maximum of two years of credit courses can count toward this requirement)
- OR: Three years of California high school credits, along with three years of total attendance at a California elementary school, California secondary school, or any combination of the two.

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2. Degree or transfer requirements (completion of either of the following):

- Graduation from a CA high school or the equivalent (GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE)
- Associate degree from a California Community College
- Minimum requirements to transfer from a California Community College to a UC or CSU campus

3. Register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university

For a list of Cal Grant eligible schools, please visit:

https://webutil.csac.ca.gov/CalGrant_Inst/CalGrantInstSearch.aspx

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4. Submit a signed “Non-Resident Exemption” Request

Some schools will refer to this document as an “AB 540 affidavit.” This form states that you meet all the requirements to qualify for a non-resident exemption under AB 540 and, if you are undocumented, that you are in the process of legalizing your immigration status (or will do so as soon as you are eligible to do so).

What is a T or U Visa

“U” Visa: provides eligible crime victims with legal status to temporarily remain in the U.S. while assisting law enforcement. **U Visa holders should file the CADAA.**

“T” Visa: set aside for those who are or have been victims of human trafficking and allows victims to remain in the United States to assist in an investigation or prosecution of human trafficking. **T Visa holders should file the FAFSA.**

Education Bill AB 1899 allows “T” and “U” Visa holders to be eligible to apply for, and participate in, all student financial aid programs and scholarships administered by a public postsecondary educational institution or the State of California.

How to apply for the CADAA?

- The online and paper application for the next academic year will be available **October 1st**. For faster processing time, the CSAC recommends completing your application online.
- The application closes **March 2nd**
- Application: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov>

Selective Service

- Males between 18-25 must register for the selective service (regardless of immigration status)
 - Do not need an SSN to register
 - Mail a paper registration form
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UC and CSU Schools



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UCLA



UCIRVINE

UCDAVIS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
UCMERCED



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
FULLERTON



CAL STATE LA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH

California State University

Northridge

Central Valley Nonprofit Resources



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Nonprofit Organizations Providing Immigration Assistance or Information

Visit our website for a list of free application workshops in the region: ValleCentral.org

ORGANIZATION	OFFICES	SERVICE
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF)	2377 W Shaw Avenue Suite 204 Fresno, CA 93728 559-486-6278 www.crlaf.org	Provides DACA and Naturalization services.
Central California Legal Services (CCLS)	2115 Kern St Fresno, Ca 93721 559-570-1200	Naturalization (Citizenship) information and Services.
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO)	FRESNO 744 N Abby St Fresno, CA 93701 559-499-1178 MADERA 14215 RD 28 Madera, CA. 93638 559-675-7893	Information and Event Organization.
Centro La Familia	302 Fresno St, Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93706 559-237-2961 www.centrolafamilia.org	DACA Services, Family Petitions, U Visa, VAWA, T Visa, Naturalization (Citizenship). Support services such as public benefits, breast cancer, parenting classes and mental health.

Education and Leadership Foundation (ELF)	4290 E Ashlan Ave., Fresno, CA 93726 (559) 291-5428 www.education-leadership.org	DACA Services (Initial and renewal), adjustment of Status, and naturalization (Citizenship).
Faith in the Valley	Locations in Fresno, Merced, and Bakersfield. (303)385-7732. www.faithinthevalley.org	Information on DACA and Executive Action (DAPA/Extended DACA)
Fresno Immigrant Youth in Action(FIYA)	559-387-7651 www.wearefiya.org	Information and Event organization.
Mi Familia Vota	5228 E Pine Ave, Fresno, CA 93727 www.mifamiliavota.org	Voter registration and naturalization information and workshops.
Proteus, Inc.	Locations in the counties of: Fresno, Tulare, Kern and Kings 1-888-776-9998 www.proteusinc.org	Refers people to DACA/DAPA/Naturalization information sessions. Helps with employment and training services.
UFW Foundation	FRESNO, CA 2409 Merced St., Suite 103, Fresno, CA 93721 Phone: 559-496-0700 BAKERSFIELD, CA 220 18th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 324-2500 www.ufwfoundation.org	Help with DACA and Naturalization. Family based cases, Consular Processing, U-Visas, & Advanced Parole. Bi-weekly information sessions on DACA & Naturalization.



Thank You!
