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Here's your chance of becoming an American citizen!

Port Louis, October 18, 2013: Have you always wanted to live the American dream? This may be your chance to become an American citizen. Every year, the U.S. Government makes 50,000 permanent resident visas available to citizens of countries which have a low rate of immigration to the United States. The program is known as the Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery, or the Green Card Lottery.

The Diversity Visa (DV) 2015 opened for electronic entries on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, and will close at noon, Eastern Daylight Time, Saturday, November 2, 2013. To enter, visit the official E-DV website (www.dvlottery.state.gov) and fill out the electronic DV entry form. Paper entries will not be accepted. Entrants should not send more than one entry as this will automatically disqualify them. Do not wait until the last week to apply, because heavy demand may cause website delays.

All entrants must print and retain their online confirmation page with registration number after completing their DV entries. Only by using this number will entrants be able to check the dvlottery.state.gov, to see if their entry was selected. If so, entrants will be notified online of the date and time of a visa interview appointment, and receive instructions for how to apply for immigrant visas for themselves and all eligible family members. All winners are chosen by a random drawing.

Diversity visas are distributed among six geographic regions. Because of its low rate of immigration to the U.S., Mauritius is eligible for this lottery. Mauritians have won quite a few Diversity Visas in recent years. For the DV-2013, 67 Mauritian entrants were selected; for the DV-2012, 59 were selected; for DV-2011, 61 were selected; for the DV-2010, 78 were selected. These figures reflect the number of winners, but do not mean those actually applied for the immigrant visas or were issued the visas.

To apply, applicants must meet simple but strict eligibility requirements. In addition to being a citizen of an eligible country, one should meet the education/work experience requirement of the DV program. You must either have a high school education or its equivalent, defined as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education or two years

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of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform.

Keep in mind that no fee is required upon application, so anyone asking for money to help ease the process is running a scam.

For detailed instructions, visit the Department of State's public webpage at http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html.

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