

# More than 10,000 Islanders apply for city ID card

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More than 10,000 Staten Islanders have applied for the city's municipal identification card since the program began in January, officials said.

Over 400,000 New Yorkers citywide have an IDNYC, available to anyone in the five boroughs but particularly aimed at helping undocumented immigrants.

"In modern society, so much depends on having an ID," Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Monday at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan. "There's hundreds of thousands of people for whom this was the first chance to get an ID card."

The Museum of Natural History is one of 33 cultural institutions citywide offering free one-year memberships with the card. This is intended to help destigmatize IDNYC for undocumented immigrants by encouraging all New Yorkers to get one.

The free memberships are offered at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, the Children's Museum, Historic Richmond Town, the Staten Island Museum and the borough zoo.

More than 30,000 memberships have been redeemed at museums and other cultural institutions since IDNYC's launch. There have been 336 memberships redeemed at Staten Island cultural institutions through the end of June.

The perks of IDNYC extend

beyond the memberships, especially for those New Yorkers who have a hard time obtaining another form of identification. Public schools and hospitals also accept the card as valid identification, as do NYPD officers. IDNYC can also double as a library card.

City officials encouraged New Yorkers to keep applying

for the card. Appointments to get one are available at Staten Island's enrollment center this week. Just over 1,900 appointments have already been booked on Staten Island from this Tuesday through the end of September.

The borough's enrollment site is located at 350 St. Marks Pl. in St. George.

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