



# Application for Family Unity Benefits

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<b>To be completed by an attorney or BIA-accredited representative (if any).</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.</b>	<b>Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable)</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)</b> <input type="text"/>
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## Part 1. Information About You (Person Requesting Family Unity Benefits)

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)  
▶ A-

### Your Full Name

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

### Other Names Used

Provide any other names you have used since birth, including maiden names, and nicknames.

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

3.c. Middle Name

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4.a. Family Name (Last Name)

4.b. Given Name (First Name)

4.c. Middle Name

## Other Information

5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

6. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)  
▶

7. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)  
▶

8. Gender  Male  Female

9. Country of Birth

10. Country of Citizenship or Nationality

## U.S. Mailing Address

11.a. In Care of Name

11.b. Street Number and Name

11.c.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

11.d. City or Town

11.e. State  11.f. ZIP Code

**Part 1. Information About You (Person Requesting Family Unity Benefits) (continued)**

**U.S. Physical Address**

12.a. Street Number and Name

12.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

12.c. City or Town

12.d. State  12.e. ZIP Code

**Biographic Information**

13. Ethnicity (Select **only one** box)  
 Hispanic or Latino  
 Not Hispanic or Latino

14. Race (Select **all applicable** boxes)  
 White  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

15. Height Feet  Inches

16. Weight Pounds

17. Eye Color (Select **only one** box)  
 Black  Blue  Brown  
 Gray  Green  Hazel  
 Maroon  Pink  Unknown/Other

18. Hair Color (Select **only one** box)  
 Bald (No hair)  Black  Blond  
 Brown  Gray  Red  
 Sandy  White  Unknown/Other

**Part 2. Basis For Application**

**I am applying for Family Unity benefits because:** (Select **only one** box)

1.a.  **On May 5, 1988**, I was the spouse of an alien who was legalized under section 245A of the Immigration Nationality Act (INA).

1.b.  **On May 5, 1988**, I was the unmarried child under 21 years of age of an alien who was legalized under section 245A of the INA.

1.c.  **On December 1, 1988**, I was the spouse of an alien who was legalized as a Special Agricultural Worker under section 210 of the INA.

1.d.  **On December 1, 1988**, I was the unmarried child under 21 years of age of an alien who was a legalized alien as a Special Agricultural Worker under section 210 of the INA.

1.e.  **On May 5, 1988**, I was the spouse of a legalized alien who adjusted status under section 202 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Cuban/Haitian Adjustment).

1.f.  **On May 5, 1988**, I was the unmarried child under 21 years of age of a person who adjusted status under section 202 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Cuban/Haitian Adjustment).

1.g.  I am the spouse of a person who is eligible for and has filed or adjusted status under section 1104 of Public Law (P.L.) 106-5534, the Legal Immigration Family Equality (LIFE) Act. I entered the United States on or before December 1, 1988, and resided in the United States on that date.

1.h.  I am the unmarried child under 21 years of age of a person who had filed an adjustment of status application or adjusted status under section 1104 of P. L. 106-5534, the LIFE Act. I entered the United States on or before December 1, 1988, and resided in the United States on that date.

**NOTE:** To be eligible for Immigration Act of 1990 (IMMACT 90) Family Unity Program benefits, your qualifying spouse or parent must have maintained his or her status as a legalized alien or as a U.S. citizen, if he or she naturalized. If deceased, he or she must have maintained status must have been maintained until his or her death. For LIFE Act Family Unity, your spouse or parent must be eligible for adjustment or have adjusted status under section 1104 of the LIFE Act. If you previously qualified for LIFE Act Family Unity, you may be eligible to apply for IMMACT 90 Family Unity Program Benefits.

**I am requesting:** (Select **only one** box)

2.a.  Initial Family Unity benefits under section 301 of IMMACT 90.

2.b.  An extension of Family Unity benefits under section 301 of IMMACT 90.

2.c.  Initial Family Unity benefits under section 1504 of the LIFE Act Amendments.

2.d.  An extension of Family Unity benefits under section 1504 of the LIFE Act Amendments.

**Part 3. Information About Your Relationship**

If you need extra space to complete Part 3, use the space provided in Part 9. Additional Information

**Information About Your Spouse or Parent**

Provide the following information about the **legalized alien** through whom you are claiming your eligibility.

