

# NYC DREAMER LOAN FUND

The NYC DREAMer Loan Fund supports DREAMers in New York City who are applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Through the loan fund, DREAMers and their families can borrow the funds needed to cover DACA application fees.

## HOW IT WORKS

### DREAMer loan features include:

- Loans up to \$465 per DACA applicant
- Affordable monthly payments: \$38.75/mo. for 12 months
- 0% interest rate
- \$20 loan processing fee

### Other benefits for DREAMers:

- \$25 savings match when DREAMer Loan is repaid
- Access to free tax prep, financial counseling, and other services

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[neweconomynyc.org/DREAMer](http://neweconomynyc.org/DREAMer)

[nycdreamer@neweconomynyc.org](mailto:nycdreamer@neweconomynyc.org)

## HOW TO APPLY

➔ **Contact a nonprofit DACA screening organization in NYC.**

Visit [www.neweconomynyc.org/DREAMer](http://www.neweconomynyc.org/DREAMer) for a list of organizations that can help you complete your DACA application, free of charge, and refer you to the NYC DREAMer Loan Fund. For more DACA information and resources: [www.thenyc.org/DACA](http://www.thenyc.org/DACA).



The NYC DREAMer Loan Fund is operated by New Economy Project, in collaboration with Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union, Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union, New York Immigration Coalition, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees.

# NYC DREAMER LOAN FUND — REFERRAL FORM

The NYC DREAMer Loan Fund makes no-interest loans to help DACA applicants cover the \$465 application fee. DACA screening organizations may refer applicants and their families to the Loan Fund, using this form.

For more info: [www.nedap.org/DREAMerLoanFund](http://www.nedap.org/DREAMerLoanFund)

## STEP 1: FILL OUT A REFERRAL FORM FOR EACH LOAN APPLICANT

ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff/Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm that your organization has:

a) Screened the applicant for eligibility for DACA	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b) Reviewed the USCIS application to ensure that it is complete	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
c) Confirmed that applicant lives in NYC	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
d) Explained that loan borrower must make \$38.75/month payments	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
e) Screened the applicant for eligibility for DYCD grants, if applicable*	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Is the DACA applicant applying for:  DACA  DACA Renewal

DACA APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

LOAN APPLICANT NAME (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to DACA applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Loan Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2: SEND COMPLETED REFERRAL FORM TO NEW ECONOMY PROJECT BY

FAX: 212-925-2092 OR EMAIL: [nycdreamer@neweconomynyc.org](mailto:nycdreamer@neweconomynyc.org)

## STEP 3: INSTRUCT LOAN APPLICANT TO CONTACT A PARTNER CREDIT UNION

Loan applicant must make an appointment at either:

**LOWER EAST SIDE PEOPLE'S FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Contact: Karen Latney-Castillo: 212-529-8197, x25

[kcastillo@lespfcu.org](mailto:kcastillo@lespfcu.org)/Fax: 212-529-8368

⇒ Lower East Side Branch: 37 Avenue B

**BROOKLYN COOPERATIVE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Contact: Claudia Fernandez: 718-418-8232, x213

[claudia@brooklyn.coop](mailto:claudia@brooklyn.coop)/Fax: 718-488-7282

⇒ Bushwick Branch: 1474 Myrtle Ave.

⇒ Bedford Stuyvesant Branch: 834 Dekalb Ave.

*Se habla español.*

**Loan applicant** must bring this Referral Form to their credit union appointment, along with:

- ◆ **Photo identification** (such as a valid passport, driver's license, consular ID, or student ID)
- ◆ **Proof of address** (such as a phone or utility bill, copy of lease, or school records)
- ◆ **Proof of income** (such as recent paystubs, W-2 forms, income tax returns, a notarized letter from an employer or tenant, bank account statements, or remittances receipts; contact credit unions with any questions)
- ◆ **\$20 processing fee**, per loan



\*The NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development currently administers a DACA initiative through which some DACA applicants may receive grants to cover their DACA application fee.

