



## How to Get Ready to Apply for DACA for the First Time

**IMMIGRATION IS ACCEPTING DACA RENEWALS:** On July 16 2021, a Texas federal judge ordered immigration to stop approving new first-time DACA applications. IMPORTANT: The judge's order does not affect people who already have DACA or stop immigration from approving DACA renewals. Current DACA cards remain valid and people who already have DACA can continue to submit renewal applications. We encourage anyone who is eligible to renew their DACA to do so. Because courts could make further changes, we recommend consulting a trusted immigration provider for the latest updates before applying. See attached list of nonprofit immigration legal services agencies.

## **Initial DACA Requirements**

- 1. Are now age 15 or older (or in removal proceedings) and were under age 31 on June 15, 2012
- 2. Entered the United States before your 16th birthday and before June 15, 2007
- 3. Have lived continuously in the US from June 15, 2007 to the present
- 4. Were physically present in the US on June 15, 2012 without papers (without status)
- 5. Do not have what immigration considers a serious criminal record
- 6. Are currently in school full time, graduated from a US High school (HS Diploma or GED), or were honorably discharged from the US Military

Examples of documents to collect in case you can apply for DACA	
Proof of identity/age	<ul> <li>Passport</li> <li>Birth certificate with photo identification</li> <li>School or military ID with photo</li> </ul>
Proof you came to U.S. before your 16th birthday	<ul> <li>Passport with admission stamp</li> <li>Form I-94/I-95/I-94W</li> <li>School records from the U.S. schools you have attended</li> <li>Travel records</li> <li>Hospital or medical records</li> </ul>
Proof of immigration status (not applicable if you entered without inspection and were never in removal proceedings)*	<ul> <li>Form I-94/I-95/I-94W with authorized stay expiration date</li> <li>Final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal issued as of June 15, 2012</li> <li>A charging document placing you into removal proceedings</li> </ul>
Proof of Presence in U.S. on June 15, 2012	<ul> <li>Rent receipts or utility bills</li> <li>Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc)</li> </ul>
Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007	<ul> <li>School records (letters, report cards, etc)</li> <li>Military records (Form DD-214 or NGB Form 22)</li> <li>Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony</li> <li>Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country</li> <li>Passport entries</li> <li>Birth certificates of children born in the U.S.</li> <li>Dated bank transactions</li> <li>Automobile license receipts or registration</li> <li>Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts</li> <li>Tax receipts, insurance policies</li> </ul>
Proof of current school enrollment, high school diploma or GED, OR	<ul> <li>School records (transcripts, report cards, attendance records) from the US school you are currently attending showing the name of the school, periods of attendance, and current educational or grade level</li> <li>U.S. high school diploma or certificate of completion</li> <li>U.S. GED certificate</li> </ul>
Proof you were honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard	<ul> <li>Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty</li> <li>NGB Form 22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service</li> <li>Military personnel records/Military health records</li> </ul>
Proof of no serious criminal record	Certified copies of any criminal or driving cases