

# **Instructions for Application for T Nonimmigrant Status**

## **Department of Homeland Security**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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## What Is the Purpose of This Form?

You should use Form I-914 to request temporary immigration benefits if you are a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons.

## Who May File This Form?

Form I-914 should be filed by you, the victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons, and may include eligible family members. It can also be used at a later date to file for eligible family members not included on the original application.

- 1. Principal Applicant. You must demonstrate all of the following:
  - A. You are or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons;
  - **B.** You are deemed physically present if you meet one of the criteria below:
    - (1) You are physically present in the United States, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry, on account of trafficking in persons; or
    - (2) You were allowed entry into the United States to participate in investigative or judicial processes associated with an act or a perpetrator of trafficking;
  - C. You have complied with any reasonable request for assistance in a Federal, State, or local investigation or prosecution of acts of trafficking or the investigating of a crime where the acts of trafficking are at least one central reason for the commission of that crime, unless:
    - (1) You are under 18 years of age;
    - (2) You are unable to cooperate with a request due to physical or psychological trauma; and
  - D. You would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm upon removal.
- 2. Principal Applicant filing for eligible family member at the same time, or currently holding T-1 nonimmigrant status and filing for an eligible family member. You must also demonstrate that:
  - A. If you are under 21 years of age, eligible family members for whom you are filing are your:
    - (1) Spouse;
    - (2) Unmarried child(ren) under 21 years of age;
    - (3) Parent(s); or
    - (4) Unmarried sibling(s) under 18 years of age.
  - **B.** If you are over 21 years of age, eligible family members for whom you are filing are your:
    - (1) Spouse; or
    - (2) Unmarried child(ren) under 21 years of age.

- C. Regardless of your age at the time of filing, if your family member faces a present danger of retaliation, as a result of your escape from the severe form of trafficking in persons or your cooperation with law enforcement, the eligible family members for whom you may file are your:
  - (1) Parent(s);
  - (2) Unmarried sibling(s) under 18 years of age; or
  - (3) An adult or minor child of your derivative (your grandchild, your spouse's child, your niece or nephew, or your sibling).

## **General Instructions**

## Fill Out Form I-914, Form I-914, Supplement A, and Form I-914, Supplement B (optional)

- 1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
- 2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, write your name and A-Number (if any), indicate the item number, and date and sign each sheet.
- 3. Answer all questions fully and accurately, unless instructed to leave a part blank. State that an item is not applicable with "N/A." If the answer is none, write "None."

**Biometrics Services Appointment.** Every individual who is an applicant, petitioner, derivative, beneficiary, or sponsor of an immigration benefit request or other request submitted to USCIS is required to submit biometrics unless USCIS waives or exempts the requirement. You will be notified of the time and place of your appointment if you must appear and you will be provided requirements for rescheduling if necessary. If you fail to submit any biometrics as required, USCIS may deny your application, petition, or request.

DHS may store the biometrics submitted by an individual and use or reuse biometrics to conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), verify identity, produce documents, determine eligibility for immigration and naturalization benefits, or to perform any other functions necessary for administering and enforcing immigration and naturalization laws, and any other law within DHS authority.

If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1. You provided or authorized all information in the application;
- 2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your application; and
- 3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

## Completing Form I-914

You, as the principal applicant, must file Form I-914 for yourself.

This form is divided into **Parts A. - I.** The following information will help you fill out the form.

**Part A. Purpose for Filing the Application** - Check all the appropriate boxes that apply to why you filed this application.

