

Undocumented Students



“Originally from Bonao, Dominican Republic, Isabel Vargas immigrated with her family to the United States at the age of eight. Isabel transferred to Salem State University from Northern Essex Community College in 2011 and is now a senior pursuing a BA in political science and a minor in Spanish. As an undocumented student, Isabel understands the importance of making sure that contemporaries in her situation are able to achieve the benefits of higher education. While working for the Student Immigrant Movement, she engaged in the Dream Act Campaign to fight for the rights of undocumented students. Isabel aspires to become an immigration attorney.”

On November 18, 2012, the governor of Massachusetts announced that students who qualify for the Federal Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would be charged in-state tuition and fees. The DREAM Act would provide a pathway for undocumented youth to attend college. It also would open the door to college for tens of thousands of students who have the knowledge, skills and aspirations to pursue a college degree and to make a healthy, sustained and important contribution to the economy.

In order to qualify for “deferred action,” an individual must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Be under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Have come to the United States before reaching his/her 16th birthday;
- Has continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time, and was physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making the request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Is currently in school, has graduated from high school, has obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Has not been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, multiple misdemeanor offenses, or otherwise poses a threat to national security or public safety.

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El 18 de noviembre de 2012, el gobernador de Massachusetts anunció que los estudiantes que califican para los de La Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia(DACA) se pagan matrícula estatal y cuotas. EL DREAM ACT proporcionaría una vía para que los jóvenes indocumentados asistir a la universidad. También abriría la puerta a la Universidad para decenas de miles de estudiantes que tienen los conocimientos, habilidades y aspiraciones de obtener

un título universitario y para hacer una contribución sana, sostenida y importante para la economía.

Para calificar para la “acción diferida”, la persona debe cumplir con TODOS los siguientes criterios:

- Usted tenía menos de 31 años al 15 de junio de 2012
- Usted vino a los EE.UU. antes de cumplir los 16 años de edad
- Usted ha residido continuamente en EE.UU. desde el 15 de junio de 2007, hasta el presente y Estuvo presente en EE.UU. el 15 de junio 2012, o sue status legal migratorio expiró al 15
- Está asistiendo a la escuela, se ha graduado de la escuela superior, posee un Certificado de Educación General (GED, por sus siglas en ingles), o ha servido honorablmente en la Guardia Costanera o en las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos/li>
- Usted no ha sido encontrado culpable de un delito grave, delito menos grave de caracter significativo, multiples delitos menos graves ni representa una amenaza a la seguridad nacional o a la seguridad pública

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Resources:

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