Please contact New Economy Project for more information: 212-680-5100.

# We've submitted your immigration application!

## What's next?

You can now apply for public health insurance called Medicaid!

### Step One: Receive Receipt Notice, Form I-797

After applying for immigration relief, you will receive a document called a receipt notice, "Form I-797," stating that your application is being processed. Upon receiving the I-797, you are eligible to apply for Medicaid.

*Make sure you qualify for Medicaid:*

- ❖ Income Eligibility: Only certain families will be eligible for Medicaid depending on your household size and total household income. These are the guidelines for 2016:

Persons in Household	Income Level
1	16,243
2	21,984
3	27,725
4	33,465
5	39,206
6	44,947
7	50,688
8	56,429

You may also own a home, a car, and personal property and still be eligible. The income and resources, if applicable, of legally responsible relatives in the household will also be counted.

- ❖ Residency Requirement: You must be able to prove that you live in New York State.

### Step Two: Call Single Stop to enroll in Medicaid.

Please call **(800) 290-7189** or email [healthcare@singlestopusa.org](mailto:healthcare@singlestopusa.org). Single Stop is a nonprofit organization that assists families to enroll in health insurance at no cost, amongst many other services.

### For Children under age 19:

Children under the age of 19 are eligible for public health insurance through Child Health Plus even if they have no immigration status or have an immigration application pending.



# Social Security Number and Card — Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals



## Am I eligible for a Social Security number and card?

If the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approves your request for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and your application to work in the United States, you may be eligible for a Social Security number. After you get your (I-766) Employment Authorization Card, you can apply for a Social Security number.

## How do I apply for a Social Security number?

Social Security must interview you in person so you can complete and sign your application. Call your local office, which you can find online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/locator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/locator). You must bring papers proving you have permission to work in the United States, your immigration status, age and identity.

### You Must Show Social Security

You must show us the originals or certified copies of two documents:

1. Form I-766 Employment Authorization Card (EAD, work permit), and
2. Your foreign birth certificate (if you have one or can get one within 10 business days). If you cannot, we may accept your:
  - Foreign passport;
  - U.S. military record; or
  - Religious record showing age or date of birth.

If you do not have or cannot get one of the above preferred papers within 10 business days, we may accept your:

- U.S. driver's license;
- U.S. state-issued identification card; or
- School record (issued five or more years ago) showing age or date of birth.

Please note: While you may have shown USCIS photocopies of the above papers, you must bring Social Security originals or copies certified the agency that issued them. **We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies.** We must independently verify the documentation you show us.

For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778).

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## ASIAN-AMERICAN DREAMERS' COLLECTIVE



# JOIN US TODAY!

OUR MEETING TIME & DATE: @ MINKWON CENTER  
DECEMBER 22ND  
JANUARY 26TH

@

7PM

CONTACT:

JUNG RAE JANG  
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718-460-5600 EXT. 504



## Steps to Take When Your DACA Renewal is Delayed

On August 10, 2016, USCIS posted a notice on its DACA webpage acknowledging that it was taking “longer than expected” for renewal requests to be processed and saying that “USCIS is dedicated to restoring normal processing times as quickly as possible.” For more information, visit [www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca](http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca).

DACA renewal takes about 3-6 months for processing. USCIS will typically send a biometrics appointment notice a month after receiving DACA renewal application. In the event your renewal request for DACA and employment authorization document (EAD) is delayed, we recommend you take the following steps to ensure that your current DACA and EAD does not expire prior to the renewal. Some of the options described may be more effective than others, depending on your particular case. Therefore, we recommend following up on as many of them as you can.

### When you take any of these steps, be prepared to provide the following information:

- Your full name
- Your alien registration or USCIS number (A#)
- Your application receipt numbers and receipt dates
- The expiration date of your DACA and employment authorization document (EAD)
- Information you provided in the renewal application forms (I-821D and I-765)

Below are the steps we suggest you take to follow up on your DACA renewal application.