Part B. General Information About You (person filing this application as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons)

- 1. Your Full Name. Provide your legal name, as shown on your birth certificate or legal name change document. If you have two last names, include both and use a hyphen (-) between the names, if appropriate. Write your last, first, and middle names in each appropriate field.
- 2. Other Names Used. Provide all the names you have used, including maiden name if applicable, married names, nicknames, etc.
- **3. Home Address.** Give your physical street address. This must include a street number and name or a rural route number. Do not put a post office box (P.O. Box) number here.
- **4. Safe Mailing Address.** Give your mailing address, if different from your home address. If you do not feel secure in receiving correspondence regarding this application at your home address, provide a "safe mailing address" in this space. This address may be a post office box, the address of a friend, your attorney, a community-based organization that is helping you, or any other address where you can safely and punctually receive mail.
- **5. Home Telephone Number.** Give the phone number with area code. If you live outside the United States, give the country and city code.
- **6. Safe Daytime Telephone Number.** If you do not feel secure in receiving telephone calls regarding this application at your home telephone number, provide a "safe telephone number" in this space. This number may be for a friend, your attorney, a community-based organization that is helping you, or any other number where you can safely and punctually receive a call or a message.
- 7. **E-Mail Address.** This is optional. If you do not have an e-mail address or feel that your e-mail address is not secure, write "None."
- **8. A-Number.** This is your USCIS (former INS) file number. If you do not have an A-Number or do not know it, leave this blank.
- 9. U.S. Social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave this blank.
- 10. Gender and Marital Status. Check the appropriate box for each.
- 11. Date of Birth. Use eight numbers to show your date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written (05/01/1979)
- 12. Country of Birth. Give the name of the country where you were born. Include the city, state or province, and country.
- **13.** Country of Citizenship. Give the name of the country where you are a citizen. This is not necessarily the country where you were born.
- **14. Passport.** Give the number of the passport used to enter the United States, if applicable. Give the location where your passport was issued. Give the date when your passport was issued.
- **15.** Last Entry Into the United States. Give the date and place where you last entered the United States, regardless of whether that entry was legal or illegal.
- **16. Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Document Number.** If applicable, give the number on Form I-94 issued at the time of entry.
- 17. Current Immigration Status. Give your current status, regardless of how you entered the United States (visitor, student, entry without inspection, etc.).

#### Part C. Biographic Information

Provide the biographic information requested in **Part C.**, **Item Numbers 1. - 6.** Providing this information as part of your application may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.

Item Numbers 1. - 2. Ethnicity and Race. Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

## **Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race**

- 1. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**NOTE:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Part C.**, **Item Number 1.**)
- 2. American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- **3. Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- 4. Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- **5.** Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- 6. White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Item Number 3.** Height. Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select "5" for feet and "09" for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

**Item Number 4.** Weight. Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter "000." Do not enter your weight in kilograms.

**Item Number 5. Eye Color.** Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

Item Number 6. Hair Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

#### Part D. Additional Information

You must answer each question. You must explain relevant information about your claim. Attach documents in support of your claim and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim.

Complete **Question 10** to indicate whether you would like an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). If your application is approved, you will be authorized to work. USCIS will send you an EAD as evidence of your authorization to work if you indicate "Yes" for **Question 10**. As the principal applicant you do not need to file a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization Document.

Complete Question 11 to indicate whether you are applying for one or more eligible family members at this time. See the section below entitled "Completing Form I-914 Supplement A, Application for a Family Member T-1 Recipient," for information on completing an application on behalf of your eligible family member.

## Part E. Processing Information

You must answer each question. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, explain on a separate sheet of paper. Explain if any of the acts or circumstances relate to your having been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons.

#### Part F. Information about Your Family Members

Even if you are not applying to bring your family members to the United States, you must provide the requested information about your spouse and children, if any.

## Part G. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this application yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the application, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your application and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every application **MUST** contain the signature of the applicant (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

## Part H. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the application.

# Part I. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, that person should complete both **Part H.** and **Part I.** If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you complete this application **MUST** sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may be obliged to also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application.

## Completing Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Family Member of T-1 Recipient

If you are filing for an eligible family member, you must complete Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Family Member of T-1 Recipient. Form I-914, Supplement A, must be submitted for each family member for whom you are filing.

Form I-914, Supplement A, may be filed concurrently with the principal applicant's initial Form I-914 or at any time thereafter. However, any Form I-914, Supplement A, submitted subsequently must have the appropriate boxes checked in **Part A.**, and must be accompanied by a copy of the principal applicant's Form I-914. Evidence submitted with the original application, however, need not be resubmitted.

