

# Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Checklist



TACOMA COMMUNITY HOUSE  
**IMMIGRATION**  
SERVICES

## *Eligibility Requirements*

- Born on or after June 16, 1981
- Came to the United States before reaching 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007 up to the present time
  - If previously deported, ordered removed, or left the US during this period, DISCUSS WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making DACA application
- Entered without inspection, or lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012
- Are currently in school, have graduated from high school, or obtained a general education certificate (GED)
- Have NOT been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
  - If you have any arrests or criminal convictions, DISCUSS WITH AN ATTORNEY
- Be at least 15 years old to file an application (unless you are or have been in deportation proceedings)

## **EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY**

(We strongly recommend that you discuss your case with an attorney or accredited representative before submitting any documentation to the government)

Requirement	You may need one or more of the following document types to prove eligibility for each category (you do not need all of the documents below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passport</li> <li>▪ Birth certificate with photo identification</li> <li>▪ School or military ID with photo</li> <li>▪ Any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof you came to U.S. before your 16th birthday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>▪ Any Immigration and Naturalization Service or DHS document stating your date of entry (Form I-862, Notice to Appear)</li> <li>▪ Travel records, hospital or medical records</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> If you have been in deportation proceedings or entered with a visa, proof of expired immigration status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>▪ <b>DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH AN ATTORNEY</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007 including on June 15, 2012</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRY TO PROVIDE PROOF FOR EACH MONTH OF EACH YEAR (no less than 8 month out of the year must have proof)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proof that you were in the US on this exact date: <u>6/15/2012</u> – any receipt or document with that date will work</li> <li>▪ Rental agreements</li> <li>▪ Rental receipts or utility bills</li> <li>▪ Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc)</li> <li>▪ School records (letters, report cards, transcripts, etc)</li> </ul>

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007</b> <i>(Continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medical insurance coverage</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/out of the country</li> <li>▪ Passport entries</li> <li>▪ Birth certificates of children born in the U.S.</li> <li>▪ Dated bank and credit card transactions</li> <li>▪ Automobile license receipts or registration</li> <li>▪ Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts</li> <li>▪ Tax receipts, insurance policies</li> <li>▪ Any other items with dates</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proof of HS graduation or GED or enrollment (student status) at the time of requesting consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School records (transcripts, report cards, etc) from the school that you are currently attending in the United States showing the name(s) of the school(s) and periods of school attendance and the current educational or grade level</li> <li>▪ U.S. high school diploma or certificate of completion</li> <li>▪ U.S. GED certificate</li> <li>▪ If you have served in the U.S. military, copies of military records</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>If you have ever been arrested by the police or any government agency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain copies of police reports and court records for any arrests, criminal convictions or juvenile cases.</li> <li>▪ <b>MAKE SURE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY OF THIS DOCUMENTATION</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>To Complete Form I-821D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make a list of the ALL addresses of all of the places you have lived since you entered the U.S. and the dates you lived there</li> </ul>

**WHERE TO OBTAIN FORMS (if applying on your own - all forms are FREE – do not pay for forms)**

- USCIS Website: [www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals](http://www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals)

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- Form I-821D (original, handwritten signature, and date)
- Form I-765- Application for Work Authorization
- 2 passport style pictures
- Form I-765 WS- Application for Work Authorization Worksheet
- \$495 Fee- Check or Money Order made payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”
- TCH fee for completing the DACA application packet - \$400.00
- Submit all the necessary documents (evidence to prove eligibility), with translations if not in English
- Form G-1145 E-notification of Application/Petition Acceptance (OPTIONAL)
- Copy of materials submitted for your own records

**WHERE TO FILE:**

I live in...	U.S. Postal Service	USPS Express Mail/Courier
Washington, Oregon	USCIS P.O. Box 5757 Chicago, IL 60680-5757	USCIS Attn: DACA 131 S. Dearborn- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60603-5517