

Top 5 things to know about DACA renewals...

now that the Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court to review the DACA-related federal court cases

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ON NOVEMBER 5, 2018, the Trump administration asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review orders from three U.S. district courts that require U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to accept DACA renewal applications. The Supreme Court could decide as early as mid-January 2019 whether it will hear the three DACA-related cases.

Nevertheless, the three district court orders *remain in effect*, and USCIS is *still* accepting DACA renewal applications from anyone who has previously had DACA. At this time, no first-time DACA applications or advance parole applications are being accepted or processed, however.

This recent development provides an opportunity to remind DACA recipients of the following:

1. **You can still apply to renew your DACA.** The Supreme Court could decide as early as mid-January 2019 whether it will hear the three DACA-related cases. *If* the Court decides to hear these cases, there's a chance that USCIS will be ordered to stop accepting applications and a smaller chance that it will be ordered to stop processing the applications it has already received. *If* that were to happen, *ideally* you'd want to have submitted your renewal application by early January, in case the Court's decision causes changes to the program.

However, even if the Court decides to hear one or more of the three cases, it is possible that the Court will *not* create any changes to the program until after an argument takes place in the spring, thus allowing for renewals to still be available.

2. **Applying early is an option.** You can apply to renew your DACA even if its expiration date is more than 150 days from the date you submit your renewal application. Keep in mind, though, that your new period of having DACA may start before your current one expires. You'll have to weigh the **pros and cons of applying early** to decide if this option makes sense for you.¹
3. **There are resources to help pay the \$495 renewal application cost.** Visit <https://unitedwedream.org/2018/04/daca-recipient-needs-support/> to find out more. And consider creating a **GoFundMe**² or asking your family and friends that their gifts to you this holiday season be money to help you pay for the application.
4. **We are winning this fight.** Every day DACA renewal applications are accepted is a win. Due to our communities' tremendous advocacy, organizing, and litigation efforts, over 187,000 people have been able to renew their DACA since the first court order was issued in January.
5. **We need to continue this fight together.** DACA recipients are #HeretoStay, and we will continue organizing to protect one another. *We've got your back.*

For more information on DACA renewals, visit RenewMyDACA.com.



¹ See www.nilc.org/should-i-renew-my-daca-now/ for more information.

² www.gofundme.com/cause/protect-daca.