

## What is immigration?

Immigration relates to the movement of people from one country into another, for residential rather than visiting purposes which may be for a number of reasons, including economic, familial, social, or personal.

## What is illegal immigration?

The unauthorized resident immigrant population is defined as all foreign-born non-citizens who are not legal residents. Most unauthorized residents either entered the United States without inspection or were admitted temporarily and stayed past the date they were required to leave.

## How much does applying for Citizenship cost?

- The current filing fee for Form N-400, the Application for Naturalization costs \$725
- The citizenship application fee is \$640
- And the Biometric fee which is \$85 (background check)

This video explains in depth about the prices and what may affect them.

- <https://www.us-immigration.com/blog/videos/how-much-does-it-cost-to-apply-for-us-citizenship/>



## The DREAM Act 2017: Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors:

- **Who are the Dreamers? This Act provides a path to U.S. citizenship for people who are:**
  1. Undocumented, have DACA or temporary protected status (TPS)
  2. Graduate from U.S. High School or obtain a GED and/or attend college
  3. Join the workforce
  4. Enlist in a U.S. military program
- The Dreamers come from all over. From Mexico which is 79.4% of them, El Salvador which came in second with 3.7%, the remaining top ten countries were: Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, South Korea, Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, and Argentine. While the majority of the Dreamers come from Mexico or Central and South America, many were born in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.
- **This act would grant recipients an initial conditional permanent resident status. To be eligible, applicants would have to:**



1. Be undocumented, have DACA or temporary protected status (TPS)
2. Have entered the U.S. before the age of 18.
3. Have been continuously physically present in the U.S. at least four years before the date of the enactment.
4. Have maintained continuous presence in the U.S. until the date they apply.
5. Graduate from U.S. High School or obtain a GED and/or attend college
6. Have no criminal background
7. Pass a medical exam
8. Pass a background check

# Immigration and How It Affects You:



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## Things that might deny approval for Citizenship:

- Any crime against property or the Government that involves “fraud” or evil intent.
- Any crime against a person with intent to harm
- Violating any controlled substance law of the United States, any State, or any foreign country
- Habitual drunkenness
- Illegal gambling



## Where to go to learn more about immigrants:

- This is a website where you can read young immigrant stories and learn some immigration data:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/>

- This website you can learn all about deportation, green card and permanent residence in the United States, how to enter the United States, renounce or lose your U.S. citizenship and more:

<https://www.usa.gov/immigration-and-citizenship>

- This Pdf will share with you: A guide for new immigrants. How they get settled in the United states. What their responsibilities and rights are as a permanent resident and other processes they have to go through and understand:

<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/natedocuments/>

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## How much will taxpayers have to pay for the DREAM Act?

- 6.2 Billion per year

## The potential economic impact on passing the DREAM Act for the United States:



- “Passing this Act, and placing all of the potentially immediately eligible workers on a path to legal status, would add a total of \$22.7 billion annually to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). The reason be is because the gains from legalization increase or grow each year. Over the last 10 years, the cumulative increase in GDP would be \$281 billion.”
- “On a per capita basis, passing the Dream Act would ultimately increase the average incomes of all Americans by between \$82 and \$273, annually. annually.”



## What Longwood University students thought about Immigration:

- “I don’t know much about it- but I think it’s really sad to see families be separated. I would like to know more about it and the impact it has own our economy!
- ~ A senior at Longwood
- “In our world today, immigration is definitely something that is associated with negativity however personally I don’t believe it is a negative thing. Our country was literally built from immigrants which I think is something that is often forgotten today. Immigration is important to the growth of our country in all aspects and I feel like many Americans need to be reminded of that.”
- ~ A junior at Longwood
- “Immigration in general brings more culture but it also brings different aspects on life to this country.” But “illegal immigrants put a lot of people out of jobs because people who are coming in illegal are taking the jobs from the U.S. citizens.

## How to get involved in the Farmville Community:

- Volunteering at the immigration center.
- One of our Spanish professors here at Longwood actually organized it for her students and Dr. Koski’s students to attend during the semester.

## How it works:

- After volunteers go through security measures, they begin by preparing for the variety of classes. They normally have 3 groups of english classes: beginner, intermediate, and advance.
- Volunteers then help the detainees work through the worksheets that were created for them.
- The major focuses of the english class are pronunciation, subject verb agreement, and spelling.
- Their goal s to improve social skills, speaking skills, and improve them in writing and reading portions.

## Need to contact someone for more information?

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