



# Instructions for Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**Form I-864A**  
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## What Is the Purpose of Form I-864A?

Form I-864A, Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member, is an attachment to Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA. A separate Form I-864A must be **executed by the sponsor's spouse** whose income and/or assets are being used by a sponsor to **meet the income requirements of section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), if the spouse is not the intending immigrant**. Each Form I-864A is **executed** by two individuals: **the sponsor** who is **executing** Form I-864 **and** a household member (**the sponsor's spouse or the intending immigrant in certain circumstances**) who is promising to make his or her income and/or assets available to the sponsor to help support the sponsored immigrants. The combined **execution** of this contract constitutes an agreement that the household member is responsible along with the sponsor for the support of the individuals named in this contract.

This contract must be submitted **with** Form I-864.

Form I-864A may only be used when a sponsor's income and assets do not meet the income requirements of **section 213A of the INA** and the qualifying household member chooses to combine his or her **income and/or assets** with the income and/or assets of a sponsor to meet the **income** requirements. The obligations of the household member under this contract terminate when the obligations of the sponsor under the **Form I-864** terminate, **unless the sponsor's obligation terminated because of the sponsor's death**. **A household member's obligation under this contract also terminates when the household member dies**.

For additional information, **see section 213A of the INA and Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 213a**.

## What Is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is:

1. The petitioning relative;
2. A relative with a significant ownership interest in the petitioning entity; **or**
3. A substitute in the case of a deceased petitioner, or another person accepting joint and several liability with the sponsor; **AND**
4. **An individual** who **executed** Form I-864 on behalf of an intending immigrant. A sponsor must be an individual and may not be an enterprise, a business, or any other type of organization.

## Who May Be Considered a Household Member for Purposes of Form I-864A?

For purposes of this contract, one or more of the following individuals may **execute** the Form I-864A as a household member if at least 18 years of age:

1. **The sponsor's spouse**; or
2. The intending immigrant, if the sponsor seeks to rely on an intending immigrant's continuing income to establish the sponsor's ability to support the intending immigrant's spouse or **children**.

## How Can the Intending Immigrant Be Considered a Household Member for Purposes of Form I-864A?

Listed below are **the only** two ways that the intending immigrant may be **considered** a household member for the purposes of **combining** income with the sponsor to meet the **income requirements in section 213A of the INA**:

1. The intending immigrant has the same principal residence as the sponsor and the intending immigrant can establish that his or her income **is accrued or earned from employment in a lawful enterprise or some other lawful source and employment that is authorized pursuant to 8 CFR 274a.12, and will continue to be derived** from a lawful source after acquisition of lawful permanent **resident status**; or
2. The intending immigrant is the sponsor's spouse and the intending immigrant can show that his or her income **is accrued or earned from employment in a lawful enterprise or some other lawful source and employment that is authorized pursuant to 8 CFR 274a.12, and will continue to be derived** from a lawful source after acquisition of lawful permanent **resident status**.

The intending immigrant only executes Form I-864A when his or her income and/or assets are being combined with the sponsor's income and assets to sponsor the intending immigrant's spouse or children.

### Why Does a Household Member **Execute** Form I-864A?

A household member **executes** this contract if the household member's income and/or assets will be used to demonstrate the sponsor's ability to meet the income requirements and **the means** to maintain the sponsored immigrant at an annual income at the level specified **in section 213A(f)(1)(E) or section 213A(f)(3) of the INA**.

### If the Intending Immigrant Is a Household Member, Must He or She **Execute** This Contract?

If you are the intending immigrant and the sponsor is including your income on Form I-864 to meet the **income** requirements **in section 213A of the INA**, you need to **execute** this contract only if you have accompanying dependents. If you are the intending immigrant and the sponsor is including only your assets on Form I-864, you do not need to complete this contract, even if you have accompanying dependents.

## General Instructions

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**Signature.** Each contract must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this contract, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. You must be at least 18 years of age to act as a sponsor and sign Form I-864A. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

If you are under guardianship, your legal guardian may print your name and sign Form I-864A for you. "Legal guardian" includes any person who is appointed and authorized by law to protect your estate as a result of your incapacity. The legal guardian must present proof of the appointment as legal guardian of your estate and a copy of an order from the appointing court or agency specifically permitting the guardian to make your income and assets available for the support of the sponsored immigrant.

**Filing Fee.** There is no filing fee to file Form I-864A with USCIS. For information on processing fees when filing with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), see [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

**Evidence.** At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the **Specific Instructions** and/or **What Evidence Must You Submit** sections of these Instructions.

**Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application, petition, or request. After USCIS receives your contract and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.

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 contract;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your contract; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

**Copies.** You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**NOTE:** If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, **your original documents may be immediately destroyed upon receipt.**

**Translations.** If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must include the translator's signature. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recommends the certification contain the printed name and the date and the translator's contact information.

