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I-589 Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

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| I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal | | This online form is used to apply for asylum and for withholding of removal. | | https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-downloadable-eoir-forms | |
| | Eligibility | <p>You may apply for asylum if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit an application for asylum within 1 year of arriving in the United States, unless you can establish that there are changed circumstances that materially affect your eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances directly related to your failure to file within 1 year. <p>Failure to file the Form I-589 within 1 year of your last arrival in the United States may also delay your eligibility for employment authorization or result in the denial of your application for employment authorization.</p> <p>Simply filing an application for asylum does not entitle you to employment authorization or to work in the United States.</p> <p>You may include in your asylum application your spouse and/or any children who are under 21 years of age and unmarried, if they are in the United States.</p> | | https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=b37320ace84eedb3830d5a326f35fcee&mc=true&n=pt8.1.208&r=PART&ty=HTML#se8.1.208_14 | |
| | | You are not eligible to apply for asylum with USCIS if you previously applied and were denied by an immigration judge (unless you can show that <u>circumstances have changed</u> which affect your eligibility for asylum). | | https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=b37320ace84eedb3830d5a326f35fcee&mc=true&n=pt8.1.208&r=PART&ty=HTML#se8.1.208_14 | |
| | Fee | <p>Fee \$0</p> <p>Refund policy:</p> <p>USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision.</p> <p>By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.</p> <p>Please refer to the instructions for the form(s) you are filing for additional information, or you may call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) 800-767-1833.</p> | | | |

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| | Risk of removal | <p>WARNINGS – IMPORTANT NOTICE</p> <p>Removal from the United States – Applicants in the United States unlawfully are subject to removal if their asylum or withholding claims are not granted by an asylum officer or an immigration judge.</p> <p>Use of Information in Your Application – Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis for the initiation of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings, even if the application is later withdrawn.</p> <p>Frivolous Applications – Applicants determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). You may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised you to provide false information in your asylum application. See section 208(d)(6) of the INA and Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections 208.20 and 1208.20.</p> <p>Failure to Appear for Interview or Biometrics Appointment – If filing with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), unexcused failure to appear for an appointment or to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and other biographical information within the time allowed may delay eligibility for employment authorization and result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Applicants and eligible dependents in removal proceedings who fail, without good cause, to provide USCIS with their biometrics or their biographical information as required within the time allowed may have their applications found abandoned by the immigration judge. See section 208(d)(5)(A) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 1003.47(d).</p> | | https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=a3f3ba0679cd7fbc01c6121ee888ec46&mc=true&node=se8.1.208_120&rgn=div8 | For purposes of this section, an asylum application is frivolous if any of its material elements is deliberately fabricated. |
| | Additional information | <p>Right to legal representation:</p> <p>Immigration law is complex. You have the option of hiring a legal representative—at your own expense—for your asylum interview or Immigration Court proceedings.</p> <p>For help completing this form and preparing your evidence, there are attorneys and voluntary agencies available for no fee or a reduced fee. Please refer to this list.</p> | | www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map | |

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| | | <p>Employment authorization:</p> <p>You can only ask for employment authorization (permission to work in the United States) if your asylum application is still pending 365 days after it was filed with USCIS. If your asylum application is denied before the 365-day period has passed, you will not be granted employment authorization.</p> <p>You can submit an application for a work permit by filing a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. Carefully follow the instructions and submit the form with proof that you have a pending asylum application.</p> <p>Each family member included in your application who wants permission to work must submit a separate Form I-765.</p> <p>If you are granted asylum, you will be allowed to work in the United States and do not have to apply for employment authorization. You can apply for an Employment Authorization Document (work permit) if you want evidence that you are allowed to work in the United States as a result of being granted asylum.</p> | | https://www.uscis.gov/i-765 | |
| Asylum process | File the I-589 | When you submit your Form I-589 and evidence online, you will immediately receive a receipt notice. You will be able to track your case and see all USCIS notices in your account. We will notify you by email and/or text message with any updates. | | | |
| | Attend your biometric services appointment | After submitting your application, you will receive a biometric services appointment notice. At the appointment, you will provide your fingerprints, photograph, and signature so that USCIS can verify your identity 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. | | | |
| | Attend the interview | <p>After submitting your application, you will receive a notice for your asylum interview.</p> <p>If you do not speak English fluently, you must bring an interpreter with you to your interview. Your interpreter must be at least 18 years of age and be fluent in English and your language.</p> | | | |
| | Receive your asylum decision | At the end of your asylum interview, we will let you know how you will receive the decision in your case. | | | |

