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DATE: February 13, 2014

TO: City of Los Angeles Workforce Development System
City of Los Angeles Day Labor Program

FROM: Lisa Salazar, Acting Director
Operations Division

SUBJECT: **WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 14-17**
MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI INVITES YOU TO A FREE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) WORKSHOP

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bulletin is effective on date of issue.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this information bulletin is to enlist your participation in informing your clients of the upcoming free workshop for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applicants, by posting and distributing the attached flyers.

BACKGROUND

Mayor Eric Garcetti is committed to ensuring that the immigrant population in the City of Los Angeles has the same services and representation as anyone else within our City. In order to provide undocumented immigrants with the right information to ensure that they can access DACA, the Mayor is partnering with the California Community Foundation and the DACA 100 Taskforce to host a free workshop at the Van Nuys City Hall, on Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE AND WHEN

Van Nuys City Hall
14410 Sylvan Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PROCESS

Applicants will have the assistance of experts in completing the DACA application. In the event a case may require legal assistance, immigration lawyers will be available for consultation. Information will also be provided about obtaining a short-term loan to help cover the cost of the application.

Applicants need to bring with them several documents that can help establish their eligibility such as:

- Financial records including rent receipts, utility bills, credit card receipts or statements, etc.
- School records including a diploma, GED certificate, report cards, transcripts, etc.
- Employment records including W-2 forms, paystubs, income tax returns, etc.
- Military service records

These documents should help verify that the applicant:

- Was born after June 16, 1981;
- Arrived in the U.S. on or before his/her 16th birthday;
- Has lived continuously in the U.S. since June 15, 2007; and
- Was present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Help will be available for the $465 application fee. Several local institutions have created special short-term loan programs for L.A. County residents to finance the application fee. Learn more at www.pacoimadfcu.org.

There will also be information regarding the DREAM.US, a recently launched $25-million scholarship fund to support undocumented students. The fund was founded by former Washington Post owner Don Graham, who has been active on the issue of college access. This scholarship fund is also intended to help DACA recipients go to college. Visit: http://thedream.us/. The application process is available online, and will close on March 31.

Finally, information will also be provided about the California Dream Act and the availability of funds for college, as well as the upcoming Cash for College workshops. Here is the link to the California Dream Act: http://www.calgrants.org/documents/13899_CSAC12_Top10_Dream_Act_12.pdf.

CONTACT

For more information on DACA call (855) DREAM-31 or visit www.daca100.org. For more information or to volunteer at the event, call Rita Moreno at (213) 744-9364 or rita.moreno@lacity.org.

Scholarship Guidelines

THEDREAM.US – A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR DREAMers

January 27, 2014

THEDREAM.US is a national scholarship fund for DREAMers[1] established by Graham Holdings Company. We provide college scholarships to highly motivated DREAMers who, without financial aid, cannot afford a college education that will enable them to participate in the American workforce.

We partner with quality colleges that focus on college completion and make a commitment to provide comprehensive student support services to THEDREAM.US Scholars attending their institutions. THEDREAM.US awards scholarships for tuition and fees to DREAMers who have demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, and a high motivation to succeed and are accepted to attend one of our partner colleges. For more information on our partner colleges, visit http://thedream.us/.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

The guidelines for the scholarship are set forth below. If you have additional questions, you can go here for Frequently Asked Questions and the answers.

Eligibility

Applicants to the THEDREAM.US Scholarship Program must:

- *Be a first time college student (with less than 12 college credits unless those credits were earned in high school) applying to an associate's or bachelor's degree program at one of THEDREAM.US participating colleges*
- *Have graduated from a U.S. based high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (2.5/4.0) or higher or achieved a U.S. State approved high school equivalency with a score equivalent to 2.5 (2.5/4.0) or higher (Scholarship America will determine whether an applicant's GED score is equivalent to a 2.5).*
- *Meet DACA eligibility criteria (see http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d)*
- *Have submitted Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or received notification of DACA approval **and** provide a copy of the DACA approval notification or the receipt for the*

[1] *DREAMers came to the United States as minors, have graduated from U.S. high schools or earned a U.S. high school equivalency but lack a legal status. This prevents them from accessing any federal aid to help pay for their college education. In order to apply for THEDREAM.US Scholarship, DREAMers must be DACA eligible and have applied for or received DACA approval. Non-U.S. citizens who have received an official Temporary Protected Status designation form the United States may be eligible in certain circumstances.*

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Awards

The Scholarship Award is up to $12,500 for tuition, fees, and books for an associate degree, and up to $25,000 for tuition, fees, and books for a bachelor degree. The amount of each award will be based on the current tuition, fees, and estimated cost of books charged by the participating college in which the Scholar enrolls.

