

DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISA LOTTERY - 2013

The Embassy of the United States of America in Belarus announces the Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery 2013. Applications for the 2013 Diversity Visa Lottery Program will be accepted from October 4 to November 5, 2011 on the Department of State web page at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered on an annual basis by the Department of State and conducted based on United States law, specifically Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). This law provides for a class of immigrants known as —diversity immigrants,|| with visas made available to persons from countries with historically low rates of immigration to the United States. For fiscal year 2013, 50,000 diversity visas will be available.

The annual DV program makes visas available to persons meeting simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. A computer-generated, random drawing chooses selectees for DVs. The visas are distributed among six geographic regions, and within each region, no single country may receive more than seven percent of the available DVs in any one year. Visas are allocated to nationals of countries with historically lower rates of U.S. immigration. Natives of Belarus are eligible to apply.

Individuals wishing to participate in the program can find DV-2013 Information packages in English on the U.S. Department of State website at: http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DV_2013_instructions.pdf (in English), http://travel.state.gov/pdf/DV_2013_instructions_RU_cor.pdf (in Russian).

Important Notice

Electronic online entry in the annual DV program is FREE (there is no fee). The U.S. government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV entries do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. government. Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the entrant's discretion. The **ONLY** website on which people can officially register to participation in the Diversity Program is **www.dvlottery.state.gov**.

A qualified electronic entry submitted directly by an applicant has an equal chance of being randomly selected by computer, as does a qualified electronic entry received from an outside intermediary on behalf of the applicant. However, receipt of more than one entry per person will disqualify the person from registration, regardless of the source of the entry.

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