

S.A.N.E. Path To Status/Residency/Citizenship – Undocumented Immigrant Scenarios

Core Requirements:

1. Applicants submit to a background check and must have no felony convictions other than individual identity theft
2. Apply for temporary legal residency and submit to criminal background check
3. Identify employers and either show proof of taxes paid or pay back taxes and fines
4. Must apply within five-year application window open (e.g., 10/1/13 – 9/30/18)

Scenario	Temporary Legal Status (Visa)	Legal Permanent Residency (LPR)	Citizenship	
			With Touchback	w/o Touchback
Single Adult	X	X	X	
Spouse	X	X	X	
Minor Children	X	X	X ¹	X ²
Adult Children	X	X	X ³	X ²
Senior Citizen Parent	X	X	X ¹	
DREAM Act eligible	X	X ²		X ²
Low-skilled worker ⁴	X	X	X	X ²
Semi-skilled worker ⁵	X	X	X	X ²
High-skilled worker ⁶	X	X	X	X ²
U.S. Military Veteran	X	X ⁷		X ⁸
Elapsed Time (Years)	0-5	5-8	8-10	8-10

Critical Points:

1. Temporary legal status *does not grant* permanent presence in the U.S. All visas must be renewed and honored according to law.
2. No one is required to apply for legal permanent residence or citizenship.
3. Touchback applies only to those who desire citizenship, not temporary or legal permanent resident status
4. Temporary legal status grants the privilege to travel internationally and return to the U.S.

¹ Touchback only required for parent(s) filing on child or senior citizen parent's behalf

² Undergrad or graduate degree recipients of U.S. postsecondary institutions and honorably discharged service veterans are exempt from touchback

³ If not otherwise eligible for the college/university graduation or military service exemption

⁴ Examples include jobs in agriculture, hospitality, food-service and retail trades

⁵ Examples include jobs in construction, manufacturing, and technical trades

⁶ Examples include jobs in engineering, advanced manufacturing and medical trades

⁷ Honorably discharged service veterans receive LPR. automatically at their end of service

⁸ Honorably discharged service veterans can apply for citizenship immediately upon receipt of permanent legal residency documents