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

**Other Names Used** (Including maiden name, nicknames, etc.)

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

3.c. Middle Name

4. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

5. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

6. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any) ▶

7. U.S. Social Security Number (if any) ▶

8. Gender  Male  Female

9. Class of Admission (visitor, student, EWI, etc.)

**U.S. Physical Address for Your Spouse or Parent**

10.a. Street Number and Name

10.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

10.c. City or Town

10.d. State  10.e. ZIP Code

11. Daytime Telephone Number (if any)

12. Email Address (if any)

**Complete Only if You Are Applying Based on a Marital Relationship or You Were Previously Married**

13. Marital Status  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Separated

Provide the following information about you and your spouse.

14.a. Number of times you have been married (including current marriage)

14.b. Number of times your spouse has been married (including spouse's current marriage)

If currently married, provide the following information about your marriage.

15.a. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Marriage

15.b. City or Town

15.c. State

15.d. Province

15.e. Country

15.f. Type of Ceremony:  Religious  Civil  None

15.g. We are:  Living together  Not living together

15.h. If you selected "Not living together," (select **only one box**):  
 My spouse has died  We are divorced  
 We are separated

**Information About Your Prior Marriage**

Provide the following information about your prior marriages (if any).

16.a. Family Name (Last Name)

16.b. Given Name (First Name)

16.c. Middle Name

17.a. Date of Marriage (if any) (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 3. Information About Your Relationship**  
(continued)

Place of Prior Marriage

**17.b.** City or Town

**17.c.** State

**17.d.** Province

**17.e.** Country

**17.f.** Date of Termination (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Termination

**17.g.** City or Town

**17.h.** State

**17.i.** Province

**17.j.** Country

**17.k.** Reason for Termination

Divorce  Death  Annulment

Other (Provide an explanation if there are any other reasons for termination. If you need extra space to provide an explanation, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**)

**Information About Your Spouse's Prior Spouse**

Provide the following information about your current spouse's prior marriages (if any).

**18.a.** Family Name  
(Last Name)

**18.b.** Given Name  
(First Name)

**18.c.** Middle Name

**19.a.** Date of Marriage (if any)  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Marriage

**19.b.** City or Town

**19.c.** State

**19.d.** Province

**19.e.** Country

**19.f.** Date of Termination (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Termination

**19.g.** City or Town

**19.h.** State

**19.i.** Province

**19.j.** Country

**19.k.** Reason for Termination

Divorce  Death  Annulment

Other (Provide an explanation if there are any other reasons for termination. If you need extra space to provide an explanation, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**)

**NOTE:** If you were previously married, you must complete **Part 3., Item Numbers 13. - 19.k.** of this application; complete all requested information about your prior marriages; and select the box in **Item Number 20.** indicating that it is complete.

**20.**  I have completed **Part 3., Item Numbers 13. - 19.k.**, information about my prior marriages (if any).

**Complete Only if You Are Applying Based on a Child/Parent Relationship**

Indicate how your parent is related to you (Select **only one** box)

**21.a.**  Biological mother

**21.b.**  Biological father who was married to my mother when I was born

**21.c.**  Biological father who was not married to my mother when I was born

**21.d.**  Stepparent - based on marriage to my parent which occurred before my 18th birthday

**21.e.**  Adoptive parent (select **only one** box):

**A.** The adoption occurred before my 16th birthday.  
 Yes  No

**B.** My adoptive parent had legal custody of me on May 5, 1988 or December 1, 1988, (as appropriate), and I resided with him or her for two years prior to that date.

Yes  No



**Part 4. Other Information** (continued)

Provide the U.S. address where you lived on May 5, 1988 (INA 245A or Cuban Haitian Adjustment Act) or December 1, 1988 (INA section 210 or LIFE Act).

4.a. Street Number and Name

4.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

4.c. City or Town

4.d. State  4.e. ZIP Code

If you are submitting separate applications for Family Unity benefits are being submitted at this time for other relatives, provide the following information about those other relatives.

**NOTE:** If you need more space to complete an answer in Item Numbers 5.a. - 24.f., use Part 9. Additional Information.

5.a. Family Name (Last Name)

5.b. Given Name (First Name)

5.c. Middle Name

5.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

5.e. Relationship to Applicant

6.a. Family Name (Last Name)

6.b. Given Name (First Name)

6.c. Middle Name

6.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

6.e. Relationship to Applicant

7.a. Family Name (Last Name)

7.b. Given Name (First Name)

7.c. Middle Name

7.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

7.e. Relationship to Applicant

8.a. Family Name (Last Name)

8.b. Given Name (First Name)

8.c. Middle Name

8.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

8.e. Relationship to Applicant

9.a. Family Name (Last Name)

9.b. Given Name (First Name)

9.c. Middle Name

9.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

9.e. Relationship to Applicant

10.a. Family Name (Last Name)

10.b. Given Name (First Name)

10.c. Middle Name

10.d. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

10.e. Relationship to Applicant

List all absences from the United States since May 5, 1988 or December 1, 1988, as appropriate to the section of law that applies to you, or since the approval of your last Form I-817, whichever date is later.

