

## DREAM SUMMER 2015 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Below are the answers to some of the frequently asked questions we have come across.

### WHO CAN APPLY

- 1. I am not undocumented. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
YES. Dream summer is open to undocumented immigrant youth and allies.
- 2. I am not a DACA recipient or DACA eligible. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
YES. Dream Summer does not discriminate against immigration status.  
*What is DACA?* <http://1.usa.gov/1FV8DQg>
- 3. I am not a College or University student. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
YES. College or University enrollment is NOT required.
- 4. I am not a high school graduate, or have a GED. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
YES. Dream Summer does NOT have a High School or a GED requirement.
- 5. Organizing for immigrant rights is new to me. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
YES. Dream Summer supports continuing and emerging leaders in the immigrant rights movement. Through the program, interns develop their skills and meet fellow youth leaders from across the country.
- 6. I am currently a minor under 18 years of age. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
Participants must be 18 years old by June 15th, 2015 in order to apply.
- 7. I am no longer a youth between the ages of 18-24. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**  
Dream Summer generally admits youth applicants from the ages of 18-24. There are exceptions based on applicant circumstances and systematic exclusion.

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### INTERNSHIP LOCATION

**8. I don't live in the exact city or region where Dream Summer internships are hosted. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**

We recommend that you apply to a listed city or region ONLY if you live within comfortable traveling distance. The Dream Summer program and host organizations do NOT provide funding for transportation.

**9. I do not live near any of the listed cities or regions where Dream Summer internships are hosted. Can I apply to Dream Summer?**

Relocating for a Dream Summer internship is a personal choice. The Dream Summer program and host organizations do NOT provide funding for rent or living expenses.

**10. Will other cities or regions be added to the Dream Summer location list?**

If new cities or regions become available, they will be posted on the Dream Resource Center website and social media platforms:

Website: [labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/](http://labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/dreamresourcecenter](https://facebook.com/dreamresourcecenter)

Twitter: [@Dream\\_RC](https://twitter.com/Dream_RC)

LIKE our social media webpages for the most current updates.

### HEALTHY CALIFORNIA PROJECT

**11. What is Healthy California?**

Healthy California interns work on projects that address the connections between health and immigrant rights. Selected interns lead projects on immigrant wellness and health care access for undocumented and uninsured Californians. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in working on immigrant health in their application. For more information please visit:

[undocumentedanduninsured.org](http://undocumentedanduninsured.org)

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### SUMMER COMMITMENTS

**12. I might enroll in summer school this year. Can I participate in Dream Summer?**

It is not recommended that selected interns participate in summer school. A Dream Summer internship is a 10-week, full-time commitment from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Some placements may require evening and weekend availability. Plan accordingly.

**13. Are the orientation and closing retreats mandatory?**

YES. Attendance to both retreats is MANDATORY. If you know you cannot attend or travel to Los Angeles for the orientation retreat from June 15th -19th and the closing retreat from August 19th - 21st, you are NOT eligible to apply.

*\*Some internships placements may require additional training days. If selected, you will be informed prior to signing the required internship agreement.*

**14. I don't have a Social Security Number (SSN). What is an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and how can I get one?**

An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is a nine digit tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Services to individuals who are not eligible to obtain a Social Security Number (SSN). ITINs are issued regardless of immigration status and both residents and nonresidents can obtain one if necessary. Dream Summer will request either an ITIN or a SSN upon acceptance to the program.

More information on ITIN and how to obtain one is available at:  
<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/General-ITIN-Information>

**15. I was granted a work permit but have not applied for a Social Security Number yet. Will this affect my application process?**

NO. We do not ask for a Social Security Number (SSN) for the initial application. However, you will need to provide your SSN upon acceptance. Therefore, if you are eligible, we strongly recommend that you make an appointment to apply for a SSN as possible.

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### TRAVEL AND LODGING

**16. Do I have to pay for travel, lodging, and meals when attending both the orientation training and closing retreat in Los Angeles?**

NO. Dream Summer will cover all your air travel (if applicable), meals, lodging expenses, and in certain cases will reimburse for any ground travel (if applicable).

*\*Applicants flying out of state will be given air travel priority. Ground travel reimbursement will only be granted to those who meet specific criteria.*

**17. I have never traveled by air before. How would I be able to fly to the retreats?**

Dream Summer will provide advice and guidelines on how to travel safely. To prepare for any possible travel complication, we have legal assistance on call during travel dates. We will also have a travel point person available to have a one-on-one conversation with anyone who may have questions or concerns.

### RETURNING ALUMNI

**18. I was a Dream Summer participant before. Can I apply for Dream Summer 2015?**

You can apply if you have been part of the program for only one year. You cannot apply if you have participated in Dream Summer for two years.

For questions or concerns, please contact Dream Summer Youth Outreach coordinators Graciela Lopez and Mayra Yoana Peña at (213) 480-4155 ext 221 or at the following e-mail address [dreamsummer2015@gmail.com](mailto:dreamsummer2015@gmail.com)

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