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| Evidence | | <p>As part of applying for asylum, you must provide evidence to support your application. These documents help us determine if you are eligible for asylum and verify your answers.</p> <p>Do not send us original documents in the mail. Provide legible copies of your documents unless we later ask for original documents.</p> <p>You may amend or supplement your application before or at the time of your asylum interview with an asylum officer and at your hearing in Immigration Court by providing additional information and explanations about your asylum claim. For asylum applications filed with USCIS, submit any documentary evidence at least 14 calendar days before your interview with an asylum officer. Extensions to submit additional evidence may be granted by USCIS on a discretionary basis. Any such extension will be treated as an applicant-caused delay in the adjudication of your asylum application. Any applicant-caused delay will result in denial of your application for employment authorization if the delay is unresolved at the time you file for employment authorization. See 8 CFR sections 208.7.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>*Readable Scan or take pictures of each document. Make sure each image you upload is clear and readable.</p> <p>*Translations Any document containing foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation that the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.</p> <p>*File requirements Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF. Do not upload encrypted or password-protected files.</p> | | | |
| | Required documents | <p>Dependent identification</p> <p>For each family member you are including in your application as a dependent (spouse or children), you must upload proof of their identity and your relation to them. For all other family members, uploading identity documents is optional.</p> | | | |
| | Documents you may provide | <p>The other documents you may need to submit will depend on the information you enter in the application. The online form will automatically determine the other documents you need.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>Personal identification</p> <p>Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents.</p> <p>We recommend you upload other identification if you have it, such as a birth certificate, military or national identification card, or driver's license. You may be asked to bring the originals of your and your family's identification documents to the interview.</p> | | | |

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| | | <p>Family identification</p> <p>Upload documents that prove the identity of each family member you are not including as a dependent and your relationship to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identity may include a copy (every page) of each relative’s passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. • Evidence of relationship may include birth records of your children, marriage certificate, or proof of termination of marriage, for each relative. <p>If you do not have (and cannot get) personal or family identification, you must try to provide other kinds of evidence such as medical, religious, and school records. We call this “secondary evidence.”</p> <p>You may also submit an affidavit from at least one person for each event you are trying to prove. Affidavits may be provided by relatives or others. Persons providing affidavits need not be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>Cover letter</p> <p>You may upload a cover letter to provide a summary of your application.</p> <p>If you were previously included in a spouse's or parent's pending application but you are no longer eligible to be included as a derivative applicant, you must include a cover letter referencing the previous application and explaining that you are now independently filing for asylum.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>Written statement</p> <p>Your written statement should include events, dates, and details of your experiences that relate to your claim for asylum.</p> | | | |
| | | <p>Specific claim of eligibility</p> <p>Upload evidence showing the specific facts that support your claim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence may include newspaper articles, affidavits of witnesses or experts, medical and/or psychological records, doctors' statements, periodicals, journals, books, photographs, official documents, or personal statements or live testimony from witnesses or experts. - You may also upload an affidavit (statement or letter) from at least one person for each event you are trying to prove. Affidavits may be provided by relatives or others. Persons providing affidavits need not be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. - If you have difficulty discussing harm you have suffered in the past, you may wish to submit a health professional's report explaining this difficulty. - If evidence supporting your claim is not reasonably available or you are not providing such corroboration at this time, you must explain why and upload this explanation. | | | |

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| | | <p>General country conditions</p> <p>You may upload reasonably available corroborative evidence showing the <u>general conditions in the country</u> from which you are seeking asylum.</p> | | https://www.refworld.org/ | |
| | | <p>Criminal history</p> <p>Aliens who have been convicted of a particularly serious crime are not eligible for asylum. For applications filed on or after April 1, 1997, the conviction may have occurred either inside or outside of the United States. If you have been arrested in the United States you must submit a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents. You must be prepared to provide the original upon request. If they are not available, upload an explanation of why documents are not available.</p> | | | |
| Completing your form online | Filing online | Submitting your application online is the same as mailing in a completed paper form. They both gather the same information. | | | |
| | Confidentiality | In general, we will not share asylum-related information with third parties without the asylum applicant's written consent or the Secretary of Homeland Security's specific authorization. For more information, see Fact Sheet: Federal Regulations Protecting the Confidentiality of Asylum Applicants . | | https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/factsheets/Asylum-ConfidentialityFactSheet.pdf | |
| | Provide as many responses as you can | You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete fields or sections and missing information can slow down the process after you submit your form. | | | |
| | We will automatically save your responses | We will automatically save your information when you select next to go to a new page or navigate to another section of the form. We will save your information for 30 days from today, or from the last time you worked on the form. | | | |
| | DHS Privacy Notice | <p>AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act sections 103, 208, and 241(b)(3), and 8 CFR sections 103, 208, and 1208.</p> <p>PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine eligibility for asylum in the United States, and for withholding of removal. The information may also be used to apply for deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in the denial of your benefit request.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this benefit application 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-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking and DHS/USCIS-010 - Asylum Information and Pre-Screening] which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy and EOIR-001, Records Management Information System, 69 Fed. Reg 26, 179 (May 11, 2004) or its successors. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p> | | | |

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| | Paperwork Reduction Act | <p>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 this collection of information is estimated at 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, and 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:</p> <p>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140 Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009</p> <p>Do not mail your completed Form I-589 to this address.</p> <p>OMB No. 1516-0067 Expires: 7/31/2022</p> | | | |
| | Security Reminder | If you do not work on your form for more than 30 days, we will delete your data in order to prevent storing personal information indefinitely. | Start | | |

