



PRESS RELEASE

U.S. EMBASSY WARNS OF NEW DIVERSITY VISA FRAUD SCAM

Buenos Aires – The U.S. Embassy draws to the public's attention a new visa fraud scam designed to trick email recipients into sending money to a false address in order to obtain a Diversity Visa (DV). Any emails that promise to provide Diversity Visas or Green Cards are illegitimate and fraudulent.

The only way to apply for the DV lottery is directly through the official U.S. Department of State Website during a specified registration period. The Department of State's Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) **does not** send e-mail notification to DV entrants informing them of their winning entries. DV-2012 applicants will never receive correspondence containing information on an applicant's status, but will only receive notification directing them to check their status on the official website. The Department of State will **never** ask you to send money by mail or by wire transfer services such as Western Union.

Applicants who applied for DV-2012 (between October 5, 2010 and November 3, 2010) can check their status through the E-DV website <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> after May 1, 2011.

The Embassy urges everyone to protect their personal data, including on social networking sites such as Facebook, to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.