



Embassy of the United States of America
CONSULAR SECTION

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IMMIGRANT VISAS - HOW FAMILY MEMBERS MAY FOLLOW-TO-JOIN AN APPLICANT

If you have entered or entering the United States on an immigrant visa that allows you to bring a spouse and/or child (under the age of 21) with you at a later date, please follow these steps:

STEP #1 (Verification of Status)

After you arrive in the United States, you must show that you are a legal permanent resident before your spouse and/or child can be issued a visa. You may choose any of the following three options:

1. Submit a notarized copy of all pages of your passport (including the US entry stamp) to the US Embassy, Georgetown, Guyana.
2. Submit a notarized copy of both sides of your original "Green Card" to the US Embassy, Georgetown, Guyana.
3. You may go to the nearest office of the Department of Homeland Security/Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/BCIS) and request that they send a "VERIFICATION OF STATUS" cable to US Embassy Georgetown. The cable must name each relative, and give his or her address. There is a fee for this cable.

Once we receive one of the three items above, along with the appropriate civil documents (marriage certificate for a spouse, birth certificate for a child), a copy of the approval notice for the petition filed for you, and your child or spouse's local address, the Embassy will proceed to Step #2

You may submit the documents to the Embassy by mail, or by hand (in the Immigrant Visa Drop Box).

STEP #2 (Forms)

Once you have completed Step #1, biographic forms will be sent to your spouse and/or child. The biographic forms must be returned to this office in order for your spouse and/or child to become eligible for an appointment. When an appointment is scheduled, we will send an appointment letter with instructions for interview preparation.

STEP #3 (The Interview)

On the day of the interview, your spouse and/or child must pay the US\$404.00 application and processing fee and show that they qualify for the visa by their relationship to you (shown with birth certificates, marriage documents, and other evidence). They will be asked to provide all documents requested in our instructions for interview preparation.

Your spouse and/or child must also show that there is adequate financial support for them in the US. They must provide a **Form I-864 Affidavit of Support from your original petitioner** (the person that filed for you), along with tax forms (1040 and W-2) for the most recent tax year. If your original petitioner does not meet the federal poverty guidelines, then a joint sponsor may be submitted in addition to your petitioner's affidavit of support forms. Joint sponsors must provide all of the above-required documents, as well as proof of their legal status in the US.

Note: If the petitioner is deceased, submit his/her death certificate.