

## **Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process, otherwise known as the Dream ACT**

The deferred action process, a portion of the Dream Act, allows certain individuals to obtain work authorization and identification in the United States. The requirements for this process are:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. 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;
5. Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. 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 Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Individuals may begin to request consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals on August 15, 2012. Please do not file before August 15. If you file early, your request will be rejected.

USCIS has indicated that multiple minor traffic violations such as driving without a license may not prevent you from obtaining deferred action. It is important to consult and review your case before filing to insure that you meet all of the qualifications.

A grant of Deferred Action is a discretionary grant by the United States Government. That means that if your application is completed with errors, contains inaccurate information or otherwise is denied by USCIS for some reason, you cannot appeal. **YOU WILL GET ONE CHANCE AND ONE CHANCE ONLY!** Be extremely careful and consult with an attorney.

Most importantly, the Government has indicated that all information will be held confidential. Therefore by applying for Deferred Action, you do not need to worry that there will be a negative the impact on your family.

Government Filings fees will be \$465.