This form is divided into Parts A. - I. The following information should help you fill out the form.

## Part A. Family Member Relationship to You (the principal)

Check the appropriate box if you are filing for your spouse, child(ren), parent(s), or sibling(s) based on your age. This part can be left blank if you are only applying for your derivative's adult or minor child (see **Part B.**).

## Part B. Family Member Relationship to Your Derivative

Check the box if you are filing for the adult or minor child of your derivative (your grandchild, your spouse's child, your niece or nephew, or your sibling) who faces a present danger of retaliation as a result of your escape from the severe form of trafficking in persons or your cooperation with law enforcement.

#### Part C. Biographic Information

Provide the biographic information requested for your family member. Follow the specific instructions for each Item included in the section.

## Part D. General Information About You (the principal)

- 1. Your Full Name. Provide your legal name, as shown on your birth certificate or legal name change document. If you have two last names, include both and use a hyphen (-) between the names, if appropriate. Write your last, first, and middle names in each appropriate field.
- 2. Date of Birth. Use eight numbers to show your date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).

- **3. A-Number.** This is your USCIS (former INS) file number. If you do not have an A-Number or do not know it, leave this blank.
- 4. Status of your Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status. Check the appropriate box.

## Part E. Information About Your Family Member (the derivative)

- 1. Full Name. Provide the name of the family member, as shown on his or her birth certificate or legal change of name document. If the person has two last names, include both and use a hyphen (-) between the names, if appropriate. Write the person's last, first, and middle names in each appropriate field.
- 2. Other Names Used. Provide all the names he or she has used, including maiden name, if applicable, married names, nicknames, etc.
- **3.** Residence or Intended Address in the United States. Give his or her intended physical street address. This must include a street number and name or a rural route number. Do not put a post office box (P.O. Box) number here.
- 4. Safe Mailing Address. Give his or her mailing address, if different from his or her intended home address. If he or she does not feel secure in receiving correspondence regarding this application at his or her home address, provide a "safe mailing address" in this space. This address may be a post office box, the address of a friend, your/his or her attorney, a community-based organization, or any other address where he or she can safely and punctually receive mail.
- **5. Home Telephone Number.** Give the telephone number with area code where he or she lives and can be reached during the day.
- 6. Safe Daytime Telephone Number. If he or she does not feel secure receiving telephone calls regarding this application at his or her home, provide a "safe telephone number" in this space. This number may be for a friend, his or her attorney, a community-based organization, or any other number where he or she can safely and punctually receive a call or a message.
- 7. E-mail Address. This is optional. If you do not have an e-mail address or feel that your e-mail address is not secure, write "None."
- **8. A-Number.** This is his or her USCIS (former INS) file number. If he or she does not have an A-Number or you do not know it, leave this blank.
- 9. U.S. Social Security Number. If he or she does not have a U.S. Social Security Number, leave this blank.
- 10. Gender and Marital Status. Check the appropriate box for each.
- 11. Date of Birth. Use eight numbers to show his or her date of birth (example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979).
- **12.** Country of Birth. Give the name of the country where he or she was born. Include the city, state or province, and country.
- **13.** Country of Citizenship. Give the name of the country where he or she is a citizen. This is not necessarily the country where he or she was born.
- **14. Passport.** Give the number of the passport used to enter the United States, if applicable. Give the location where his or her passport was issued. Give the date when his or her passport was issued.
- **15.** Last Entry Into the United States. Give the date and place where he or she last entered the United States, regardless of whether that entry was legal or illegal.
- **16. Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Document Number.** If physically present in the United States, give the number on Form I-94 issued at the time of entry.
- 17. Current Immigration Status. Give your current status, regardless of how you entered the United States (visitor, student, entry without inspection etc.).