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I-589: Getting Started

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| Getting Started | Legal assistance | | D.5.a | Have you been provided with a list of persons who may be available to assist you, at little or no cost, with your asylum claim? | Yes/No | Radio button | | No | An attorney or accredited representative may represent you. You may obtain a list of pro bono (free) or low-cost attorneys by calling 800-870-3676 or visiting the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) website at https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers . |
| | Preparer information | | D.3.a-b | Is your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assisting you in completing this application? | Yes/No | Radio button | | No | |
| | | | D.3.b.1 | (IF Yes to D.3.a) List the name and relationship of the spouse, parent, or child(ren). | Given name (first name) | Text | | No | Limit of 2 entries |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | Text | | No | |
| | | | D.3.b.2 | | Relationship | Text fields | | No | |
| | Preparer information page 2 | | D.4.a-b | Is someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) preparing this application? | Yes/No | Radio button | | No | |
| | | | E | What is your preparer's full name? | Given name (first name) | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | Text | | yes | |
| | | | E | What is your preparer's daytime phone number? | | Text | | Yes | |
| | | | E | What is your preparer's address? | | Dropdown | | yes | If you do not use a valid ZIP code, we may reject your application. |
| | | | | | Address line 1 | Text | | yes | Street number and name |
| | | | | | Address line 2 | Text | | No | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor |
| | | | | | City or town | Text | | yes | |
| | | | | | State/Province | Dropdown | | Yes | |
| | | | | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text | | yes | |

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| About You | Your name | | A.1.5 | What is your current legal name? | Given name (first name) | Text Box | Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide any nicknames here. | No | |
| | | | A.1.6 | | Middle name | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.4 | | Family name (last name) | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | | Have you used any other names since birth? | Yes/No | Radio | Other names used may include nicknames, aliases, and maiden names. | No | |
| | | | A.1.7 | (If yes to "Have you used any other names since birth") | Given name (first name) | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Middle name | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | Text | | Yes | |
| | Your contact information | | A.1.8.a | Where in the United States do you live? | | | If you do not use a valid ZIP code, we may reject your application. | | |
| | | | | | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.8.b | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | A.1.8.c | | City or town | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.8.d | | State/Province | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.8.e | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.8.f | | Telephone number | Checkbox | I do not have a telephone number. | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.a | What is your current mailing address in the United States? | This is the same as my physical address. | Checkbox | We may use your current mailing address to send you documents that must be provided in physical form. If your address changes after submitting the application, you will need to update it on your account profile page. If you do not use a valid ZIP code, we may reject your application. | No | |
| | | | | | In care of name (if any) | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.b | | Telephone Number | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.c | | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.d | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.e | | City or town | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.f | | State/Province | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.9.g | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text Box | | No | |
| | When and where you were born | | A.1.12 | What is your date of birth? | | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.13 | What is your city of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.13 | What is your country of birth? | | Dropdown | | Yes | |
| | | | A.1.15 | What was your nationality at birth? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | Describe yourself | | A.1.10 | What is your gender? | Male/Female | Radio button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.16 | What is your race, ethnic, or tribal group? | | Text box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.17 | What is your religion? | | Text Box | | No | |

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| | | | A.1.23 | What is your native language? | | Dropdown | If your native language is not listed in the dropdown, select "Unknown" and enter your native language in the "Additional Information" section. | No | |
| | | | A.1.24 | Are you fluent in English? | Yes/No | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.25 | What other languages do you speak fluently? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | Where you have lived | | A.3.2. | Where have you lived in the past five years? | Country | Dropdown | Provide the following information about where you have lived during the past five years. List your current address first. | No | |
| | | | A.3.2.d. | | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | A.3.2.a. | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | | | City or town | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.2.b. | | State/Province | Dropdown/Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.2.c. | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.e-f. | When did you live here? | From | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | | | To | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | Where you have lived page 2 | A.3.1.a. | What was your last address where you lived before coming to the United States? | Country | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.d. | | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.b. | | City or town | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.c. | | Province | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | Postal code | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.e-f. | When did you live here? | From | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | | | To | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | A.3 | Is this address from the country where you fear persecution? | Yes/No | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | (If NO to A.3)Where you have lived page 3 | A.3.1.a. | What was your most recent address in the country where you lived and fear persecution? | | | | No | |
| | | | | | Country | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.b. | | Address line 1 | Text | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.c. | | Address line 2 | Text | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | | | City or town | Text | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.d. | | Province | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Postal code | Text | | No | |
| | | | A.3.1.e-f. | When did you live here? | From | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | | | To | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | Your school history | | A.3.3 | What schools have you attended? | | | Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent school you attended. | No | |
| | | | A.3.3.a. | What was the name of your school? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.3.b | What type of school did you attend? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.3.c | Where was your school located? | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |

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| | | | | | State/Province | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Country | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.3.d-e | When did you attend your school? | From | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | | | To | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | Your employment history | | A.3.4 | Where have you been employed over the past five years? | | | Provide your employment history for the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. List your most recent employment first. | No | |
| | | | A.3.4.a | What was the name of your employer? | | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | A.3.4.a | Where did you work? | Address line 1 | Text Box | Street number and name | No | |
| | | | | | Address line 2 | Text Box | Apartment, suite, unit, or floor | No | |
| | | | | | City or town | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | State/Province | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | ZIP code/Postal code | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Country | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.4.b | What was your occupation? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.4.c-d | When were you employed? | From | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | | | | | To | Dropdown | Month/Year | No | |
| | Your immigration information | | A.1.14 | What is your country of citizenship or nationality? | | Dropdown | Choose the name of the country (as it currently exists) where you are currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists, choose the current name of the country. If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, choose the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport. If you are stateless, choose "Stateless." | Yes | |
| | | | | Were you ever issued a passport or travel document? | Yes/No | Radio button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.20 | (IF YES to issued passport/doc question) What country issued your last passport or travel document? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.1.21 | (IF YES to issued passport/doc question) What is your passport number or travel document number? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.22 | (IF YES to issued passport/doc question) What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document? | | Date | | No | MM/DD/YYYY |

