# Template for DACA Renewal Fundraising Message

The following template can be used when asking friends and family to contribute to your DACA renewals fund. We highly encourage you to modify the letter. You know the letter/email’s recipients best, so feel free to tailor the letter to them.

Like when you write a personal statement seeking admission for school, the two main questions you want to answer in this letter are (1) Why me? and (2) Why now? Why the urgency?

Given all the fundraising asks that people are sent, you’ll want to explain why you’re in need of support right now.

Here’s the template:

Hello [name of addressee],

I’m writing this letter in hopes that you may help me. On November 12, 2019, the Supreme Court will be hearing the cases challenging the termination of DACA. The Court is expected to issue its decision sometime between January and June 2020. The Court’s decision could affect whether DACA recipients will be able to continue to renew their DACA.

Nobody knows for sure what will happen. That’s why I’m doing everything I can to remain protected under DACA for as long as possible. Here’s what I’ve done so far: [list any efforts you’ve already made to fundraise; for example, I’ve been working x number of hours, been saving since March etc.]

However, despite my best efforts, I am still [unable/struggling] to afford the $495 application fee [and the cost of hiring an attorney, if applicable]. I’m wondering if you could please help me cover the cost of applying. Losing DACA would not only mean losing my protection from deportation but also [insert anything else at stake including losing employment, etc.]

If you’d like to contribute, please [insert payment options: venmo, paypal, check, etc.]

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

[Your name]