

## Immigration Legal Services – DACA Assistance Fund FAQ

### 1. What is the DACA Assistance Fund?

The DACA Assistance Fund is a one-time allocation of \$3 million to support students, faculty, and staff across the California Community Colleges to pay for the \$495 filing fee.

### 2. Who is eligible?

- Students
- Faculty
- Staff
- Dual Enrolled students
- Noncredit students
- Adult education

### 3. Does this cover the first-time application or just renewals?

The Fund supports both first-time applicants as well as those renewing their DACA within 150 days of their permit expiring.

### 4. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is not accepting applications at the moment; what should I do?

According to USCIS, for individuals that have an initial DACA request currently pending with USCIS, their requests will remain on hold, in “pending” status, while the Southern District of Texas order remains in effect. With respect to individuals who have not yet filed for DACA, under the Court’s order, USCIS may continue to accept first-time DACA applications, but may not grant any initial DACA requests at this time. It is unclear whether there is any benefit to applying for initial DACA at this time. Please consult with a licensed immigration attorney or DOJ accredited representative for advice on your case.

### 5. How do I access the DACA Assistance Fund?

To access benefits from the Community College Immigration Services Project, students, faculty, and staff need to make an appointment with their region’s identified host college, which can be found on the [Chancellor’s Office website](#).

### 6. What if my college isn’t listed on the Chancellor’s Office Website?

Eligible individuals (see Question #2) from any California Community College can schedule an appointment within their specific region and must choose a college that is closest to them. For questions regarding eligibility or issues with scheduling, please contact Alonso Garcia via email at [algarcia@foundationccc.org](mailto:algarcia@foundationccc.org).



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**7. If I am already working with an organization that is not listed, can I still get assistance?**

In order to be eligible to receive assistance with the USCIS filing fee, eligible individuals must use one of the nine legal service providers contracted to provide services under the Community College Immigration Services Project.

**8. What if I already filed my DACA renewal or first-time application; can I get reimbursement?**

If you filed before connecting with one of the nine chosen legal services providers, you are not eligible to receive a reimbursement of your fees.