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| | | | A.1.19.a | When did you last leave your country? | | Date | If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | A.1.19.b | What is your current I-94 Number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.1.19.c | When was your most recent entry into the United States? | | | List the entry date, place, status, and date status expires. If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | |
| | | | | | Date of last entry | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | No | |
| | | | | | Place of last entry | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | | | Status when last admitted | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | | | Date this status expires | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | No | |
| | | | A.1.19.c | Have you entered the United States at any other time? | Yes/No | Radio button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.19.c | List each of your other entries into the United States beginning with your most recent entry. | | | If you entered the United States more than one time, list all of your prior entries. Select the "Add an entry" button and include the requested information for each time you entered the United States. If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | |
| | | | | | Date of entry | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | No | |
| | | | | | Place | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | | | Status | Dropdown | | No | |
| | Other information | | A.1.18 | Are you currently in immigration court proceedings? | | | | No | |
| | | | A.1.18.b | | I am now in immigration court proceedings. | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.18.a | | I have never been in immigration court proceedings. | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.18.c | | I am not in Immigration Court proceedings now, but I have been in the past. | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.1.1 | What is your A-Number, if any? | | Text Box | A- | No | |
| | | | A.1.1 | | I do not have or know my A-Number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.1.2 | What is your U.S. Social Security number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |

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| | | | A.1.2 | | I do not have or know my U.S. Social Security number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.1.3 | What is your USCIS Online Account Number, if any? | | Text Box | Providing your unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage your account. You may already have an OAN if you previously filed certain paper forms and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number. | No | **The phrase "certain paper forms" would have a tooltip that would list the forms: "I-90, I-130, I-485, I-821, I-821D, N-336, N-400, N-565, N-600, N-600K" |
| | | | A.1.3 | | I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number. | Checkbox | | No | |

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| Your Family | Marital status | | A.1.11 | What is your current marital status? | Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | (If A.1.11 = Married) A.2.9 | When did you marry your spouse? | | Date | | No | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | (If A.1.11 = Married) A.2.10 | Where did you marry your spouse? | | Text Field | | No | |
| | (If A.1.11 = MARRIED) Your spouse | | A.2.6 | What is your spouse's full name? | Given name (first name) | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.7 | | Middle name | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.5 | | Family name (last name) | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | | | | Has your spouse used any other names since birth? | Yes/No | Radio | Other names used may include nicknames, aliases and maiden names. | No | |
| | | | A.2.8 | (If Yes to "Has your spouse used any other names since birth?") | Given name (first name) | Text | Provide the other names your spouse has used (if any). | No | |
| | | | | | Middle name | Text | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | Text | | No | |
| | | (If A.1.11 = MARRIED) Your spouse page 2 | A.2.14 | What is your spouse's gender? | Male/Female | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.2.13 | What is your spouse's race, ethnic, or tribal group? | | Text box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.3 | What is your spouse's date of birth? | | Date | | Yes | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | A.2.11 | What is your spouse's city of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.11 | What is your spouse's country of birth? | | Dropdown | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.12 | What is your spouse's country of citizenship or nationality? | | Dropdown | Choose the name of the country (as it currently exists) where they are currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists, choose the current name of the country. If they are a citizen or national of more than one country, choose the name of the foreign country that issued their last passport. If they are stateless, choose "Stateless." | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.1 | What is your spouse's A-Number, if any? | | Text Box | A- | No | |

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| | | | A.2.1 | | My spouse does not have or know their A-Number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.2.2 | What is your spouse's passport number or ID card number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | My spouse does not have a passport number or ID card number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.2.4 | What is your spouse's U.S. Social Security number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | | | My spouse does not have a U.S. Social Security number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | (If A.1.11 = MARRIED) Your spouse page 3 | A.2.15a | Is your spouse in the United States? | Yes | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.15.b | | No | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.15.b.1 | (IF NO TO A.2.15b) Where is your spouse currently located? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.16 | (IF YES TO A.2.15b) Where did your spouse last enter the United States? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.17 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) What is your spouse's date of last entry into the United States? | | Date | If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | A.2.18 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) What is your spouse's current I-94 Number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.19 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) What was your spouse's status when last admitted (Visa Type, if any)? | | Dropdown | If they entered the United States with an inspection, choose the status that appears on the I-94, Arrival-Departure Record they received when they entered. If they do not know their status, choose "Unknown." If they entered the United States without being inspected by an immigration officer, choose "Entry Without Inspection (EWI). | No | |
| | | | A.2.20 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) What is your spouse's current status? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.2.21 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) What is the expiration date of your spouse's authorized stay, if any? | | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | No | |
| | | | A.2.22.a | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) Is your spouse in immigration court proceedings? | Yes/No | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.2.23 | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) If previously in the U.S., what is the date of his/her previous arrival? | | Date | If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | A.2.24.a | (IF YES TO A.2.15a) Are you including your spouse in this application? | Yes/No | Radio Button | | Yes | |