11.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

11.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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12.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

12.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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13.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

13.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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14.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

14.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 4. Other Information** (continued)

15.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

15.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

16.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

16.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

17.a. Departure Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

17.b. Return Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

List all residences in the United States since May 5, 1988 or December 1, 1988, as appropriate to the section of law that applies to you, or since the approval of your last Family Unity application (Form I-817), whichever date is later.

**Current Residence**

18.a. Street Number and Name

18.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

18.c. City or Town

18.d. State  18.e. ZIP Code

18.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Previous Residence 1**

19.a. Street Number and Name

19.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

19.c. City or Town

19.d. State  19.e. ZIP Code

19.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Previous Residence 2**

20.a. Street Number and Name

20.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

20.c. City or Town

20.d. State  20.e. ZIP Code

20.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Previous Residence 3**

21.a. Street Number and Name

21.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

21.c. City or Town

21.d. State  21.e. ZIP Code

21.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Previous Residence 4**

22.a. Street Number and Name

22.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

22.c. City or Town

22.d. State  22.e. ZIP Code

22.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Previous Residence 5**

23.a. Street Number and Name

23.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

23.c. City or Town

23.d. State  23.e. ZIP Code

23.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**Part 4. Other Information** (continued)

**Previous Residence 6**

24.a. Street Number and Name

24.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

24.c. City or Town

24.d. State  24.e. ZIP Code

24.f. Dates of Residence (mm/dd/yyyy)  
From  To

**NOTE:** If you need more space to complete an answer in **Item Numbers 5.a. - 24.f.**, use **Part 9. Additional Information.**

Answer **Item Numbers 25.a. - 38.** If you answer "Yes" to **ANY** of the questions, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information** to provide an explanation.

Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:

- 25.a. Acts involving torture or genocide?  Yes  No
- 25.b. Killing any person?  Yes  No
- 25.c. Intentionally and severely injuring any person?  
 Yes  No
- 25.d. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who was being forced or threatened?  
 Yes  No
- 25.e. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs?  
 Yes  No

Have you **EVER**:

- 26.a. Served in, been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerilla group, militia, or **insurgent** organization?  Yes  No
- 26.b. Served in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons?  Yes  No
- 27. **Have you EVER** been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any group, unit or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so?  
 Yes  No

- 28. **Have you EVER** assisted or participated in selling or providing weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person, or in transporting weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person?  Yes  No

- 29. **Have you EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training?  Yes  No

Have you **EVER** in the United States or Abroad:

- 30.a. Engaged in, conspired to engage in, or intended to engage in a terrorist activity with intent to cause death or serious bodily harm?  Yes  No
- 30.b. Been a representative of a terrorist organization or a member of an organization which you knew or should have known is a terrorist organization?  Yes  No
- 31. **Have you EVER** engaged in any activity to violate any law of the United States related to espionage or sabotage or to violate or evade any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information?  Yes  No

Have you **EVER**:

- 32.a. Been convicted by a final judgment of a particularly serious crime?  Yes  No
- 32.b. Participated in any other criminal activity which endangers public safety or national security of the United States?  Yes  No
- 33. **Have you EVER** been convicted of any offenses for which the aggregate sentences were **five** or more years of confinement?  Yes  No
- 34. **Have you EVER** been ordered deported, excluded, or removed from the United States as you were inadmissible at the time of entry or of adjustment of status, or violated status?  Yes  No
- 35. **Have you EVER** been convicted of a felony crime of violence that has an element of or attempted use of physical force against another individual in the course of committing the offense?  Yes  No
- 36. **Have you EVER** engaged in genocide, or ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?  Yes  No



**Part 4. Other Information** (continued)

37. Have you **EVER** committed a serious nonpolitical crime outside the United States before you arrived in the United States?  
 Yes  No
38. Have you **EVER** been convicted of a felony or **three** or more misdemeanors in the United States?  
 Yes  No

**Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center, Certification, and Signature**

**NOTE:** Read the information on penalties in the **Penalties** section of the Form I-817 Instructions before completing this part.

