



# US Immigration Newsletter

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## 45 Children Get US Citizenship In Halloween-themed Ceremonies Across the United States

Halloween proved to be a heartwarming event for children of some immigrant families in the United States. 24 children were given citizenship in [San Diego](#) during a Halloween-themed ceremony arranged by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services. The children belonged to various countries such as Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Vietnam, Kenya, Mexico, Iraq, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Malaysia. Their parents have a naturalized status, which allowed them to get citizenship, as well.



During the ceremony, the children were asked to raise their right hands and swear an oath of allegiance to the country. The children were dressed in a variety of costumes for the ceremony. Some of the boys wore SWAT uniforms, while a few girls were dressed as princesses.

A similar ceremony was held in [Centennial](#), Colorado, as well, where 21 children received their citizenship certificates. They pledged their allegiance and received Halloween candy.

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## New Rule States Immigrants Applying for US Visas Must be Able to Pay for Healthcare

The government has introduced a [new rule for immigrants](#) applying for US visas. As per the law, immigrants must be able to provide proof that they can afford healthcare within 30 days of entering the country. This new rule does not apply to children and refugees. It does not apply to individuals seeking asylum in the United States, as well. However, it will affect the parents and spouses of US citizens applying for immigration.



As per the government, the rule has been proposed because an excessive number of immigrants use the public health programs of the country. This has led to high costs for public healthcare. The rule is also part of President Trump's agenda of introducing a merit-based immigration system as opposed to a family-based immigration system. Whether the rule proves to be helpful in countering the high costs of healthcare incurred by the government remains to be seen.

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## 138 Businesses Protest Against the Government's Bid to End DACA

Approximately 138 companies have protested against the government's attempts to end the DACA program.

The companies have submitted a [brief to the Supreme Court](#) analyzing the economic benefits of the DACA program. They have stated that eliminating the program could be extremely harmful to the US economy.

As per the brief, deporting the immigrants who have acquired legal status under the DACA program could cause a direct loss of \$460.3 billion over the next 10 years. The country would also lose around \$90 billion in tax revenues.

There were many notable names among the businesses that submitted the brief. It included companies such as IBM, Amazon, and Starbucks. The US Supreme Court has yet to make a decision regarding the fate of DACA immigrants in the country.