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| | Your children | | A.2.25.b | Do you have any children? | Yes | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.a | | No | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c | How many children do you have? | | Text Box | | Yes | |
| | (If YES to A. 2.25b) Children information | | | Children Information | | | Provide information about your children. | | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.6 | What is your child's full name? | Given name (first name) | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.7 | | Middle name | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.5 | | Family name (last name) | Text Box | | | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.12 | What is your child's gender? | Male/Female | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.11 | What is your child's race, ethnic, or tribal group? | | Text box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.8 | What is your child's date of birth? | | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.9 | What is your child's city of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.9 | What is your child's country of birth? | | Dropdown | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.10 | What is your child's country of citizenship or nationality? | | Dropdown | Choose the name of the country (as it currently exists) where they are currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists, choose the current name of the country. If they are a citizen or national of more than one country, choose the name of the foreign country that issued their last passport. If they are stateless, choose "Stateless." | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.3 | What is your child's current marital status? | Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.1 | What is your child's A-Number, if any? | | Text Box | A- | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.1 | | My child does not have or know their A-Number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.2 | What is your child's passport number or ID card number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.2 | | My child does not have a passport number or ID card number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.4 | What is your child's U.S. Social Security number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.4 | | My child does not have a U.S. Social Security Number. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.13.a | Is your child in the United States? | Yes | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.13.b | | No | Radio Button | | Yes | |

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| | | | | (IF NO TO A.2.25.c.13.b) Where is your child currently located? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.14 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) Where did your child last enter the United States? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.15 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) What is your child's date of last entry into the United States? | | Date | If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu. | No | MM/DD/YYYY |
| | | | A.2.25.c.16 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) What is your child's current I-94 Number, if any? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.17 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) What was your child's status when last admitted? (Visa type, if any) | | Dropdown | If they entered the United States with an inspection, choose the status that appears on the I-94, Arrival-Departure Record they received when they entered. If they do not know their status, choose "Unknown." If they entered the United States without being inspected by an immigration officer, choose "Entry Without Inspection (EWI). | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.18 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) What is your child's current status? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.19 | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? | | Date | MM/DD/YYYY | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.20.a | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) Is your child in immigration court proceedings? | Yes | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.20.b | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) | No | Radio Button | | No | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.21.a | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) Are you including your child in this application? | Yes | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | | | A.2.25.c.21.b | (IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a) | No | Radio Button | | Yes | |
| | Your parents | | A.3.5.a. | What is your mother's full name? | Given name (first name) | | | No | |
| | | | | | Middle name | | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.b. | What is your mother's city or town of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |

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| | | | A.3.5.b. | What is your mother's country of birth? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.c. | Where is your mother currently located? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.d. | | My mother is deceased. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | | Your parents page 2 | A.3.5.e. | What is your father's full name? | Given name (first name) | | | No | |
| | | | | | Middle name | | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.f. | What is your father's city or town of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.f. | What is your father's country of birth? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.g. | Where is your father currently located? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.h. | | My father is deceased. | Checkbox | | No | |
| | Your siblings | | | Sibling Information | | | Provide information about your siblings (brothers or sisters), if applicable. | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.e. | What is your sibling's full name? | Given name (first name) | | | No | |
| | | | | | Middle name | | | No | |
| | | | | | Family name (last name) | | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.i. | What is your sibling's city or town of birth? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.f. | What is your sibling's country of birth? | | Dropdown | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.k. | Where is your sibling currently located? | | Text Box | | No | |
| | | | A.3.5.l. | | My sibling is deceased. | Checkbox | | No | |

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| | | | | | | | | <p>When answering the following questions about your asylum or other protection claim (withholding of removal under 241(b)(3) of the INA or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture), you should provide a detailed and specific account of the basis of your claim to asylum or other protection. To the best of your ability, provide specific dates, places, and descriptions about each event or action described.</p> <p>You should attach documents evidencing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum or other protection and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim in the Evidence section. If this documentation is unavailable or you are not providing this documentation with your application, you should explain why in your responses to the following questions.</p> <p>Eligibility To qualify for asylum, you must establish that you are a refugee who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or last habitual residence if you have no nationality, because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. This means that you must establish that race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion was or will be at least one central reason for your persecution or why you fear persecution. If you are granted asylum, you and any eligible spouse or child included in your application can remain and work in the United States and may eventually adjust to lawful permanent resident status. If you are not granted asylum, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may use the information you provide in this application to establish that you are removable from the United States.</p> |
| | | | | | | | | <p>Additional Information You must clearly describe any of your experiences, or those of family members or others who have had similar experiences that may show that you are a refugee.</p> <p>If you have experienced harm that is difficult for you to write down and express, you must be aware that these experiences may be very important to the decision-making process regarding your request to remain in the United States. At your interview with an asylum officer or hearing with an immigration judge, you will need to be prepared to discuss the harm you have suffered. If you are having trouble remembering or talking about past events, we suggest that you talk to a lawyer, an accredited representative, or a health professional who may be able to help you explain your experiences and current situation.</p> |
| Basis of Eligibility | Reason for asylum or withholding of removal | | N/A | Do you also want to apply for Withholding of Removal under the Convention Against Torture? | Yes/No | Radio button | No | |
| | | | B.1 | Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? | Race/Political/Opinion/Religion/Membership in a particular social group/Nationality/Torture Conventions | Checkboxes | Yes | I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on: |
| | | | B.1.A.1-2 | Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone? | Yes, No | Radio Button | Yes | |
| | | | B.1.A.3 | Explain in detail (1) what happened; (2) when the harm or mistreatment of threats occurred; (3) who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and (4) why you believe the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | B.1.B.1-2 | Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country? | Yes, No | Radio Button | Yes | |

