

DREAMERS

noun | dream·ers | \ 'drē-mərs \

1 : One that dreams

2 : Young undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children and were raised, educated, and have lived in the U.S. most of their lives. Dreamers got their name from the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, a bill that was first introduced in 2001, but has yet to pass both the Senate and the House.



DACA

noun | da·ca | \ 'dä-kə \

1: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an Executive Order enacted in June 2012, providing temporary protection for undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. by their parents before the age of 16, and who were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012. It does not provide public benefits nor does it lead to citizenship or legal status. DACA recipients have passed a background check and met certain educational criteria. DACA has allowed young undocumented immigrants to study, work, pay taxes, and have a driver's license. The cost of a DACA application (and each two-year renewal) is \$495.

2: DACA was rescinded in September 2017 by the Trump Administration, but many states have sued to keep the program for their residents. Currently, DACA renewals are being accepted. Many DACA-eligible teens remain undocumented.

UPON BEING GRANTED DACA STATUS, RECIPIENTS' WAGES INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF

45%



72%

OF THE TOP 25 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES EMPLOY DACA RECIPIENTS

82%

OF AMERICANS SUPPORT AN APPROACH IN WHICH DREAMERS STAY IN THE U.S.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION PROTECTING DREAMERS COULD CREATE

1.4 MILLION JOBS BY 2030



SUCH REFORM WOULD INCREASE THE GDP

\$1.2 TRILLION OVER 10 YEARS

WHY IT MATTERS

To this day, DACA has helped more than a million young people achieve milestones typically associated with the American dream, such as pursuing higher education, earning better wages to support their families, and buying homes.

A durable policy solution, such as the Dream and Promise Act, that includes a pathway to citizenship for young immigrants, would reap benefits for all Americans — creating prosperity while upholding our heritage as a land of equality and promise.



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