

# DEFERRED ACTION

## For Childhood Arrivals

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If under age of 15 with an imminent or final removal order, you may also apply.

Hey Ingrid, Have you heard about Deferred Action?



We should talk to Ms. Cruz about it.



Ms. Cruz, can you tell us about Deferred Action?

Sure!

Deferred Action provides eligible non-u.s. citizens with a work permit and a social security number.



Deferred Action is a temporary protection from deportation. Applying does not guarantee you papers. You will need to re-apply every two years.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- ARRIVED IN THE U.S. BEFORE AGE OF 16
- CONTINUOUSLY LIVED IN THE U.S. FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS (BEFORE 6/15/12)
- WERE LIVING IN THE U.S. ON 6/15/12
- CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL, HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, HAVE OBTAINED A GED CERTIFICATE OR BE AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE COAST GUARD OR ARMED FORCES OF THE U.S.
- HAVE NO FELONY OFFENSE OR SIGNIFICANT MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE. MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OR OTHERWISE POSE A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY. MUST PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK.
- BE ABOVE THE AGE OF 15 AND UNDER THE AGE OF 31.

What proof do I need?



Gather documents that show proof of...

- IDENTITY (PASSPORT, BIRTH CERTIFICATE)
- ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. BEFORE AGE 16 (VISA, AIRPLANE TICKET, SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS)
- PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THE U.S. ON 6/15/12 (SCHOOL PAPERS, PAY STUB)
- CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN THE U.S. FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS BEFORE 6/15/12 (PHONE BILLS, UTILITY BILLS, CREDIT CARD BILLS, LEASE AGREEMENT, RENT RECEIPTS, SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, PAY STUBS)
- ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR RECEIPT OF A GED CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE COAST GUARD OR ARMED FORCES OF THE U.S.

When can I apply?



Applications will be accepted only after August 15, 2012.

Applications will be available on the government website ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)) and the application fee is \$465.



If your application is rejected, you cannot appeal.



Everyone should speak with an immigration lawyer before applying.



Especially if you've been in trouble with the law, speak to a lawyer about your case.



Thanks for the information, Ms. Cruz!

You're welcome! And remember, you should speak to a lawyer before submitting your application.



Wow Helen, this is amazing!

My prayers have been answered!