#### **How To Fill Out Form I-864A**

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this contract, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed.

#### **Specific Instructions**

This contract is divided into nine parts. The sponsor completes **Part 5. Sponsor's Promise, Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature** of this contract and the household member completes **Parts 1. - 4., and 6.** The information below provides detailed information to help you complete this contract.

#### **Part 1. Information About You (the Household Member)**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c. Full Name.** Provide your full name.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 3. Mailing Address.** Provide the address where you receive mail.

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**Item Numbers 4.a. - 4.h. Physical Address.** If you reside in a location different than where you receive mail, provide the address in the space provided.

**Item Number 5. Date of Birth.** Provide your date of birth in the mm/dd/yyyy format.

**Item Numbers 6.a. - 6.c. Place of Birth.** Provide the city or town, state or province, and country where you were born.

**Item Number 7. U.S. Social Security Number (if any).** Provide your U.S. Social Security Number if you have one.

**Item Number 8. USCIS Online Account Number (if any).** If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.

## **Part 2. Your (the Household Member's) Relationship to the Sponsor**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c.** Select the item which best reflects your relationship to the sponsor.

If you select **Item Number 1.a. (intending immigrant and married to the sponsor)**, you do not have to reside with the sponsor, but you must provide proof that your income will continue from a lawful source after immigration.

If you select **Item Number 1.b. (intending immigrant and not married to the sponsor)**, you must provide proof that you currently have the same principal residence as the sponsor and that your income will continue from a lawful source after immigration.

If you select **Item Number 1.c. (spouse of the sponsor and not the intending immigrant)**, you do not need to provide proof that you have the same principal residence as the sponsor.

## **Part 3. Your (the Household Member's) Employment and Income**

**Item Numbers 1. - 6. Your (the Household Member's) Employment.** Select all boxes that apply to you. A sponsor may not rely on a household member's income **accrued or earned from unlawful activities or unlawful enterprises**, such as proceeds from illegal gambling or drug sales, to meet the income requirements, even if the household member paid taxes on that income. **A sponsor may not rely on a household member's income from means-tested public benefits.**

**Item Number 7. Current Individual Annual Income.** Enter your current individual earned or retirement annual income that you are **combining with the sponsor's income to meet the income requirements** and type or print the total on this line.

You may include evidence supporting your claim about your expected income for the current year if you believe that submitting this evidence will help you establish an ability to maintain sufficient income. You are not required to submit this evidence, however, unless specifically instructed to do so by a government official. For example, you may include a recent letter from your employer, showing your employer's address and telephone number, and indicating your annual salary. You may also provide pay stubs showing your income for the previous six months. If your claimed income includes alimony, child support, dividend or interest income, or income from any other source, you may also include evidence of ability to maintain that income.

## **Part 4. Your (the Household Member's) Federal Income Tax Information and Assets**

You must provide **either Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-issued certified copies or transcripts of your Federal individual income tax return for the three most recent tax years.**

**Do not submit copies of your state or local income tax returns. Do not submit any tax returns that you filed with any foreign government unless you are claiming that you were not required to file a Federal income tax returns with the United States Government and you wish to rely on the foreign return solely to establish the amount of your income that was not subject to tax in the United States.**

If you selected **Item Number 1.b.** in **Part 3.**, that you are self-employed, you should have completed one of the following forms with your Federal income tax return: Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business), Schedule D (Capital Gains), Schedule E (Supplemental Income or Loss), or Schedule F (Profit or Loss from Farming). You must include each and every Form 1040 Schedule, if any, that you filed with your Federal income tax return.

As stated previously, you must **submit IRS-issued certified copies or transcripts of** your Federal individual income tax return for the **three** most recent tax **years**. If you were required to file a Federal income tax return for **any of the three most recent tax years** but did not do so, you must file any and all late returns with the IRS and attach an **IRS-issued certified copy or transcript of each** late return and submit it with Form I-864A. If you were not required to **file Federal income tax returns** under U.S. tax law because your income was too low **for any of the three most recent tax years**, attach a typed or printed explanation.

If you were not required to **file Federal income tax returns** under U.S. tax law **for any other reason for any of the three most recent tax years**, attach a typed or printed explanation including evidence of the exemption and how you qualified for it. Residence outside of the United States does not exempt U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents from filing a U.S. Federal income tax return. See Filing Requirements in the IRS Form 1040 Filing Instructions to determine whether you were required to file.

For purposes of this contract, the line for Total Income on IRS Forms 1040 and 1040A will be considered when determining income. For persons filing IRS Form 1040 EZ, the line for Adjusted Gross Income will be considered.

**Obtaining Tax Transcripts.** You may use IRS Form 4506-T to request tax transcripts from the IRS. Complete IRS Form 4506-T with the ending date for each of your three most recent tax years listed on line 9. Follow all instructions for completing and filing Form 4506-T with the IRS.