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| | | | B.1.B.3 | Explain in detail of (1) what harm or mistreatment you fear; (2) who you believe would harm or mistreat you; and (3) why you believe you would or could be harmed or mistreated. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | B.4.1-2 | Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | B.4.3 | Explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of the torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted. | | Text Box | No | |
| | Party or group affiliations | | B.3.A.1 | Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media? | Yes, No | Radio Button | Yes | |
| | | | B.3.A.2 | Describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | B.3.B.1-2 | (If yes to B.3.A.1) Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in those organizations or groups? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | B.3.B.3 | Describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group. | | Text Box | No | |
| | Crimes and offenses | | B.2.1-2 | Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)? | Yes, No | Radio Button | Yes | |
| | | | B.2.3 | Explain the circumstances and reasons for the action. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.6..1-2 | Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States (including for an immigration law violation)? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.6.3 | For each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. If you or a family member has been arrested in the United States, you must upload a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.3.1-2 | Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.3.3 | Describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement. | | Text Box | No | |

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| | Application history | | C.1.1-2 | Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.1.3 | Explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you were previously denied asylum by USCIS, an immigration judge, or the Board of Immigration Appeals, describe any change(s) in conditions in your country or your own personal circumstances since the date of the denial that may affect your eligibility for asylum. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.5.1-2 | Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.5.3 | Explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. Completing the Form, Part C. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.2.A.1 | After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.2.A.3 | Provide for each person the following: the name of each country and length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.2.B.1-2 | Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.2.B.3 | Provide for each person the following: the name of each country and length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so. | | Text Box | No | |
| | | | C.4.1-2 | After you left the country where you were harmed or fear harm, did you return to that country? | Yes, No | Radio Button | No | |
| | | | C.4.3 | Describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trips(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of the time you remained in the country for the visit(s). | | Text Box | No | |

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| Evidence | Cover letter | | Cover Letter | Upload | <p>You may upload a letter that summarizes your case and why you are applying for asylum.</p> <p>If you were included in a spouse's or parent's earlier asylum application and you are not eligible as a derivative applicant now, you must include a letter that references the earlier application and explains that you are now applying for asylum on your own.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Cover Letter | |
| | Written statement | | Written Statement | Upload | <p>You may upload a written statement with your application to support your claim. Your written statement should include events, dates, and details of your experiences that relate to your claim for asylum.</p> <p>[Informative alert: If applicable, you must upload the non-English written statement, English written statement, and translation certificate as separate files. This does not apply to other evidence.]</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Written Statement, Written Statement - English, Translation Certification | |
| | Specific claim of eligibility | | Specific Claim of Eligibility | Upload | <p>You may upload evidence showing the specific facts that support your claim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence may include newspaper articles, affidavits of witnesses or experts, medical and/or psychological records, doctors' statements, periodicals, journals, books, photographs, official documents, or personal statements or live testimony from witnesses or experts. - If you have difficulty discussing harm you have suffered in the past, you may wish to submit a health professional's report explaining this difficulty. - If evidence supporting your claim is not reasonably available or you are not providing such corroboration at this time, you must explain why and upload this explanation. - You may also upload an affidavit from at least one person for each event you are trying to prove. Affidavits may be provided by relatives or others. Persons providing affidavits need not be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Affidavits, Court Records, Death Certificate, Divorce Certificate, Gender Re-assignment Documentation, I-94, Letter, Marriage Certificate, Medical Records, Military Records, News Articles, Other Education Documents, Other Identification, Other Supporting Documents, Photographs, Police Clearance Letter, Police/Arrest Records, Psychological Report, Social Media Posts | <p>Affidavits must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully describe the circumstances or event(s) in question and fully explain how the person acquired knowledge of the event(s); 2. Be sworn to or affirmed by persons who were alive at the time of the event(s) and have personal knowledge of the event(s) (date and place of birth, marriage, etc.) that you are trying to prove; and 3. Show the full name, address, and date and place of birth of each person giving the affidavit and indicate any relationship between you and the person giving the affidavit. |
| | Personal identification | | Personal Identification | Upload | <p>Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents.</p> <p>We recommend you upload other identification if you have it, such as a birth certificate, military or national identification, or driver's license. Bring your passport and other original document(s) to your interview.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Baptism Certificate, Birth Records, Driver's License, Foreign Identification Documents, Gender Re-assignment Documentation, I-20, I-94, Military Records, Other Education Documents, Other Identification, Other Supporting Documents, Passport - All Pages, Passport (ID Page), Police Clearance, Visa | |