- **18. Previously Traveled to the United States.** Give the following information about your family member if he or she has previously traveled to the United States.
- 19. Family Member's Prior Marriage(s) Information. If your family member was previously married, list the names of his or her prior spouse(s), the dates the previous marriage terminated, the location where and how the marriage(s) terminated.
- **20.** U.S. Consulate or Inspection Facility Where You Want Notification Sent. If your family member is outside the United States, indicate the U.S. Consulate or inspection facility you want notified if the Form I-914, Supplement A, is approved.
- **21. Foreign Address Where You Want Notification Sent.** If your family member is outside the United States, indicate the address where you want notification sent if the Form I-914, Supplement A, is approved.
- 22. Immigration History. Give your family member's immigration proceedings history, if any.
- 23. Employment Authorization. If the Form I-914, Supplement A, is approved for your family member, he or she is authorized to work. Check the box to indicate if you are applying for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) as evidence of your family member's authorization to work. If you indicate "Yes," each family member must also file Form I-765 with the appropriate fee or request for fee waiver. The Form I-765 can be filed with the Form I-914, Supplement A, or at a later time. If your family member is living outside the United States, he or she is not eligible to receive employment authorization until he or she is lawfully admitted to the United States. Do not file Form I-765 for a family who is living outside of the United States.

## Part F. Processing Information

You must answer each question about your family member. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, explain on a separate sheet of paper.

## Part G. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this application yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the application, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your application and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every application **MUST** contain the signature of the applicant (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

**NOTE:** If the family member for whom you are filing is in the United States, he or she must sign and date the application. If he or she does not sign or date the application, then Form I-914, Supplement A, will be returned as incomplete.

## Part H. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the application.

# Part I. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, that person should complete both **Part H.** and **Part I.** If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you complete this application **MUST** sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may be obliged to also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application.

# Completing Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons

Form I-914, Supplement B, is completed by Federal, State, or local law enforcement authorities and is then given to you to submit to USCIS.

You are not required to file Form I-914, Supplement B, to prove your claim. However, the endorsement of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement authority is one form of evidence that you are a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons and that you have complied with any reasonable request for assistance in the investigation or prosecution. Follow the additional instructions on Form I-914, Supplement B.

#### **Initial Evidence**

You must submit:

- 1. A completed and signed Form I-914;
- 2. A personal narrative statement;
- 3. Evidence to establish each eligibility requirement (see next section for details); and

If applying for your family member, you must also submit:

- 1. A completed and signed Form I-914, Supplement A, for each family member for whom you are applying. You may file Form I-914 Supplement A, at the same time with your initial application or at a later time.
  - Any Form I-914, Supplement A, submitted subsequent to the principal applicant's initial filing, however, must be accompanied by:
  - A. A new Form I-914, Supplement A, with the appropriate boxes checked in **Part A.** and with an original signature in **Part G.**; and
  - **B.** A copy of the original Form I-914.
- 2. Evidence to establish eligibility for each family member (see next section for details).

**NOTE:** Evidence submitted with the original Form I-914 does not need to be resubmitted.

## **Evidence to Establish T Nonimmigrant Status**

You must file Form I-914 with evidence sufficient to demonstrate that you satisfy each of the eligibility requirements. If you have in your possession, or have access to, a document showing how you entered the United States, you must submit a copy of that document with your application.

To qualify for T-1 nonimmigrant status, you must demonstrate that you:

- 1. Are or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons;
- 2. Are physically present in the United States, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry, as a result of trafficking, including physical presence based on your having been allowed entry into the United States to participate in investigative or judicial processes associated with an act or a perpetrator of trafficking;
- 3. Have complied with any reasonable request for assistance in a Federal, State, or local law enforcement investigation or prosecution of acts of trafficking in persons, unless you are under 18 years of age, or you are unable to cooperate with a request due to physical or psychological trauma; and
- 4. Would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm upon removal.

To establish that you are or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons, you must demonstrate that you have been a victim of either:

- 1. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act is under 18 years of age; or
- 2. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

## Evidence of Cooperation with Reasonable Requests from Law Enforcement

## Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons (optional)

One type of evidence of your claim to be a victim of a severe form of human trafficking in persons is Form I-914, Supplement B. That declaration and instructions are appended to this form.

