

VAWA SELF-PETITION

Undocumented immigrants who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a parent, spouse, or child who is either a U.S. citizen or green card holder can apply for immigration benefits without their abusers' support or knowledge. The VAWA self-petition protects immigrants from abuse and can help them obtain independence from their abusers.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Petitioner can be an adult or minor.
- ◆ Petitioner must:
 - Be the spouse, child, or parent of an abusive U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
 - Have resided or currently be residing with the abuser;
 - Have suffered battery or extreme cruelty; and
 - Be a person of "good moral character"

DURATION

Once a VAWA self-petition is approved, the Petitioner is eligible to apply for lawful permanent resident status. That status is permanent and is a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

RELIEF

The VAWA self-petition provides the Recipient with work authorization, deferred removal action, and, in some cases, eligibility to apply for lawful permanent residence (Green Card).

Petitioner's children may be eligible for immigration benefits as well.

The Victim Rights Law Center

provides free and confidential legal services to victims in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. We also provide general legal information, referrals, and assistance with gender marker changes statewide.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of rape or sexual assault, our attorneys may be able to help with issues related to:

- ◆ SAFETY
- ◆ PRIVACY
- ◆ IMMIGRATION
- ◆ EMPLOYMENT
- ◆ EDUCATION
- ◆ HOUSING
- ◆ FINANCIAL SECURITY

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QUESTIONS?

**Call the VRLC at:
503.274.5477 x6**

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Immigration Relief

If you are a victim of sexual assault and are an immigrant, you may be eligible for a visa or other relief.

Immigration relief is available to victims of sexual assault and human trafficking.



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U VISA

A U visa is available to victims of certain crimes, including rape and sexual assault, who are willing and able to assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crime.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Petitioner can be an adult or minor.
- ◆ Petitioner must:
 - ▷ Be the victim of a qualifying crime and have information about that crime;
 - ▷ Have been helpful or likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of that crime (unless 16 years old or younger, in which case a parent can fulfill the helpfulness requirement); and
 - ▷ Have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of victimization.
- ◆ The crime must have occurred in the United States or have violated United States law.

DURATION

A U visa is valid for 4 years and in certain circumstances extensions are available. After 3 years, the Recipient may apply for lawful permanent residence (Green Card).

RELIEF

A U visa allows the Recipient to stay in the U.S. for the duration of their nonimmigrant status and the Recipient may be eligible for work authorization.

Petitioner's immediate family including spouse, children, parents, and siblings may qualify for relief as well.

T VISA

A T visa is available to victims of human trafficking who are willing to assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of that crime.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Petitioner can be an adult or minor.
- ◆ Petitioner must:
 - ▷ Be or have been a victim of human trafficking;
 - ▷ Comply with any reasonable request from a law enforcement agency for assistance in the investigation or prosecution (unless under 18 years of age);
 - ▷ Be in the United States on account of trafficking; and
 - ▷ Be able to demonstrate they would face severe hardship if removed from the United States

DURATION

A T visa is valid for 4 years. After 3 years the Recipient may apply for lawful permanent residence (Green Card).

RELIEF

A T visa allows the Recipient to stay in the U.S. for the duration of their nonimmigrant status and the Recipient may be eligible for work authorization.

Petitioner's immediate family including spouse, children, parents, and siblings may qualify for relief as well.

DACA

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is a form of deferred removal action for certain individuals who came to the United States before the age of 16.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Petitioner must:
 - ▷ Be at least 15 years of age at the time of filing;
 - ▷ Have been under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
 - ▷ Have been physically present in the U.S. without lawful status on June 15, 2012;
 - ▷ Have entered the U.S. before the age of 16;
 - ▷ Have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007;
 - ▷ Currently be in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a GED certificate, or be an honorably discharged veteran; and
 - ▷ Not have a significant criminal record.

DURATION

The deferred action will be valid for 2 years and can be renewed every 2 years thereafter.

RELIEF

The Recipient will receive deferred removal action for 2 years and may be eligible for work authorization. Deferred action does not provide lawful immigration status, nor does it provide a pathway to lawful status.