#### 1. Check your case status online

You can check the basic processing of your case by using USCIS’s online “My Case Status” tool, at <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard/CaseStatus.do>. You will need to enter the receipt number for either your DACA application or your employment authorization application. USCIS’s online case status tool may show that your renewal application has been approved before you receive your new EAD in the mail, so we recommend you check your case status online regularly. You can also create a USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS) online account to track the progress of your case—at <https://myaccount.uscis.dhs.gov/>.

#### 2. Contact the National Customer Service Center (NCSC)

The service center customer number is 1-800-375-5283. Be prepared to wait on hold for a long time. You will be able to speak to someone who may be able to answer your questions. You will be given a case confirmation number. Be sure to write it down and keep it, since USCIS uses the number to track your case inquiry.

#### 3. Contact the appropriate USCIS Service Center by email

Email the appropriate USCIS service center 30 days after you contact the National Customer Service Center via phone (step 2, above); if you do not receive a response from the NCSC. The receipt notices you received for your Form I-821D and Form I-765 will state which service center is handling your case. You can email an inquiry about your case to the appropriate service center. The service center email addresses are:



## MINKWON CENTER For Community Action

- California Service Center: [csc-ncsc-followup@dhs.gov](mailto:csc-ncsc-followup@dhs.gov)
- Vermont Service Center: [vsc.ncscfollowup@dhs.gov](mailto:vsc.ncscfollowup@dhs.gov)
- Nebraska Service Center: [NSCFollowup.NCSC@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:NSCFollowup.NCSC@uscis.dhs.gov)
- Texas Service Center: [tsc.ncscfollowup@dhs.gov](mailto:tsc.ncscfollowup@dhs.gov)

If you do not receive a response within 21 days of emailing the service center, you may email the USCIS Headquarters Office of Service Center Operations at [SCOPSSCATA@dhs.gov](mailto:SCOPSSCATA@dhs.gov).

#### 4. Submit an “outside normal processing time” inquiry

You can also make an online inquiry about a delayed case at <https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do>. DACA renewal applicants may use this online inquiry form after their application has been pending for 105 days (3.5 months), calculated from the receipt date.

#### 5. Contact the USCIS Ombudsman’s office

Contact the Ombudsman’s office only after your DACA renewal application has been pending for 105 days. The Ombudsman provides an “impartial and independent perspective to USCIS in an attempt to resolve problems with pending cases.” The office recommends not contacting them until after you’ve completed steps 1-3, above. The Ombudsman’s office reviews cases and may be able to provide you with information about yours. You can file a Case Assistance Form DHS-7001 online with the USCIS Ombudsman at <https://cisomb.dhs.gov/oca/form7001.aspx> and ask for expedited handling of your renewal application (e.g. ask USCIS to process your renewal faster). When you file the DHS-7001 form online, state in the form:

- (a) the reason(s) you are asking for expedited handling (such as that you may lose your current job),
- (b) the steps you have already taken to find out the status of your case, and
- (c) what the local USCIS field office has told you about your case.

Once you have completed and submitted the online form, you should be issued an Ombudsman-specific case number. Then you can contact, by email, one of these Ombudsman staff people to follow up on your case:

- [Rena.cutlip-mason@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Rena.cutlip-mason@hq.dhs.gov)
- [Margaret.gleason@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.gleason@hq.dhs.gov)
- [Messay.berhanu@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Messay.berhanu@hq.dhs.gov)

#### 6. Contact your congressional representative

Call your congressperson’s office and ask to speak with the immigration caseworker. You can find out who your congressperson is and get his or her contact information by entering your zip code at [www.house.gov/representatives/find/](http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/). Explain your problem to the caseworker, who may be able to ask USCIS for information about your case.