On November 20, 2014, the President announced that, within 90 days, USCIS would expand the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). This means more people may request deferred action under DACA when the program is expanded. If you receive deferred action, you may be able to stay in the United States temporarily without fear of deportation. In addition, you will be considered for employment authorization, which would allow you to work legally in the United States, for a three year period.

WHO CAN REQUEST DACA UNDER THE EXPANDED PROGRAM?

You may be considered for deferred action if you:

• Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
• Have continuously resided in the United States since Jan. 1, 2010, up to the present time;
• Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
• Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
• Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. armed forces or U.S. Coast Guard; and
• Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Additional details about the expanded DACA guidelines can be found at www.uscis.gov/immigrationaction.

HOW CAN I MAKE A REQUEST?

While USCIS is not accepting requests for expanded DACA at this time, USCIS is preparing to accept requests under the DACA expansion on February 18, 2015. Please visit www.uscis.gov/immigrationaction to learn more about the documents needed to support your request.

If you need additional information, please contact us at the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TDD for hearing-impaired: 1-800-767-1833).