

Applying for DACA When You Are In an Alternative Education Program

Use this **handout** if you are signed up for a

- GED (“General Education Diploma” or “General Equivalency Diploma”)
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- Literacy
- Career Training or Vocational-Technical Training Program.

This handout tells you what to send with your DACA application to prove (i) that your education program qualifies for DACA and (ii) that you are signed up for that program.

Take this handout to your school administrator’s office and explain that you need one item on Table 1 and one on Table 2.

Table 1: Documents to Prove Your Education Program Helps You Qualify

Type of Program	Non-Profit Status	Public Funding (in whole or in part)	Demonstrated Effectiveness (only needed if not publicly funded)
<u>GED</u>	A copy of the IRS letter to prove non-profit status under 501(c)(3)	Letter from the GED program administrators with basic details about the source(s) of funding.	A letter from a program administrator to show the program is effective. The letter should address: How long the program has existed; The program’s track record helping students get a GED, post-secondary education, or employment Receipt of awards or special achievement or recognition that show the program’s overall quality; and/or Any other information showing the program’s overall quality.
<u>ESL</u>	A copy of the IRS letter to prove non-profit status under 501(c)(3)	Letter from the ESL program administrators with basic details about the source(s) of funding.	
<u>Literacy</u>	A copy of the IRS letter to prove non-profit status under 501(c)(3)	If not non-profit, but publicly funded, a letter from the program administrators with basic details about the source(s) of funding.	
<u>Career Training and Vo-Tech</u>	A copy of the IRS letter to prove non-profit status under 501(c)(3)	Letter from the school registrar or authorized school representative with basic details about the source(s) of funding.	

Table 2: Documents to Prove You are Attending or Enrolled

You are already attending classes when you apply for DACA	Provide attendance records, transcripts, report cards or progress reports indicating <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The name of the school;• Your name;• The period covered by the document; and• If applicable, your current level.
You enrolled, but classes have not started yet	Provide a letter, or use your acceptance letter from the program administrators, that includes information such as <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your name;• Your date of enrollment;• The duration of the program you are signed up for and the expected end date;• A description of the program (if career training or vocational-technical training program);• The program’s contact information.