# DACA Questionnaire Q&A

## What is National Federation of the Blind 's policy statement around DACA?

Currently, the National Federation of the Blind does not have a policy statement pertaining to DACA.

## Why is the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) taking a position on a non-blindness political issue such as immigration policy?

The National Federation of the Blindhas not taken a position on immigration policy or even the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program specifically. We are aware that a number of NFB members receive benefits under this program, and we are seeking to understand who these blind people are and what, if any, support they may need as blind people.

## Will National Federation of the Blind use the DACA questionnaire data to advocate a particular political position on immigration?

No. To the extent that immigration procedures unfairly disadvantage blind people—such as online forms which are inaccessible—the National Federation of the Blind has an interest in the programmatic aspects of immigration policy.

## Why has the Federation come out against the Trump administration on a non-blindness issue?

We have not opposed or affirmed the administration's position. Here is the statement from our online form, "the National Federation of the Blind is collecting the following information to better understand the impact of the administration’s recent decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program among the blind in the United States."

## Does filling out the National Federation of the Blind’s questionnaire put DACA recipients at a greater risk for immigration enforcement?

No. DACA recipients have already self-identified to the Department of Homeland Security, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service, and other relevant federal agencies by applying to the DACA program. The information the Federation is collecting is less comprehensive than that which federal agencies already have on file. As specified in our form, “The National Federation of the Blind will not share individual DREAMer stories or personally identifiable information with members of Congress, administration officials, or other relevant stakeholder organizations without your prior written consent.”

## Should we welcome DACA recipients at our chapter meetings?

Yes. As the largest vehicle for collective action for the blind in the United States, the National Federation of the Blind is open to, and welcoming of, all blind people who are interested in adding their voice, energy, time, and talents to our collective effort. The NFB is committed to enabling all blind people to live the lives we want, this includes DACA recipients. DACA recipients should not be singled out, nor treated any differently than other chapter members or visitors. Diversity is part of the strength of our membership, and we should continue to value diversity in the work we undertake.