You are not required to file Form I-914, Supplement B, to prove your claim. However, the endorsement of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer on Form I-914, Supplement B, is one type of evidence that you are a victim and that you have complied with any reasonable request from Federal, State, or local law enforcement authority for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of the acts of trafficking. USCIS (not the Federal, State, or local law enforcement authority) will make the decision if you meet the eligibility requirements for T nonimmigrant status.

If you do not provide a completed Form I-914, Supplement B, you must submit credible evidence to establish that you are or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons and that you complied with any reasonable request from law enforcement. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to: trial transcripts, court documents, police reports, news articles, copies of reimbursement forms for travel to and from court, affidavits, or any other form of evidence. Even if you do provide Form I-914, Supplement B, you may submit additional evidence.

#### **Personal Statement**

A personal narrative statement is required. That statement should describe, to the best of your recollection, the trafficking crime of which you were a victim, including:

- 1. The circumstances of your entry into the United States;
- 2. The purpose for which you were brought to the United States;

- 3. How you were recruited or otherwise became involved in the trafficking situation;
- **4.** When these events took place;
- **5.** Who was responsible;
- **6.** How long you were detained by the traffickers;
- 7. How and when you escaped, were rescued, or otherwise became separated from the traffickers;
- **8.** What you have been doing since you were separated from the traffickers;
- 9. Why you were unable to leave the United States after you were separated from the traffickers;
- 10. What harm or mistreatment you fear if you are removed from the United States; and
- 11. Why you fear you would be harmed or mistreated.

## **Evidence to Establish Derivative T Nonimmigrant Status**

You, as the principal applicant or as current T-1 nonimmigrant status holder filing for your family members, must file Form I-914, Supplement A, with evidence sufficient to demonstrate that your family members satisfy each of the eligibility requirements.

If you are under 21 years of age, eligible family members for whom you are filing must be your:

- 1. Spouse;
- 2. Unmarried child(ren) under 21 years of age;
- 3. Parent(s); or
- 4. Unmarried sibling(s) under 18 years of age.

If you are over 21 years of age, eligible family members for whom you are filing are your:

- 1. Spouse; or
- 2. Unmarried child(ren) under 21 years of age.

If a family member faces a present danger of retaliation as a result of your escape from the severe form of trafficking in persons or cooperation with law enforcement, you may file for the following eligible family members, regardless of your age:

- 1. Parent(s);
- 2. Unmarried sibling(s) under 18 years of age; or
- 3. Adult or minor child of your derivative (your grandchild, your spouse's child, your niece or nephew, or your sibling).

#### You must include:

- 1. A completed Form I-914, Supplement A, for each eligible family member you want included on your application.
- 2. Credible documentation of the claimed relationship. Documents acceptable for this purpose are listed below.
  - **A.** Husband or Wife. Submit a copy of your marriage certificate issued by a civil authority.
    - If either you or your spouse were married before, you must submit documents to show all previous marriages were legally terminated. (Example: a divorce decree or death certificate.)
  - **B.** Child, and you are the mother. Submit a copy of the child's birth certificate showing your name and the name of the child issued by a civil authority.

- C. Child, and you are the father. Submit a copy of the child's birth certificate issued by a civil authority showing both parents' names and your marriage certificate. If the child was born out of wedlock, give proof that a parent-child relationship exists or existed. (Example: the child's birth certificate showing your name and evidence that you have financially supported the child. In some cases, a blood test may be necessary.)
- **D. Mother.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate issued by a civil authority showing your name and your mother's name.
- **E. Father.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate showing the names of both parents, your parents' marriage certificate establishing that your father was married to your mother before you were born, and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages of either your father or mother were legally terminated. If you are filing for a stepparent or adoptive parent, or if you are filing for your father and were not legitimated before your 18th birthday, also see C, G, and H.
- **F. Brother or Sister.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your brother's or sister's birth certificate showing that you have at least one common parent. If you and your brother or sister have a common father but different mothers, submit copies of the marriage certificates of the father to each mother and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages of either your father or mother were legally terminated. If you and your brother or sister are related through adoption or through a stepparent, or if you have a common father and either of you were not legitimated before your 18th birthday, see also G and H.
- **G. Stepparent/Stepchild.** If your application is based on a stepparent-stepchild relationship, you must file your application with a copy of the marriage certificate of the stepparent to the child's natural parent showing that the marriage occurred before the child's 18th birthday, and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages were legally terminated.
- **H.** Adoptive parent or adopted child. If you and the person you are filing for are related by adoption, you must submit a copy of the adoption decree(s) showing that the adoption took place before the child became 16 years of age.

