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Nathaly Uribe has all the papers she needs to get a **work** permit — something the 17-year-old daughter of a construction worker only dreamed of growing **up** as an undocumented immigrant in the **United States**.

The high school senior said she hopes a federal program started Aug. 15 for undocumented immigrants will make it easier to get a decent job and help pay for college.

"This is my country. It's where my roots are," said Uribe, who moved from Chile when she was a toddler and lives in Glen Burnie, Md. "It feels great to know that the country that I call home is finally accepting me."

Thousands of young illegal immigrants **lined up** last week hoping for the **right to work legally** in America without being deported. The Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals could expand the **rights** of more than 1 million young illegal immigrants by giving them **work** permits, though they would not obtain legal residency here or a path to citizenship.

At least 13,000 people stood in **line** in Chicago on Aug 15, clutching reams of paperwork, for a workshop led by immigrant **rights** advocates at the city's Navy Pier. Hundreds of potential applicants waited outside nonprofit offices in Los Angeles for help filing paperwork to open the door to the staples of success in America — a **work** permit, and then later a Social Security number and driver's license.

"It's something I have been waiting for since I was two years old," said Bupendra Ram, a 25-year-old communications graduate student in Fullerton, Calif.

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