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A call to action is an explicit appeal to your audience to take a specific action, most often made at the conclusion of a persuasive speech or text. It should provide a solid conclusion to your argument and give your audience something to remember, think about, and do. A strong call to action is clear, direct, actionable, and personal to your audience.

After reading [“Dreams Derailed”](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/dreams-derailed) by Marcela Rodrigues for *The Chronicle of Higher Education,* put yourself in each of the following scenarios. Take on the given perspective and brainstorm a strong call to action.

| **Perspective** | **Context and Audience** | **Call to Action** |
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| You are a guidance counselor for a high-achieving undocumented student. | You are talking to a high-achieving undocumented student, such as Steven or Diana from the article, about their future after graduation. |  |
| You are a high-achieving high school senior who is undocumented. | You have written your college admissions essay to a private college in Georgia. You want to be accepted and earn a scholarship. |  |
| You are an official from a state university in Georgia | You are giving a presentation to immigration reform and education advocates who can work with undocumented students at local high schools. |  |
| You are you. | You are writing a persuasive letter to our local lawmakers regarding the most recent court ruling on DACA, which is as follows, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services:  “On Sept. 13, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued a decision finding the [DACA Final Rule](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/30/2022-18401/deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals) unlawful and expanding the original July 16, 2021 injunction and order of vacatur to cover the Final Rule. However, the court maintained a partial stay of the order for “all DACA recipients who received their initial DACA status prior to July 16, 2021.” |  |