**It’s John Lennon’s fault: Deferred Action and the SAVE Database**



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1. **John Lennon was going to be deported, but was granted Deferred Action and eventually received his green card.**
2. **Deferred Action is one program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is another program under the same umbrella**
   1. **Deferred Action is for any person who is granted prosecutorial discretion while they appeal deportation.**
   2. **DACA is for a specific group of young people**
   3. **It is not a legal immigration status, but it does afford legal presence in the US**
3. **Particulars about any deferred action and higher education**
   1. **Cannot receive in-state tuition in SC**
   2. **Cannot receive federal financial aid**
   3. **Cannot receive state financial aid in SC**
   4. **When deferred action expires (if it is not renewed or another status is not granted) – student can no longer attend college/university in SC or receive transcripts.**
4. **Third party verification required by SC state law**
5. **MTC handling of documents**
   1. **Verification process for SCIIRA**
   2. **Residency discussion**
   3. **Program of study discussion**
   4. **Future as it relates to their immigration status**
6. **Deferred Action documents**
   1. **Employment Authorization Document (EAD)**
   2. **USCIS Notice of Action showing approval**
   3. **Social Security card**

We’ve developed several helpful processes for monitoring and cataloguing USCIS documents, immigration statuses and assisting students in finding scholarships, grants and internships. We love to share! Feel free to contact us!

1. **SAVE database** 
   1. **Access through USCIS**
   2. **SAVE levels of verification and costs**
   3. **Information entered**
      1. **EAD card**
      2. **Other immigration documents**
   4. **Information retrieved**
      1. **General listing of all SAVE inquiries**
      2. **Individual SAVE results**
2. **Advisement issues for deferred action students**
   1. **Cannot attend after expiration**
   2. **May not be able to graduate within 2 year time frame**
   3. **May not be qualified for licensure**

Helpful Resources

Department of Homeland Security [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

DoSomething scholarship opportunities [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)

FASTWEB scholarship search [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

John Lennon and Deferred Action:

<http://www.dreamactivist.org/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-deferred-action/>

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/you-may-say-hes-a-dreamer-john-lennons-immigration-case/>

Midlands Technical College [www.midlandstech.edu](http://www.midlandstech.edu)

Prezi presentation:

<http://prezi.com/k7pqhddapoqk/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy>

South Carolina Code of Laws regarding the SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act of 2008

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess117_2007-2008/bills/4400.htm>

Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlements (SAVE) [www.uscis.gov/SAVE](http://www.uscis.gov/SAVE)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)