Deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) allows certain individuals, who meet specific guidelines, to request consideration of deferred action from USCIS. Individuals who receive deferred action will not be placed into removal proceedings or removed from the United States for a specified period of time unless terminated. If you receive deferred action, you may be eligible for employment authorization. You may request deferred action for childhood arrivals if you meet the following guidelines:

**Can I be considered?**

- You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday
- You have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time
- You were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012
- You never had a lawful immigration status on or before June 15, 2012, or any lawful immigration status or parole that you obtained had expired as of June 15, 2012
- You are currently in school, have graduated or obtained your certificate of completion from high school, have obtained your General Educational Development certification, or you are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States
- You have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
- You were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS

**How do I file?**

1. Complete and mail forms to USCIS:
   - Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
   - Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization
   - Form I-765W, Worksheet

2. Ensure you meet the following:
   - You met the initial DACA requirements
   - You did not depart the United States on or after August 15, 2012, without advance parole
   - You have continuously resided in the United States since you submitted your most recent DACA request that was approved
   - You have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety

3. On your Form I-797, Notice of Action:
   - OR
   - Form I-766 - The date your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expires

**Renew your DACA**

- 4 months or 120 days before your current period of DACA expires.
- You have continuously resided in the United States since you submitted your most recent DACA request that was approved
- You have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
- Complete and mail forms to USCIS:
  - Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
  - Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization
  - Form I-765W, Worksheet

**REMEMBER:** Read instructions carefully • Sign the forms • Pay $465 fee

If you have questions about your request, please call USCIS Customer Service at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD). www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals