



## **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?**

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an administrative relief from deportation that protects eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States when they were children from deportation. DACA gives young undocumented immigrants: protection from deportation and a work permit.

Unlike the previously proposed DREAM Act, DACA does not confer lawful immigration status upon recipients, nor does it provide a pathway to citizenship. DACA recipients are eligible for work authorization, which allows them to be lawfully employed in the United States; to apply for Social Security numbers; and, depending on the state in which they live, possibly to obtain a driver's license. DACA, as well as the work authorization, may be renewed at the end of the two-year period pending fulfillment of certain criteria. It is important to note that the Department of Homeland Security retains the authority to renew, or even terminate, a DACA grant at any time.

### **What are the Wright State University Admission, Financial Aid and In-State Tuition Policies?**

Wright State University welcomes all students, regardless of citizenship status. We are committed to helping students achieve their goals and providing them with a good start toward success. Students must complete the Financial Aid application to be considered for all Wright State University resources. When a student applies to Wright State University, they initially have the opportunity to self-identify as a DACA student. If a student self-identifies as a DACA student, they will need to submit the I-797 form that supports their DACA status. Students are not legally required to provide a copy of a driver's license or state identification card as part of the application process.

If a student self-identifies as a DACA student, but does not have the appropriate supporting documentation, the student will be referred to the University Center for International Education to work with our international team. We understand that the process for DACA students may be confusing, and we are here to answer any questions you may have. *Please contact the Office of Admissions at (937) 775-5700.*

### **What resources are available to support DACA students at Wright State University?**

Wright State University is a diverse and inclusive academic community. All admitted students receive the Wright State University student identification card. In addition, students receive access to all campus services regardless of immigration status. Below are campus resources available to every student.

- The Student Affairs staff are available for support, advice, guidance, and consultation on navigating various circumstances. Contact Student Affairs at (937) 775-2808 to be connected with campus resources.
- Our Equity and Inclusion office and any of our cultural and identity centers are available to assist students with personal and academic support, general advising, planning for future academic and professional endeavors, referrals, etc. The contact information for these centers is listed below.

Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center	140 Millett Hall	(937) 775-5645
Equity & Inclusion	436 Millett Hall	(937) 775-3207
Latino, Asian, and Native American (LANA)	154 Millett Hall	(937) 775-3806

LGBTQA  
Women's Center

011 Student Union (937) 775-4611  
148 Millett Hall (937) 775-4524

- The University Center for International Education assists international students, academic staff, and their families by advising on U.S. federal immigration and other issues, information sessions, cultural celebrations, and other events. The staff also provide counseling on personal, academic, and cultural matters. For more information, please call (937) 775-5745 or email [askucie@wright.edu](mailto:askucie@wright.edu).
- Counseling & Wellness Services provide a confidential place to talk with a trained clinician about any concern. This may include stress, loneliness, anxiety, depression, adjustment challenges, relationship difficulties, questions about identity, managing an existing mental health condition, or other issues. To speak with a staff member or for more information, call (937) 775-3207 or visit 053 Student Union.
- Student Legal Services provides limited confidential legal assistance and referrals to community experts on immigration for undocumented students, including DACA students. For assistance, contact (937) 775-2056 or visit 015 Student Union. The services are free to all enrolled students as part of the legal fee charged to the student account.
- The Wright State University Police are your trusted campus law enforcement agency that affords professional service and protection to every member of our community. For emergencies call 911. All non-emergencies should be directed to (937) 775-2111.

### **What changes should DACA students expect?**

It is important that DACA students work closely with personal immigration counsel to take all reasonable precautions as related to their education and personal circumstances. In general, DACA students should not expect any aspect of their engagement with Wright State University to change.

If you are a DACA student in an academic program that requires employment authorization to complete elements of your program, such as a paid internship, you should monitor developments related to your employment authorization closely. In the event that DACA students lose employment authorization, Wright State University will assist students with exploring alternate requirements or courses of study as appropriate to complete their degree requirements. DACA graduate students who have a Graduate Assistantship may be subject to loss of their employment authorization. As a result, students will not be able to continue to hold paid Graduate Assistantship positions.

### **Should DACA students study or travel abroad?**

The Department of Homeland Security provides advance parole or permission to exit and re-enter the U.S. temporarily for a given purpose. Advance Parole applications are no longer being accepted due to the rescission of DACA on September 5, 2017. The University Center for International Education does not recommend that DACA students with approved Advance Parole depart the United States.

### **What should faculty and staff do if an immigration enforcement agent makes contact to request information about a student?**

Wright State University is committed to complying with all federal and state laws, including upholding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law that makes it unlawful for University officials to disclose a student's educational records without their express permission, a lawful subpoena, or a court order. Faculty, staff, and students who encounter government agents presenting legal documentation who request any information about any of our students, faculty, or staff, should direct the individuals to the University's Office of General Counsel in 282 University Hall.

### **What can DACA students living or visiting on campus housing expect?**

Residence halls are a great way for students to build community, become comfortable with living away from home while have easy access to classes and campus activities. Residential spaces such as on-campus apartments and residence hall rooms are considered private, and federal enforcement officials are not permitted in such

spaces absent a valid criminal warrant or consent from the resident. An administrative warrant alone does not permit ICE officials to enter private, residential spaces absent student consent. Residence Life & Housing staff who encounter government agents requesting any information about any of our students, faculty, or staff should direct the individuals to the University's Office of General Counsel in 282 University Hall.

### **How will Wright State University Police address DACA students?**

Wright State University as an educational institution will continue to act in the best interests of all of its students who have been granted admission to the University, and it will not take any adverse actions against any of its students unless legally required to do so by a court order, subpoena, warrant, the need to enforce campus policies, or some other lawfully authorized directive. This is consistent with long-standing practices on the Wright State University campus.

In addition to the Wright State University Police, several other law enforcement agencies share jurisdiction to enforce the law on Wright State's public campuses. These include, but are not limited to, the State Highway Patrol and the Montgomery County Highway Patrol. The University Police has established relationships and partnerships with these agencies, but do not have authority or control over these law enforcement agencies.

### **What if an undocumented student is subject to an order of removal from the United States?**

Wright State University has no legal authority to intervene in immigration court proceedings if a member of our community is detained or subject to an order of removal. Wright State University administrators and academic advisors will work with the student individually to assess practical options and the best path forward.

### **What can DACA allies do to show support?**

There are many actions that allies can engage in to show support, including social movements such as lobbying, holding rallies, peaceful demonstrations to enhance awareness of immigration challenges, and joining legislative campaigns that serve as a social movement for undocumented and DACA youth to influence government officials to pass legislation in support of DACA. If you desire to express a viewpoint on any state or federal policy or action, please contact your state representatives:

Governor	John Kasich	(614) 466-3555
Website Contact	<a href="http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Contact/ContacttheGovernor">http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Contact/ContacttheGovernor</a>	
Lt. Governor	Mary Taylor	(614) 644-0935
U.S. Senate	Rob Portman	(202) 224-2315
Website Contact	<a href="https://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact?p=contact-form">https://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact?p=contact-form</a>	
US Senate	Sherrod Brown	(202) 224-3353
Website Contact	<a href="https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/">https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/</a>	

Public education can also help change perception on undocumented immigrants and DACA, thereby creating a safe and welcoming environment for undocumented and DACA students, faculty, and staff. In all cases, we encourage you to exercise your right to be civically engaged in addressing an issue of concern to you.

### **Social Media Resources**

1. **Notifica app** helps immigrants who have been detained. Developed by United We Dream, which is led by young immigrants, and the digital agency Huge, the app offers immigrants a way to set up an auto-notify to their families and loved ones that they can initiate if they are detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

2. A hub for immigration resources, **Arrived** displays the latest immigration news and educates users on the deportation process.
3. **Tarjimly** is a Facebook messenger bot that connects a community of 2,000 volunteer translators with immigrants and refugees in real time.
4. Although **Cell 411** isn't specifically for undocumented immigrants, the app recently rolled out features for that population. It allows users to contact close friends and family when being confronted by ICE officers.
5. **RedadAlertas** delivers verified and crowdsourced data on ICE raids, checkpoints or other confrontations happening nearby.