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CitizenPath Uses Technology to Assist Undocumented Students

FULLERTON, Calif. (June 9, 2014) – CitizenPath, an Orange County, California-based technology start up, is giving undocumented students protected by President Obama's deferred action policy an easy and inexpensive way to prepare immigration forms.

For many of the nation's undocumented youth, President's Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, better known as DACA, has been a buoy of hope. Although DACA doesn't provide a path to citizenship, or even legal status, the program does provide eligible youth relief from deportation and the ability to work in the United States for a renewable two-year period. DACA guidelines require beneficiaries to be enrolled in school, be a high school graduate or have served in the U.S. armed forces. The program, which was established in August 2012, is now open to renewal applications from the more than half a million DACA recipients.

DACA is administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and requires applicants to file three separate forms for consideration (Forms I-821D, I-765 and I-765WS). In addition to the \$465 USCIS filing fees, immigration attorneys will generally charge several hundred dollars for preparation of the three forms. This has made the program difficult to afford for many and unattainable for others.

CitizenPath, which was founded by immigration attorneys and internet experts, uses the web to simplify otherwise complex immigration forms required by USCIS. The company's website provides applicants with step-by-step instructions and even alerts users when an answer could be problematic. CitizenPath's service facilitates the preparation of the DACA application and provides simplified filing instructions for a low cost.

"We live in a generation where most of us, especially young people, are technology savvy. DACA beneficiaries stand to benefit the most with CitizenPath because not only do they have the drive to prepare their applications on their own, but they will be able to do so with a tool that is easy to use, will filter and flag possible filing problems and will give them peace of mind at very little cost," says Cesar Luna, a company co-founder and immigration attorney.

CitizenPath's web-based technology provides step-by-step guidance through all three DACA forms in one comprehensive process. The service simplifies complicated immigration forms much like how LegalZoom® might help its customers with incorporation or trademarks. Anyone can try CitizenPath's service at no cost by visiting <https://citizenpath.com/DACA>.

CitizenPath is positioned to prepare the most straight-forward cases. "There are definitely clients that require the expertise and legal advice that only an experienced immigration attorney can provide," acknowledges Russ Leimer, co-founder and chief marketing officer.

When CitizenPath does find that an applicant's case requires the attention of an attorney, no fee is charged. In fact CitizenPath charges no fee until the applicant is finished and satisfied. Payment is required to download the prepared form and filing instructions that have been customized to the applicant.

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Developed by immigration attorneys and internet experts, CitizenPath uses technology to simplify the process of preparing complex USCIS immigration forms. CitizenPath is not a law firm and cannot provide legal advice, but the company's software is able to alert users when they have answered questions in a form that could be problematic. Users also receive customized filing instructions based on their answers. CitizenPath is a low-cost immigration document preparation tool for the do-it-yourselfer filer. The company's form preparation tools and free immigration resources can be found at CitizenPath.com.

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