

FAMILY FIRST APPLICANTS WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR MARRIAGE

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM PRIOR TO YOUR IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEW

Please read the following instructions carefully:

- Check the appropriate box on the reverse side of this sheet. If you indicate an interest in getting married, we will determine if your priority date is current under the new category of Family Third Preference (F3 – married son/daughter of a U.S. citizen).
- If your priority date is current, we will inform you in writing that you may proceed with the marriage. You will be required to submit your marriage certificate, your spouse's birth certificate and any divorce decrees for you or your spouse. ***At that time, your case will be upgraded to the Family Third Preference category (F3) and new visa numbers will be requested from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.*** It will take approximately three to four months to reschedule you for a new appointment **after you have submitted the required documents.**
- If your priority date is not current under the F3 category, the embassy will inform you in writing.
- Once married, you have two options: (1) your spouse may accompany you to the United States, or (2) your spouse may follow-to-join at a later date. See below for more details.

ACCOMPANY

Your spouse will be eligible or qualified to travel with you at the same time.

NOTE: Once your spouse is traveling with you, all "Affidavit of Support" forms (I-864) ***must*** include the name of your spouse.

FOLLOW-TO-JOIN

If you choose to have your spouse follow at a later date, after you arrive in the United States, you must show that you are a Lawful Permanent Resident before your spouse 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 U.S entry stamp) to the U.S. Embassy, Georgetown, Guyana.
2. Submit a notarized copy of both sides of your original "green card" (Alien Registration Card) to the U.S. Embassy, Georgetown, Guyana.
3. You may go to the nearest office of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly known as INS) and request that they send a "verification of status" cable to the U.S. Embassy, Georgetown, Guyana. The cable must name your spouse and give his or her address in Guyana. There is a fee for this cable.

Once we receive **one** of the three items above, along with the appropriate civil documents and a local address, the Embassy will proceed with your follow-to-join request.

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Please indicate your intention regarding your case (check one):

- I am not interested in getting married.
- I am interested in getting married and my spouse will accompany me to the United States.
- I am interested in getting married and my spouse will follow-to-join at a later date.

COMPLETE (IF APPLICABLE)

My child children will accompany me to the United States.

My child children will follow-to-join at a later date.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Case No. _____

EMBASSY'S RESPONSE

- Your previously assigned appointment date remains in effect. Please come to the embassy on that date.
- Your priority date will be current as the married son/daughter of a U.S. citizen.
- Please submit your marriage certificate, your spouse's birth certificate and any divorce decrees for you or your spouse. We will contact you with a new appointment date.
- Your priority date will not be current as the married son/daughter of a U.S. citizen. The embassy is currently processing cases with priority dates before _____. If you still wish to get married, please contact the embassy for further guidance. If you do not wish to get married, please keep your previously assigned appointment date.

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