

Myths & Misconceptions (Part II)

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“Even if I go to college, I can’t get a job after graduation.”

- Undocumented students and their family *may* be eligible for immigration remedies
 - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
 - Administrative Relief
 - U-Visa/VAWA
 - Family Petitions

Consult with a reputable legal representative to explore potential relief.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- ❑ Arrived in the United States before turning 16;
- ❑ Currently enrolled in school (including ESL, career training, GED classes), graduated from high school, obtained a GED, are currently enrolled in GED classes, or are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- ❑ Have not left the United States since June 15, 2007; (some, exceptions may be made, but consult with an attorney!)
- ❑ Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, multiple misdemeanors, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety;
- ❑ Are at least 15 years old (if in immigration court, may apply before); and were under age 31 on June 15, 2012;
- ❑ Were present in the United States June 15, 2012 and did not have lawful immigration status on that date

Administrative Relief

- Expands Deferred Action to include parents of U.S. citizens and green card holders
- Expands DACA to eliminate age cap, changes date-of-entry, and extends EAD to 3 years

****There is no application available****

U Visa & VAWA

- U Visa allows people who have been victims of certain crimes and cooperated with law enforcement to be in the United States. Can lead to permanent status.
- Under VAWA, victims of domestic violence may be eligible to receive protection if the abuser was a LPR or US citizen spouse, parent, or child

“I can’t participate in a study abroad program.”

- DACA *may* allow permission to travel outside of the United States.
 - Travel must be for specific reasons (humanitarian, education, employment)
 - Permission **MUST** be granted before individual leaves the country

Consult with a reputable legal service provider. *Even if permission is granted, travel outside of the United States may NOT be advisable*

“I have DACA and a social security number, so I can apply for FAFSA.”

Undocumented students, including DACA beneficiaries, are not eligible to apply for FAFSA or receive federal financial aid.

False claims to US citizenship may affect future forms of relief

“All undocumented immigrants are Latino/a.”

Of the 11.4 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.:

- 8.1 million (71%) are from Mexico and other Central America countries
- 1.5 million (13%) are from Asia
- 817,000 (7%) from South America
- 455,000 (4%) from Europe, Canada, or Oceania
- 317,000 (3%) from Africa
- 225,000 (2%) from the Caribbean

Myths & Misconceptions Questions?

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