If the relationship was created by the adoption of the sibling of a child already adopted, then you must submit a copy of the adoption decree(s) showing that the adoption of the sibling took place before the child became 18 years of age.

In either case, you also must submit copies of evidence showing that each child was in the legal custody of and resided with the parent(s) who adopted him or her for some time within two years before or after the adoption. Legal custody may only be granted by a court or recognized government entity and is usually granted at the time the adoption is finalized. However, if legal custody is granted by a court or recognized government agency prior to the adoption, that time may count to fulfill the two-year legal custody requirement.

- I. Your unmarried sibling under 18 years of age. Submit a certified copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your brother's or sister's birth certificate showing that you have at least one common parent.
- J. For parent-child and sibling relationships: USCIS may require that the petitioner submit other evidence of the claimed biological relationship, such as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing. USCIS will only accept DNA test results from laboratories accredited by the AABB (formerly the American Association of Blood Banks). A list of laboratories can be viewed at <a href="https://www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx">www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx</a>.
- 3. If you are filing for your parents, unmarried siblings under 18 years of age, and/or the adult minor child of another derivative because of a present danger of retaliation based on your escape from the severe form of trafficking in persons or cooperation with law enforcement, you should include the following:
  - **A.** A description of the danger the family member faces and how the danger is linked to your escape or cooperation with law enforcement:
  - B. Documentation of a previous grant of advance parole to a family member, if available; and

C. Any other credible evidence describing the danger of retaliation, including a signed statement from a law enforcement official, trial transcripts, court documents, police reports, news articles, copies of reimbursement forms for travel to and from court, and affidavits from other individuals.

#### **Unavailable Documents**

If a required document is not available, you may give USCIS the following secondary evidence instead:

**NOTE:** USCIS may require a statement from the appropriate civil authority certifying that the necessary document is unavailable.

- 1. Church record: A certificate under the seal where the baptism, dedication, or comparable rite occurred within two months after the birth, showing the date and place of the child's birth, date of the religious ceremony, and the names of the child's parents.
- 2. School record: A letter from the authority of the school attended (preferably the first school) showing dates of admission to the school, child's date and place of birth, and the names and birthplaces of both parents if shown in the school records.
- **3.** Census records: Federal or State census records showing the names place of birth and date of birth or age of the person listed.
- **4. Affidavits:** Written statements sworn to or affirmed by two persons who were living at the time and who have personal knowledge of the event you are trying to prove. (Example: the date and place of birth, marriage, divorce, or death.) The persons making the affidavits need not be citizens of the United States. Each affidavit should contain the following information:
  - **A.** The relationship, if any, between you and the affiant;
  - **B.** Full information concerning the event; and
  - **C.** Complete details concerning how the person acquired knowledge of the event.

**NOTE:** In a case where you or your relative's name has changed from what is shown on the supporting document, submit the legal document authorizing such name change. (Example: marriage certificate, adoption decree, court order, etc.)

## Waiver of Ground(s) of Inadmissibility

To be eligible for T nonimmigrant status, you must be admissible to the United States. If you or your eligible family member(s) answered "Yes" to one or more of the questions in **Part E.** of Form I-914 or Form I-914, Supplement A, you or your eligible family member(s) may be inadmissible.

If you and/or your eligible family member(s) is or becomes inadmissible under section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, you and/or your family member(s) will not be eligible for T nonimmigrant status unless the ground of inadmissibility is waived by USCIS.

Applicants seeking a waiver of inadmissibility must submit Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant (Pursuant to Section 212(d)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). A separate fee or request for fee waiver must be filed with Form I-192. Form I-192 should be filed concurrently with Form I-914. USCIS, in its discretion, will decide eligibility for the waiver.