DREAMer Scholars will have the following time frames in which to complete their degrees. Using an extended amount of time will not increase the amount of the scholarship:

- *For associate's candidates, up to three years or until an associate's degree is earned, whichever occurs first.*
- *For bachelor's candidates, up to six years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first.*

DREAMer Scholars who finish their program with at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.5/4.0 are eligible to receive a one-time Honors Graduate Award. This Award will be $1,000 for students who complete an associate degree with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and $2000 for students who complete a bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

In order to continue to be eligible to receive the scholarship, DREAMer Scholars must:

- *Maintain a cumulative GPA of "B" (3.0/4.0) or better in the program;*
- *Remain continuously enrolled at least part-time[2] (at least 6 credits);*
- *Remain current on all of your college accounts and charges;*
- *Remain DACA eligible, reapply for DACA approval as required, and upon re-application, provide Scholarship America with a copy of the receipt for your DACA application or your DACA approval letter; and*
- *Meet other program commitments outlined in the Award Letter.*

Renewal awards will continue on a term-by-term basis at the amount authorized at the time of enrollment provided the DREAMer Scholar continues to meet the stated renewal eligibility criteria.

A DREAMer Scholar enrolled in an associate degree program at a Partner College is eligible to re-apply for the THEDREAM.US Scholarship to complete a bachelor degree so long as they have met their Scholar Commitments and there is not a break in enrollment.

THEDREAM.US scholarships will be applied based on the charged credit cost, fees, and books for the term for ***courses that count toward the student's degree****, and cannot be applied to courses that are retaken due to previous failure.*

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[2] *For purposes of the Scholarship, part-time status requires enrollment in at least 6 credits per term; Partner Colleges may have additional requirements for part-time status.*

Application Process

You can apply for the Scholarship by clicking here: https://www.scholarsapply.org/thedreamus You will need to read and agree to a consent statement, supply a unique and valid email address, and create a username and password.

You are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application are included. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. ***Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.*** *All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services and THEDREAM.US Selection Committee.*

The deadline for submission of your application and supporting documents is ***March 31, 2014, 11:59 p.m. CST.***

Required Documents

*As part of your application, you must also upload or mail the following documents to Scholarship Management Services by March 31, 2014****.***

1. *Identification: A copy of your passport, birth certificate (with translation) plus photo identification, school or military ID with photo, or any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo*
2. *A copy of your DACA approval letter or the receipt for your submission of your DACA application*
3. ***If you are financially dependent on your parents****, a copy of the first two pages of your parents' most recently filed IRS Form 1040; or, if they have not filed an IRS Form, a copy of their most recent W-2 forms, if available (Note:* ***If you are financially independent****, provide a copy of the first two pages of your most recently filed IRS Form 1040 or, if you have not filed an IRS Form, a copy of your most recent W-2 form, if available).*
4. *A copy of your current high school transcript or GED diploma and test scores (your school may send on your behalf)*
5. *A Letter of Recommendation from someone in the following approved categories who knows you well and can speak to your strengths and weaknesses: school teacher, counselor, or advisor; work or volunteer supervisor; or community organization representative or mentor.*

Your application is ***not*** *complete until* ***all*** *materials are received at Scholarship Management Services. The mailing address is provided below.*

Program Deadline

Your application must be submitted by ***March 31, 2014, by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time****. Your documents must be uploaded or mailed and postmarked by* ***March 31, 2014.***

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis on demonstrated academic achievement, clarity of motivation to succeed, and financial need as follows:

- *Demonstrated Financial Need (these scholarships are intended for students who do not have the resources to finance their education without substantial financial support. Applicants must also apply for all other forms of financial aid for which they may be eligible);*
- *Academic achievement (we consider grades, GED test scores, commitment to learning, and work ethic); and*
- *Motivation to succeed (determination and perseverance in the face of challenges, ability to set and remain focused on goals and to put in the effort needed to meet those goals in the face of obstacles).*

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services and THEDREAM.US Selection Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Notification

Applicants will be notified on or before May 15, 2014. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply in future scholarship rounds if they meet eligibility requirements.

Payment of Scholarships

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of THEDREAM.US. Award payments will be made directly to the participating college in which the student is enrolled, on a term by term basis.

Scholar Commitments

Being selected as a DREAMer Scholar is an honor and a privilege. In order to make the most of the Scholarship award, DREAMer Scholars are asked to commit to their own academic achievement and success as well as to supporting the academic achievement and success of other DREAMer Scholars. DREAMer Scholars are asked to commit to:

- *Thanking the donors who have made their scholarship possible*
- *Building and maintaining a close relationship with their student advisor*
- *Developing and using an education plan for completion of their degree*
- *Taking advantage of their college's student support programs*
- *Maintaining good attendance and full or part-time enrollment status (at least 6 credits per term)*
- *Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better*
- *Building and participating in the "National DREAMer Scholars Community"*
- *Supporting and improving THEDREAM.US scholarship program*
- *After graduation, keeping THEDREAM.US informed of their career paths*

Recipients are required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address or other relevant information, including a copy of the receipt for the submission of their application for renewal of their DACA status.