**Obtaining Certified Copies of Taxes.** You may use IRS Form 4506 to request certified copies of your taxes from the IRS. Complete IRS Form 4506 with the ending date for each of your three most recent tax years listed on line 7. Follow all instructions for completing and filing Form 4506 with the IRS.

**Item Number 1.** Select the box if you filed a Federal income tax return for each of the three most recent tax **years**.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.c. Most Recent Tax Year Total Income.** Indicate the **three** most recent tax **years** and your Total Income **for those tax years**. If that amount was zero **for any year**, enter “zero” or “N/A” for non-**applicable**.

**Item Numbers 3.a. - 3.d. Assets.** Complete this item only if the sponsor is using the value of your assets to help meet the **income** requirements **on Form I-864**. If you are using only your income to help the sponsor meet the **income** requirements, do not complete this item.

If you are the intending immigrant and have no accompanying dependents, then do not list your assets on this contract. Instead, you must list your assets in **Part 8, Item Numbers 6. - 10.** of the Form I-864 and do not need to complete this form.

Only assets that can be converted into cash within one **year may** be included. The owner of the asset must include a description of the asset, proof of ownership, and the basis for the owner’s claim of its net cash value.

You may include the net value of your home as an asset. The net value of the home is the appraised value of the home, minus the sum of any and all loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home.

If you wish to include the net value of your home, you must include documentation demonstrating that you own it, a recent appraisal by a licensed appraiser, and evidence of the amount of any and all loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home. You may not include the net value of an automobile unless you show that you have more than one automobile, and at least one automobile is not included as an asset.

**Item Numbers 4.a. - 9. Household Member’s Bank Account Information.** Provide the account type, name(s) of all account holders, the name of the banking institution, the account number of the checking or savings account, and the corresponding routing number for the account that you are using to establish your financial eligibility.



**Item Number 10. Means-Tested Public Benefits Information.** Indicate whether or not you have received any means-tested public benefits within the 36-month period before executing this Form I-864A. A means-tested public benefit is any public benefit funded in whole or in part by funds provided by the Federal Government that has been determined to be a Federal means-tested public benefit under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, or any public benefit for which no Federal funds are provided that a state, state agency, or political subdivision of a state has determined to be a means-tested public benefit. No benefit shall be considered to be a means-tested public benefit if it is a benefit described in sections 401(b), 411(b), 422(b) or 423(d) of Public Law 104-193.

**Item Number 11. Credit Report and Credit Score.** You must provide a copy of a U.S. credit report and credit score generated within the last 12 months prior to the date of submission, if available, with your Form I-864A.

You can obtain a free credit report once a year under the Fair Credit Reporting Act from each one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion). You are only required to provide one credit report and credit score from any of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. See <https://www.usa.gov/credit-reports> for more information.

If there are any errors in the credit report, you should provide evidence from the nationwide credit reporting agency that demonstrates that you reported the error and that the error is under investigation or has been resolved. If you have any negative history in your credit report, you may provide an explanation in the designated area of this form. Negative credit history includes, but is not limited to, delinquent accounts, debt collections, charge-offs (delinquent accounts deemed unlikely to be collected), repossession, foreclosure, judgments, tax liens, or bankruptcy reflected on your credit report.

If you do not have a credit report or credit score, provide documentation that demonstrates that you do not have a credit report or score with any of the nationwide credit reporting agencies. You may provide evidence of continued payment of bills if there is no credit report or credit score.

## **Part 5. Sponsor's Promise, Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 31.b.** If the sponsor you are promising to make your income available to is sponsoring the principal intending immigrant (the sponsor should have "Yes" as his or her answer to **Part 3., Item Number 1.** of his or her Form I-864), you should list the intending immigrant in **Part 5., Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c.** and then list any spouse and any and all children that are listed in the sponsor's Form I-864 in the spaces that follow in **Part 5.** of Form I-864A.

If the sponsor you are promising to make your income available to is **not** sponsoring the intending immigrant (this should be true only in cases with two joint sponsors, with "No" selected on **Part 3., Item Number 1.** of his or her Form I-864), in **Part 5., Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c.**, list any spouse and any and all children that appear on the sponsor's Form I-864, in the spaces that follow in **Part 5.** of Form I-864A.

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

## **Part 6. Your (the Household Member's) Promise, Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 6.c.** Read the household member's promise carefully, type or print your name in the spaces provided in **Part 6.** then sign and date the contract. **If you do not type or print your name in the Signature section and sign and date the contract, the intending immigrant cannot be issued a visa or be granted adjustment of status based upon the income and/or assets listed on this contract.**

If you are under guardianship, your legal guardian may type or print your name on Form I-864A for you to sign. See **General Instructions** for definition of "legal guardian."

