

## **WHAT IS THE DREAM ACT?**

The DREAM ACT is a bi-partisan bill that was re-introduced in March of 2007, in both houses of Congress. H.R. 1275 in the House and S.744 in the Senate. If passed it will **grant temporary legal status for six years** to undocumented students, who came as small children, have a good record in school and community. During those six years the beneficiary must complete 2 years of either satisfactory military service or post-secondary education. Upon completion they can apply for legal residency.

## **HOW WILL THE DREAM ACT HELP THESE STUDENTS?**

1. It will allow these students 6 years to complete either:
  - Two years of college (or an accredited post-secondary program of study)
  - Two years in the military
2. Upon completion of one of the above requirements, the students can apply for permanent legal residency

## **HOW WILL THE DREAM ACT HELP US?**

1. These students will become leaders and productive members of our society. Many of them are already leaders and role models in their schools and communities.
2. They will work, pay taxes and help provide the youth base we need for our Social Security.
3. These professionals will help maintain our competitiveness as they will become the engineers, scientists, technicians, doctors and teachers our nation needs to maintain its global edge.
4. It is expected a substantial increase in military recruitment as a result of the passage of the Dream Act. These young people grew up as Americans, it is just natural that many of them would want to serve this nation they always thought theirs.

## **WHO ARE THESE UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS?**

They are young people, who were brought to this country as infants or young children. When they finish high school, they cannot work their way through college and they are not eligible for most scholarships.

Due to the trends in immigration laws they do not have a path to legalize their immigration status.

They feel hopeless and frightened that they might be deported to a land they do not know.

We are wasting bright minds and great talent. These are our kids – and we need the DREAM ACT.

**PLEASE ASK YOUR CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE YES ON THE DREAM ACT NEXT TIME IT COMES TO A VOTE.**

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