## Where to File?

Mail your complete application to the following address:

#### **USCIS**

#### **Vermont Service Center**

75 Lower Welden Street

St. Albans, VT 05479-0001

## What Is the Filing Fee?

There is no filing fee for Form I-914. You are not required to pay the biometrics services fee.

## **Address Changes**

If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS website at <a href="www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283.

## **Processing Information**

Any Form I-914 that is not signed will be rejected with a notice that Form I-914 is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-914. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

## **Initial Processing**

Once Form I-914 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form or file it without required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility, and we may deny your Form I-914.

## **Requests For More Information or Interview**

We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy.

## **Employment Authorization**

If your application is approved, you will be authorized to work. For a principal applicant, USCIS will send an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) as evidence of your authorization to work if you indicate "Yes" for **Question 10** in **Part D.** As the principal applicant you do not need to file Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization Document. Derivative family members are also authorized to work if Form I-914, Supplement A, is approved. If your derivative family member wants to obtain an EAD as evidence of his or her authorization to work, each family member must file Form I-765 with the appropriate fee or request for fee waiver. Form I-765 can be filed with Form I-914, Supplement A, or at a later time. If your family member is living outside the United States, he or she is not eligible to receive employment authorization until he or she is lawfully admitted to the United States. Do not file Form I-765 for a family member who is living outside of the United States.

#### **Decision**

The decision on Form I-914 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

## Confidentiality

Information concerning T nonimmigrant status applicants and derivatives is protected under 8 USC section 1367. The disclosure of information relating to an individual with a pending or approved application for T nonimmigrant status is prohibited except in certain limited circumstances.

#### **USCIS Forms and Information**

To ensure you are using the latest version of this application, visit the USCIS website at <a href="www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.

As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access the system, visit our website. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

#### **Penalties**

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-914, we will deny Form I-914 and may deny any other immigration benefit.

In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

## **DHS Privacy Notice**

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under Public Law106-386, sections 107(e) and 1513(c) and 8 USC 1101(a)(15)(T).

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to determine if you have established eligibility for temporary immigration benefits for which you are filing. DHS uses the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your application.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this application and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System and DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check] and published the privacy impact assessment [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016(a) Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems], which you can find at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>. DHS may also share this information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

## **Paperwork Reduction Act**

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for Form I-914 is estimated at 2 hours and 15 minutes per response. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 3 hours and 40 minutes. The public reporting burden for Form I-914, Supplement A, is estimated to be 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140. OMB No. 1615-0099. **Do not mail your completed Form I-914 and Form I-914, Supplement A to this address.** 

## Checklist

Fill out the checkboxes. This will ensure that you have completed the form properly.

- 1. I completely filled out and signed the form.
- **2.** I have attached evidence that:
  - **A.** I am or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking;
  - **B.** I am physically present in the United States, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry, on account of trafficking, or I have been allowed entry into the United States to participate in investigative or judicial processes associated with the an act or perpetrator of trafficking;
  - C. I am cooperating with Federal, State, or local law enforcement authorities in the investigation or prosecution of the trafficker(s) (unless under 18 years of age or I am unable to cooperate with such requests due to physical or psychological trauma); and
  - **D.** I would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm upon removal from the United States.
- **3.** I have included a personal narrative statement.

#### If I am applying for one or more family members:

- 1. I have completed Form I-914, Supplement A for each family member for whom I am now applying and, if he or she is in the United States, each family member has signed that Form I-914, Supplement A.
- 2. I have submitted the required evidence, including evidence of:
  - **A.** My relationship to the family member for whom I am applying;
  - **B.** My age, if I am applying for my parent or unmarried sibling under the age of 18;
  - C. My child's age, if I am applying for my child;
  - D. My sibling's age, if I am applying for my unmarried sibling; and
  - **E.** If applicable, present danger of retaliation as a result of my escape from trafficking or my cooperation with law enforcement.
- **3.** I will or have filed Form I-765 with the appropriate fee or request for fee waiver, for each family member requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).