

Eligible Immigration Statuses for the NYS Dream Act

T-VISA

ISSUED FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING (I.E. SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING)

U-VISA

ISSUED FOR SURVIVORS OF QUALIFYING CRIMES. THIS VISA REQUIRES THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT



TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE STATUS (TPS)

ISSUES FOR FOLKS IN COUNTRIES WITH ONGOING ARMED CONFLICT, ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER, OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY AND TEMPORARY CONDITIONS. TPS IS MEANT TO BE TEMPORARY BUT DOES OFFER WORK AUTHORIZATION AND ADVANCE PAROLE

- SYRIA
- SUDAN
- SOUTH SUDAN
- SOMALIA
- NICARAGUA
- HONDURAS
- HAITI
- EL SALVADOR
- YEMEN
- NEPAL

DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE (DED)

DED, LIKE TPS, ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE PROTECTED FROM DEPORTATION AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. DED IS GRANTED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN RELATIONS POWER.

UNDOCUMENTED

FOLKS WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED OR WITHOUT LAWFUL STATUS, DO NOT HAVE ANY LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES.



DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

THIS PROGRAM WAS CREATED IN 2012 VIA EXECUTIVE ACTION TO OFFER WORK AUTHORIZATION AND PROTECTION FROM DEPORTATION. DACA OFFERS 2 YEAR PROTECTION AND MUST BE CONTINUALLY RENEWED. USCIS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING RENEWALS AND NEW APPLICATIONS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT DACA IS NOT A LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS.

