

Positive Discretionary Documents for DACA Applicants with a Criminal History:

It is important to speak with an attorney regarding your criminal history before applying for DACA. If you are applying for DACA and have any criminal arrests, charges, convictions or a juvenile adjudication, you should also provide additional favorable documents with your application. Below are some examples of these documents.

Evidence of Good Character

- Affidavits or letters of support from teachers
- Affidavits or letters of support from guidance counselors
- Affidavits or letters of support from employers
- Letters of support from community members
- Letters of support from parole officer, if applicable
- Any proof of community involvement or volunteering
- Good report cards or school transcripts
- Any academic awards or acknowledgements of achievement
- College acceptance letters
- Proof of involvement in any religious organizations
- Proof of involvement in any sport or other extracurricular activity
- Proof of your or any of your family members' involvement in the military
- Any other evidence of good character
- Proof of completion of any rehabilitative program, such as probation, parole, anger management, counseling, etc.

Proof of Family Ties in the U.S.:

- Affidavits of support from family members, including their relation to you and their immigration status
- Birth Certificates or naturalization certificates of any U.S. citizen family members
- Immigration Documents from any relative who is a lawful permanent resident

Evidence of any Special Humanitarian Considerations:

- Proof of any physical or mental health problems
- Proof of any relative with physical or mental health problems
- Proof that you are the primary caretaker of anyone in the U.S.

Note that affidavits that end with **“I hereby certify under pains and penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing statements are true and correct.”** and then signed are preferable to letters. Affidavits should include the name, address and phone of the person who is writing the affidavit. They should describe how they know you and the basis of any positive opinion about you. The person who writes the affidavit should use **letterhead stationary** if available.

The perjury language in Spanish is **“Yo declaro bajo pena de perjurio bajo las leyes de los Estados Unidos de América, que lo anterior es verdadero y correcto.”**