

## DACA Recipients and Study Abroad Information

UCI Study Abroad Center

Before making a decision to study abroad you are ***strongly recommended to get professional legal advice*** about your individual situation. Some suggested resources that may be useful are listed below.

### Basic information:

- DACA recipients may seek permission to travel abroad temporarily for educational purposes.
- Study abroad is specifically listed as an educational purpose on the USCIS FAQ regarding DACA.
- Details on applying for DACA: <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process>
- To seek to temporarily leave and re-entry to United States, a DACA recipient must apply for *advance parole*.
- Advance Parole gives an individual who is in the United States advance authorization to enter the United States after temporary travel abroad.
- Advance parole does ***not guarantee*** entry into the United States; the inspecting immigration official may, at his/her discretion, deny parole (i.e. entry) at the port-of-entry.
- To apply for advance parole, a DACA recipient must submit Form I-131 to USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Services) <http://www.uscis.gov/i-131>
- The filing fee is currently \$360.
- Each application for advance parole will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- A DACA recipient who is granted advance parole must return to the United States within the time frame indicated on the advance parole document.
- Various other immigration related issues may impact an individual applying for advance parole. Examples include: individuals with "removal orders" or those who have accrued "unlawful presence" after turning 18.

### Possible sources for professional legal advice:

- <http://www.e4fc.org/resources/gettinglegalhelp.html>
- The OC Dream Team: <http://www.istillhaveadream.org/>
- El Rescate (Los Angeles) [www.elrescate.org](http://www.elrescate.org)
- Public Counsel (Los Angeles) <http://www.publiccounsel.org/home>
- International Institute of Los Angeles <http://www.iilosangeles.org/services/refugee-immigration/legal/>
- The OC Dream Team: <http://www.istillhaveadream.org/>
- Sources for lawyer referrals:
  - Orange County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Information Service: 877-257-4762
  - American Immigration Lawyers Association web search: [www.aialawyer.com](http://www.aialawyer.com)