

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) coordinates monthly, free, legal clinics at which attorneys from top Chicago law firms and corporations, with the support of NIJC, complete and file your application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). All clinics take place in Chicago's loop, close to public transportation. The location of the clinic will be provided once registration is confirmed.

What does Deferred Action provide?

If granted, deferred action will allow you be in the United States, with permission, for a two year period, which is subject to renewal. DACA recipients may also be eligible for a work permit valid for the two-year period that he or she is in deferred action status. Additionally, with a work permit, the individual can obtain a valid social security number, and in Illinois, a state identification or driver's license.

How do I register for the free legal clinic?

Go to <http://www.immigrantjustice.org/dacaclinics> and complete the registration form. Once completed, you will receive an email confirmation asking you to complete a more thorough questionnaire to make sure that you qualify for DACA, to see if you qualify for other immigration benefits, and to collect information that your attorney will need to fill out your application.

If you do not have an access to a computer or an email address, please call 312-660-1370 and explain that you would like to register for a deferred action clinic.

How do I know if I qualify for Deferred Action?

If you meet the following requirements, then you may qualify:

- You came to the United States before your 16th birthday
- You are at least 15 years old at the time of filing
- You were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012
- You were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012
- You had no lawful status on June 15, 2012
- You have not left United States as of June 15, 2007 through the present time (there are exceptions for some brief departures, but you must talk to an attorney before filing)
- You are currently enrolled in school or GED classes; you have graduated from high school or have a GED certificate; or you are an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard
- You have not been convicted of a felony or multiple misdemeanors

If we review your questionnaire or registration and find that you do not qualify for DACA, we will provide you with advice and referrals to qualified legal service providers.