



Deportation Relief for DREAM Youth

On June 15th, 2012 President Obama announced an immediate halt to the deportation of some undocumented youth who meet certain criteria. This new policy is called Deferred Action and allows these youth to apply for protection from deportation and to apply for a work permit.

Top 5 Things You Need to Know

1. Don't get scammed. Unfortunately, many people will try to profit from this policy and make offers or promises to help you apply. If you're currently in deportation proceedings, seek trustworthy legal advice to apply for deferred action.
2. If you are currently in deportation proceedings and think you are eligible for Deferred Action, call one of these numbers now. You can call ICE's hotline 1-888-351-4024 or Law Enforcement Support Center's hotline at 1-855-448-6903.
3. If you are not in deportation proceedings, **WAIT!** There is no application process for you yet. There will be more information about when and how you can apply soon.
4. Victories like this policy change are only made possible when communities organize to demand change. Join us today. Become a member and get involved with TIRRC in your community. Visit tnimmigrant.org/member for more information.
5. Call TIRRC's Community Resource Line at 615-414-1030 if you have any questions.

What this announcement is:

- A temporary halt to the deportation of some DREAMers.
- An opportunity to apply for Deferred Action and apply for a work permit, valid for 2 years.

What it isn't:

- This is not the DREAM Act.
- This is not a pathway to citizenship and it does not change the immigration status of young people.
- This is not a permanent solution. Deferred action is a form of protection that must be reapplied for every 2 years.
- This opportunity is not available for non-DREAMers or for family members of DREAMers.

Am I Eligible?

Young people are eligible to apply if:

1. They came to the United States before they were sixteen years of age
2. They have continuously resided in the United States for at least the last five years, and were present in the US on 6/15/12
3. They are currently in school, have graduated from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are honorably discharged veterans of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States
4. Have not been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, multiple misdemeanor offenses, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety (*If you have anything on your record, please seek legal advice to confirm that it does not make you ineligible to apply.*)
5. Are between the ages of 15 and 30.



What Should I Do Now?

If you are in deportation proceedings and you think you are eligible,

You can immediately ask to have your case reviewed and to be granted deferred action. You can ask for this review even if you were denied prosecutorial discretion.

Seek trustworthy, legal advice that can help you apply for deferred action from immigration attorneys or non-profit organizations.

You can call ICE's hotline 1-888-351-4024 or Law Enforcement Support Center's hotline at 1-855-448-6903.

If you have questions, call TIRRC's hotline at 615-414-1030.

If you are arrested by ICE or Customs and Border Protections (including those being detained),

Tell them that you think you are eligible for Deferred Action and ask them not to place you in deportation proceedings.

If you are not currently in deportation proceedings,

WAIT! The process for youth who are **not** in deportation proceedings to apply is still not open. The application process should be available within 60 days. (by mid-August). Do not trust or pay anyone who says they can help you apply at this point.

For more information:

To learn more about this policy change or to get involved with TIRRC in your community, call our hotline at 615-414-1030

You can call USCIS's hotline at 1-800-375-5283

Visit USCIS's website (uscis.gov), ICE's website (ice.gov), or DHS's website (dhs.gov)

Visit United We Dream (unitedwedream.org) or DREAMActivist.org (dreamactivist.org)

Join the fight for immigrant rights!

President Obama's announcement is the result of years of brave action and persistent organizing by DREAMers in Tennessee and around the country. In Tennessee, these efforts have been led by JUMP in Nashville and Youth for Youth in Memphis. The Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) has youth- and adult-led committees across the state. We organize for changes like these and stand with each other to protect our rights.

Get involved today! To become a member, visit www.tnimmigrant.org/member