**Applicant's Statement**

**NOTE:** Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

- 1.a.  I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question. I have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center.**
- 1.b.  The interpreter named in **Part 6.** has also read to me every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question, in , a language in which I am fluent. I understand every question and instruction on this application as translated to me by my interpreter, and have provided complete, true, and correct responses in the language indicated above. The interpreter named in **Part 6.** has also read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** to me, in the language in which I am fluent, and I understand this Application Support Center (ASC) Acknowledgement as read to me by my interpreter.
2.  I have requested the services of and consented to , who  is  is not an attorney or accredited representative, preparing this application for me. This person who assisted me in preparing my application has reviewed the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** with me, and I understand the ASC Acknowledgement.

**Applicant's Contact Information**

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number
4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

**Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center**

I, , understand that the purpose of a USCIS ASC appointment is for me to provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature and to re-affirm that all of the information in my application is complete, true, and correct and was provided by me. I understand that I will sign my name to the following declaration which USCIS will display to me at the time I provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature during my ASC appointment.

*By signing here, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed and understand my application, petition, or request as identified by the receipt number displayed on the screen above, and all supporting documents, applications, petitions, or requests filed with my application, petition, or request that I (or my attorney or accredited representative) filed with USCIS, and that all of the information in these materials is complete, true, and correct.*

I also understand that when I sign my name, provide my fingerprints, and am photographed at the USCIS ASC, I will be re-affirming that I willingly submit this application; I have reviewed the contents of this application; all of the information in my application and all supporting documents submitted with my application were provided by me and are complete, true, and correct; and if I was assisted in completing this application, the person assisting me also reviewed this **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** with me.

**Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center, Certification, and Signature (continued)**

**Applicant's Certification**

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information in my application and any document submitted with my application were provided by me and are complete, true, and correct.

**Applicant's Signature**

6.a. Applicant's Signature

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:** If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, your application may be denied.

**Part 6. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

Provide the following information concerning the interpreter.

**Interpreter's Full Name**

1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)

2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

**Interpreter's Mailing Address**

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State

3.e. ZIP Code

3.f. Province

3.g. Postal Code

3.h. Country

**Interpreter's Contact Information**

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

**Interpreter's Certification**

I certify that:

I am fluent in English and , which is the same language provided in **Part 5., Item Number 1.b.**;

I have read to this applicant every question and instruction on this application, as well as the answer to every question, in the language provided in **Part 5., Item Number 1.b.**; and

I have read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** to the applicant in the same language provided in **Part 5., Item Number 1.b.**

The applicant has informed me that he or she understands every instruction and question on the application, as well as the answer to every question, and the applicant verified the accuracy of every answer; and

The applicant has also informed me that he or she understands the ASC Acknowledgement and that by appearing for a USCIS ASC biometric services appointment and providing his or her fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature, he or she is re-affirming that the contents of this application and all supporting documentation are complete, true, and correct.

**Interpreter's Signature**

6.a. Interpreter's Signature

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 7. Contact Information, Statement, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing This Application, If Other Than the Applicant**

Provide the following information concerning the preparer.

**Preparer's Full Name**

- 1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)
- 1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
- 2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

**Preparer's Mailing Address**

- 3.a. Street Number and Name
- 3.b.  Apt.  Ste.  Flr.
- 3.c. City or Town
- 3.d. State  3.e. ZIP Code
- 3.f. Province
- 3.g. Postal Code
- 3.h. Country

**Preparer's Contact Information**

- 4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number
- 5. Preparer's Fax Number (if any)
- 6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

**Preparer's Statement**

- 7.a.  I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.
- 7.b.  I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case  extends  does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

**NOTE:** If you are an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of this application you must submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, with this application.

**Preparer's Certification**

By my signature, I certify, swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the applicant. I completed this application based only on responses the applicant provided to me. After completing the application, I reviewed it and all of the applicant's responses with the applicant, who agreed with every answer on the application. If the applicant supplied additional information concerning a question on the application, I recorded it on the application. I have also read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** to the applicant and the applicant has informed me that he or she understands the ASC Acknowledgement.

**Preparer's Signature**

- 8.a. Preparer's Signature
- 8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Part 8. Signature for Placement On Employment Authorization Document**

Provide your signature below. This signature will be scanned and duplicated for placement on your Employment Authorization Document. **When signing, make sure that no part of your signature goes outside the lines of the box.**

Signature