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| I-589: EVIDENCE | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|--|------------|--|----------|---|---|--|
| Primary Nav | Secondary Nav | Tertiary Nav | Evidence Title | Field type | Question | Required | Document types | Tooltip | |
| | Family identification | | Family Identification | | <p>You may upload documents that prove the identity of each family member you are not including as a dependent, and your relation to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identity may include a copy (every page) of each relative's passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. • Evidence of relationship may include birth records of your children, marriage certificate, or proof of termination of marriage. <p>If you do not have (and cannot get) personal or family identification, you must try to provide other kinds of evidence such as medical, religious, and school records. We call this "secondary evidence."</p> <p>You can also provide a statement or letter from anyone who knows about the event or relationship you are trying to prove. For example, someone who witnessed the birth of your child can write a statement describing the facts surrounding that event.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Affidavits, Baptism Certificate, Birth Records, Death Certificate, Divorce Certificate, Driver's License, Foreign Identification Documents, Gender Re-assignment Documentation, I-20, I-94, Marriage Certificate, Military Records, Other Education Documents, Other Identification, Other Supporting Documents, Passport - All Pages, Passport (ID Page), Police Clearance, Visa | <p>Affidavits must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully describe the circumstances or event(s) in question and fully explain how the person acquired knowledge of the event(s); 2. Be sworn to or affirmed by persons who were alive at the time of the event(s) and have personal knowledge of the event(s). 3. Show the full name, address, and date and place of birth of each person giving the affidavit and indicate any relationship between you and the person giving the affidavit. | |
| | | (If YES A.2.25.c.21.a or A.2.24.a) Dependent: Dependent Last Name, Dependent First Name | Dependent: Dependent Last Name, Dependent First Name | Upload | <p>Upload documents that prove the identity of this dependent and your relation to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identity may include a copy (every page) of each relative's passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. • Evidence of relationship may include birth records of your children, marriage certificate, or proof of termination of marriage. <p>If you do not have (and cannot get) personal or family identification, you must try to provide other kinds of evidence such as medical, religious, and school records. We call this "secondary evidence."</p> <p>You can also provide a statement or letter from anyone who knows about the event or relationship you are trying to prove. For example, someone who witnessed the birth of your child can write a statement describing the facts surrounding that event.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Required | | | |
| | General country conditions | | General Country Conditions | Upload | <p>You may upload reasonably available corroborative evidence showing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | News articles, Country reports, Other supporting documents | | |
| | Criminal history | | Criminal History | Upload | <p>If you or anyone you included in this application has been arrested in the United States, you should upload a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents. These documents, if applicable, must be submitted before a decision is made on your case.</p> <p>File requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and a translator's certification with each original document - Upload no more than five documents at a time - Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Optional | Court Records, News articles, Other Supporting Documents, Photographs, Police Clearance Letter, Police/Arrest Records | | |

I-589: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| Primary Nav | Secondary Nav | Tertiary Nav | Paper Form Question | Question | Sub-Question | Field Type | Required? | Instructional Text | Help Text |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Additional Information | | | | You may provide additional information for your application | Additional information | Textbox | No | <p>If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing. If you need to provide more information than can be included in the space provided, you may upload a written explanation as well.</p> <p>If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.</p> | |

I-589: REVIEW AND SUBMIT

| Primary Nav | Secondary Nav | Tertiary Nav | Paper form question # | Question | Sub-Question | Field Type | Required? | Instructional Text | Help Text | CTA |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|---|------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Review and Submit | Review your application | | | Check your application before you submit | | | N/A | <p>We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.</p> <p>We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.</p> <p>You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.</p> | | |
| | | | | Alerts and warnings | | | N/A | <p>You have one or more alerts and warnings based on the information you provided in your application.</p> <p>A red alert means you have incomplete responses or inconsistent data. You cannot submit your application with any alerts.</p> <p>(deleted)</p> | | |
| | Your application summary | | | Review the I-589 form information | | | N/A | <p>Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application.</p> <p>Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your application. You can edit your responses by going to each application section using the site navigation.</p> <p>We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.</p> <p>View draft snapshot</p> | | |
| | Preparer certification | | E | Preparer's Certification | I declare that I have prepared this application at the request of the person named in Part D, that the responses provided are based on all information of which I have knowledge, or which was provided to me by the applicant, and that the completed application was read to the applicant in his or her native language or a language he or she understands for verification before he or she signed the application in my presence. I am aware that the knowing placement of false information on the Form I-589 may also subject me to civil penalties under 8 U.S.C. 1324c and/or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1546(a). | | | Your preparer must read and agree to the certification below. | | |
| | | | | | <p>As the applicant's preparer, you must sign on paper and provide your signature page to the applicant. Follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Download the Preparer Signature page 2. Print the Preparer Signature page 3. Read and sign the Preparer Signature page 4. Give the signed Preparer Signature page to the applicant <p>The applicant will need to scan and upload your completed signature page on the next screen.</p> | | No | | | Please note the user should be able to download the preparer page from bullet #1. |

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I-589: REVIEW AND SUBMIT

| Primary Nav | Secondary Nav | Tertiary Nav | Paper form question # | Question | Sub-Question | Field Type | Required? | Instructional Text | Help Text | CTA |
|-------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|---|--|------------|-----------|--|-----------|------------------|
| | (If YES to D.4b) Preparer signature | | E | Preparer's signature upload | File requirements - Clear and readable - Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF - No encrypted or password-protected files - If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document. - Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses - Maximum size: 6MB per file | Upload | No | Scan and upload your preparer's completed signature page below. | | |
| | (If the above is complete) Your signature | | D | Applicant's certification and signature | I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking. | | Yes | You must read and agree to the certification below. If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your application, we can deny your application and may deny any other immigration benefit. You may also face criminal prosecution and penalties provided by the law. | | |
| | | | D.6, D.1 | Applicant's signature | | | Yes | You must provide your digital signature below by typing your full legal name. If you do not completely fill out this application, or if you do not submit the required documents listed in the instructions, we may deny your application. We will record the date of your signature with your application. | | |
| | (If "Your signature" are complete) Pay and submit | | | | Submit the I-589 | | | Once you submit this application, you will receive a confirmation with details on any next steps. We will record the date of your submission with the application. Your case status will be updated on your and your client's account home page. | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Submit the I-589 |