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

### **Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 7.b.** If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this contract 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 contract.

### **Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Contract, if Other Than the Household Member**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 8.b.** This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your contract, if other than you, the sponsor or household member. If the same individual acted as your interpreter **and** your preparer, that person should complete both **Part 7.** and **Part 8.** If the person who completed this contract is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you prepare this contract **MUST** sign and date the contract. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your contract is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she must also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, along with your contract, if his or her representation extends beyond preparation of this contract.

### **Part 9. Additional Information**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 7.d.** If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this contract, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.** If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 9.**, you may make copies of **Part 9.** to complete and file with your contract, or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

**We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed contract to review in the future and for your records.**

### **What Evidence Must You Submit?**

You must submit all evidence requested in these Instructions with your contract. If you fail to submit required evidence, USCIS may reject or deny your contract for failure to submit requested evidence or supporting documents in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and these Instructions.

### **What Is The Filing Fee?**

There is no filing fee to file form I-864A. For information on processing fees when filing with DOS, see [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## Where to File?

This contract **MUST** be filed with Form I-864.

For additional information, please see our USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/I-864](http://www.uscis.gov/I-864) or call our USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**. For information on filing with DOS, see [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## Address Change

If you execute Form I-864A and are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, you must inform USCIS of your new address within 30 days of moving from your previous residence. To do this, you must file Form I-865, Sponsor's Change of Address for Sponsors and Household Members.

If you execute Form I-864A and you are a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national, you must notify USCIS of your new address within 30 days of moving from your previous residence. To do this, you must file Form I-865. For information on filing Form I-865, go to the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/i-864a](http://www.uscis.gov/i-864a) or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**NOTE: Do not complete Form I-865 at the same time that you complete Form I-864A.** You should complete and submit Form I-865 to USCIS only when the address you indicated on the original Form I-864A has changed.

For information on reporting a change of address to the Department of State, see [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

**NOTE:** Do not submit Form I-865 to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the Lockbox does not process change of address requests.

## Processing Information

**Initial Processing.** Once USCIS or the Department of State accepts your contract we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this contract, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and USCIS or the Department of State may reject or deny your contract.

**Requests for More Information.** We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your contract. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**Requests for Interview.** We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your contract. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

## USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this contract, visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) 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**.



Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Select “Schedule an Appointment” and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.

## Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-864A, we will deny your Form I-864A and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

The government may pursue verification of any information provided on or in support of this contract, including employment, income, or assets with the employer, financial or other institutions, the IRS, or the Social Security Administration. If you include in this contract any information that you know to be false, you may be liable for criminal prosecution under the laws of the United States.

If you fail to give notice of your change of address, as required by 8 U.S.C. 1183a(d) and 8 CFR 213a.3, you may be liable for the civil penalty established by 8 U.S.C. 1183a(d)(2). The amount of the civil penalty will depend on whether you failed to provide this notice because you were aware that the immigrants you sponsored had received Federal, state, or local means-tested public benefits.

If the failure to report your change of address occurs with knowledge that the sponsored immigrant received means-tested public benefits (other than benefits described in section 401(b), 403(c)(2), or 411(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, which are summarized in the contract in **Part 9** of Form I-864,) such failure may result in a fine of not less than \$2,000 or more than \$5,000. Otherwise, the failure to report your change of address may result in a fine not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000.

## DHS Privacy Notice

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this contract, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 212(a)(4) and 213A.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this contract is to demonstrate that you, the household member, meet the eligibility requirements to execute this contract between a household member and a sponsor that imposes a legally enforceable obligation on the household member to assist the sponsor in supporting a sponsored alien until the obligation terminates. DHS uses the information you provide as part of determining whether or not the adjustment of status applicant or the immigrant visa applicant that you have agreed to help is eligible for the immigration benefit.

**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 decision on whether the sponsor’s Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA is found sufficient to meet the requirements of INA section 213A, or may result in the sponsor’s Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA being found insufficient.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this contract 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 and National File Tracking System of Records, DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems and DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System] which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

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## 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at **2 hours and 15 minutes** per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the contract, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the contract. 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. 1615-0075. **Do not mail your completed Form I-864A to this address.**

## Checklist

The following items must be submitted with Form I-864A:

**For ALL household members:**

IRS-issued certified copies of your individual Federal income tax returns for the most three most recent tax years, or a statement and/or evidence describing why you were not required to file. Also include a copy of each and every Form 1099, Schedule, and any other evidence or reported income.

A copy of a U.S. credit report and credit score generated within the last 12 months prior to the date of filing.

**For SOME sponsors:**

If your legal guardian is signing this Form I-864A for you, the legal guardian must present:

Proof of the appointment as legal guardian of your estate; and

A copy of an order from the appointing court or agency specifically permitting the legal guardian to make your income and assets available for the support of the sponsored immigrant.