Revisions

THEDREAM.US reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

Questions? Contact us:
Email: THEDREAM.US@scholarshipamerica.org
Telephone: 1-507-931-1682 and ask for the THEDREAM.US Scholarship Program

Mail your required documents to:
THEDREAM.US Scholarship Program
Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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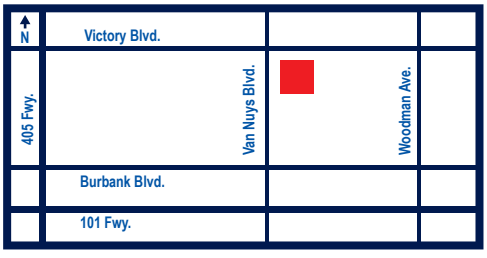
IMMIGRANTS: DON'T WAIT TO OBTAIN YOUR
Work Permit • Social Security Number • License/ID

Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilwoman Nury Martinez, LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, CCF, and the DACA 100% Task Force invite you to an informative DACA workshop

Saturday February 22
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- **FREE** assistance to see if you qualify
- **FREE** help filling out your DACA application
- **FREE** consultation with immigration lawyers about your case

Van Nuys City Hall
14410 Sylvan St.



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Mónica Ratliff
LAUSD Board of Education
Board District 6

ABOUT DACA

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You are eligible to request consideration of deferred action if you:

- Were born AFTER June 15, 1981;
- Came to the United States BEFORE your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently EITHER in school, have graduated from high school, have obtained a GED certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran; and
- 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.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

1. This flyer
For free parking and entrance into the event

2. Proof of identity
Examples: Passport, national ID card from country of origin, birth certificate, school or military ID

3. Proof of arrival in US before 16th birthday
Examples: Passport with admission stamp, school records, medical or hospital records, Form 1-94/I-95/I-94W or other INS or DHS documents stating your date of entry

4. Proof of presence in US on June 15, 2012 and continuous residence in US
Examples: Rent receipts, utility bills, pay stubs, W2 forms, school records (report cards), military records, official records from religious entity, money order receipts, dated bank receipts, hospital or medical records, tax receipts, car registration, insurance policies

5. Proof of education
Examples: Transcripts, high school diploma, GED certificate of completion

More information at:

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INMIGRANTES: NO ESPEREN MÁS PARA CONSEGUIR SU:

Permiso de Trabajo • Seguro Social • Licencia/ID

El Alcalde Eric Garcetti, la Concejal Nury Martinez, Miembro de la junta directiva de LAUSD Mónica Ratliff, CCF y el grupo DACA 100% les invitan a un taller informativo sobre la acción diferida (DACA)

Sábado 22 de febrero
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- Asistencia **GRATUITA** para ver si califica
- Ayuda **GRATUITA** para llenar su solicitud de DACA
- Consulta **GRATUITA** con abogados de inmigración sobre su caso

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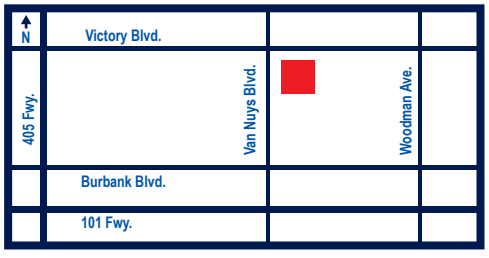

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INFÓRMESE SOBRE DACA

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Ud. es elegible para pedir consideración de acción diferida si:

- Nació DESPUÉS del 15 de junio de 1981;
- Llegó a los Estados Unidos ANTES de los 16 años;
- Ha vivido continuamente en los Estados Unidos desde el 15 junio del 2007, hasta la fecha;
- Estuvo presente en los Estados Unidos el 15 de junio del 2012;
- Está inscrito actualmente en una escuela, ha graduado de la secundaria (high school), tiene un certificado de educación general (GED), o es un veterano que ha servido honorablemente; y
- No ha sido encontrado culpable de un delito grave, delito menos grave de carácter significativo, múltiples delitos menos graves, o representa una amenaza a la seguridad nacional o a la seguridad pública.

¿QUÉ NECESITO TRAER AL TALLER?

1. Este folleto
Para conseguir estacionamiento y entrada gratis al evento.

2. Prueba de su identidad
Ejemplos: Pasaporte, documento de identidad nacional de su país de origen, certificado de nacimiento, identificación escolar o militar

3. Prueba de que vino a EE.UU. antes de cumplir los 16 años de edad
Ejemplos: Pasaporte con sello de admisión, expedientes escolares, registros médicos o de hospital, Formulario I-94/I-95/I-94W u otro documento del INS o DHC estableciendo su fecha de entrada

4. Prueba de presencia en EE.UU. el 15 de junio de 2012 y residencia continua
Ejemplos: Recibos de renta o talonarios de servicios, talonarios de pago, formularios W-2, expedientes escolares (cartas, calificaciones), récords militares, expedientes oficiales de una entidad religiosa, registros médicos o de hospital, recibos de los impuestos, registro de vehículo, pólizas de seguro

5. Prueba de educación
Ejemplos: Registros de la escuela (diplomas, certificados de GED, reportes de calificaciones, expedientes académicos)

Para más información:

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