

A Student or Family Member Needs Legal Representation

Steps to Take

- ✓ **Scheduling a Meeting with Oyate:** If unsure about what to do, schedule a time to come to the office by yourself or with family during low-activity hours or when the office is not busy to ensure privacy while discussing sensitive information.
- ✓ **Contact Nonprofit Legal Services:** Many organizations provide free or low-cost legal assistance to undocumented individuals.
- ✓ **Verify Credentials:** Ensure the attorney or representative is licensed or accredited by the Department of Justice.
- ✓ **Prepare Documentation:** Gather all relevant documents, such as birth certificates, passports, and immigration paperwork.
- ✓ **Attend Consultations:** Meet with the attorney to discuss your case and explore potential legal options.

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Questions to Ask an Attorney

- ✓ What are my legal options?
- ✓ What are the potential outcomes of my case?
- ✓ What documents do I need to provide?
- ✓ How much will your services cost?

Please Note

- ✓ Attorneys are either compensated by or work for nonprofit organizations.
- ✓ Due to high demand, there is no guarantee that they will take the case.
- ✓ It is crucial for you to follow up independently and not rely solely on us—we are providing resources to help you get started.
- ✓ If nonprofit attorneys cannot take the case, consider private attorneys.
- ✓ While private attorneys can be expensive, many ethical and compassionate lawyers understand financial hardships and may offer flexible payment plans.