

## Instructions for Filing Affidavit of Support I-864

### Affidavit of Support I-864, I-864W, I-864EZ, I-864A

An Affidavit of Support is required to be submitted by sponsors on behalf of most family-based and some employment based immigrants, to prove you have enough income or assets to support the intending immigrant(s) in the United States.

**Important Notes:** Detailed instructions are provided with each of the forms, when downloaded from USCIS web site at

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=db029c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD&vgnnextchannel=db029c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD> .

It is important that the sponsor(s) carefully follow the instructions to determine which form needs to be completed, and how to complete the forms. Some procedures have changed, as highlighted in the Department of Homeland Security, [Fact Sheet: Affidavits of Support](http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/factsheets/AffSupp_062106FS.pdf) ([http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/factsheets/AffSupp\\_062106FS.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/factsheets/AffSupp_062106FS.pdf).) Also, carefully follow the [Checklist-Guidelines](http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864Checklist-Guidelines-Final.pdf) (<http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864Checklist-Guidelines-Final.pdf>) for Preparing the Affidavit of Support Forms.

**Getting Started:** We suggest that you start this way -

- 1 - Review the I-864W instructions and learn whether the exemption form should be used; if no,
- 2 - Review the I-864EZ instructions to find out if the Affidavit of Support short form applies; if no,
- 3 - If the above don't apply, you probably will need to prepare the I-864, and possibly I-864A.

**Click on one of the links below to read more:**

[Checklist - Guidelines](http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864Checklist-Guidelines-Final.pdf) (<http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864Checklist-Guidelines-Final.pdf>) for Preparing the Affidavit of Support Forms (I-864 series)

[General Information and FAQs](http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864GenInfo-FAQ-Final.pdf) (Frequently Asked Questions) <http://travel.state.gov/pdf/I-864GenInfo-FAQ-Final.pdf>

**Download from the USCIS Website:**

[I-864W](#) - Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support Exemption -- *NEW*

[I-864EZ](#) - Affidavit of Support – *NEW*

[I-864](#) - Affidavit of Support

[I-864A](#) - Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member

[I-864P](#) - 2006 Poverty Guidelines

**We prefer that you complete the form(s) online.** After the form is completed on the computer, it must be printed and mailed as instructed.