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| Heading | Sub-Heading | Body Text | CTA |
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| You have successfully submitted your Form I-589 Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal | | You may use your receipt number to track your case and see all USCIS notices in your myUSCIS account. We will notify you by email and/or text message with any updates. | |
| | Track your case online | You can track your case status through your USCIS online account. Sign in to your account often to check your case status and read any important messages from USCIS. | |
| | Respond to requests for information | If we need more information from you, we will send you a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Request for Information (RFI). You can respond to our request and upload your documents through your USCIS online account. | |
| | Submit evidence after applying | <p>We encourage you to submit all your supporting evidence when you submit your application.</p> <p>If you are providing evidence after you have submitted your application but before your interview, use the unsolicited evidence option on the Documents tab related to the Form I-589 you submitted.</p> <p>You may amend or supplement your application before or at the time of your asylum interview with an asylum officer and at your hearing in immigration court by providing additional information and explanations about your asylum claim. For asylum applications filed with USCIS, submit any documentary evidence at least 14 calendar days before your interview with an asylum officer. We may grant extensions to submit additional evidence on a discretionary basis. We will treat these extensions as an applicant-caused delay when adjudicating your asylum application. Any applicant-caused delay will result in us denying your application for employment authorization if the delay is unresolved when you file for employment authorization.</p> <p>If you are presenting evidence during your interview, you must provide two copies of each document. If a document is in a foreign language, you must provide a full English translation of it and a translator's certification. You may also present other document types, including audio and video tapes, during your interview.</p> | |

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I-589: Alerts

| Type | Alert Reason | Message | Links |
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| Blue (informative) | Rep should fill out the information requested with their clients information | <p>h3: Before you start your client's application</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, you must provide your client's information and responses to all questions and prompts in this form.</p> | |
| Yellow alert | Always displays on the overview page | <p>Only certain applicants may apply for asylum online with USCIS at this time. Failure to follow applicable instructions may result in rejection of your online application and/or a filing delay.</p> <p>Please review the following statements and select any that apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am currently in proceedings in immigration court or before the Board of Immigration Appeals. To determine if you should file your Form I-589 with USCIS or the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), please see the Where to File section of the Form I-589 webpage and the Form I-589 Instructions for more information. If you are unsure whether you are currently in proceedings before EOIR but intend to file a Form I-589 with USCIS, please file a paper Form I-589. • If you are a child in removal proceedings and are filing as an Unaccompanied Alien Child (UAC), your completed paper Form I-589 must be mailed to the Nebraska Service Center. Please review the filing instructions for UACs in the Form I-589 Instructions. • I am among the categories of applicants who must file by mail with the Asylum Vetting Center as outlined in the Special Instructions section of the Form I-589 webpage. • I have already submitted a Form I-589 and it is still pending before USCIS. • I am resubmitting a Form I-589 that was previously rejected to obtain an updated receipt notice based on the settlement in Vangala et al. v. USCIS et al., No. 4:20-cv-08143 (N.D. Cal.). <p>If any of the above statements apply to you, do not file online. If you submit your application online and it is later determined that one of the statements above applies to you, this may cause a delay in your case, or we may reject your Form I-589 and instruct you to submit your application by mail.</p> <p>Please review the Form I-589 Instructions and the Form I-589 webpage for information on whether you need to submit your application for asylum by filing a paper Form I-589.</p> | <p>www.uscis.gov/i-589</p> <p>https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-and-asylum/asylum/minor-children-applying-for-asylum-by-themselves</p> <p>https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589instr.pdf</p> <p>https://www.uscis.gov/i-589#myuscis-anchor-i589</p> <p>https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589.pdf</p> |
| Yellow modal | If user selects any checkbox on overview page alert and then clicks "Next" | <p>You should file a paper Form I-589</p> <p>Based on your selection, you are not eligible to apply online. Please file a paper Form I-589. If you submit your application online, this may cause a delay in your case, or we may reject your Form I-589 and instruct you to submit your application by mail.</p> <p>File paper I-589 Continue to file online</p> | <p>https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589.pdf</p> |
| Red Alert | User is an applicant and their A-Number has already been verified in myUSCIS | <p>h3: This account has already been verified with a different A-Number</p> <p>The A-Number in this account's profile is XXXXXXXX. If you need to apply for a benefit for someone else using the A-Number you entered, you must sign out of this account and create a new account for them at myaccount.uscis.gov.</p> | |

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I-589: Alerts

| Type | Alert Reason | Message | Links |
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| Blue (informative) | User chooses United States for spouse's nationality | <p>h3: You cannot include your spouse in your application</p> <p>U.S. citizens are not eligible for asylum. You must list your spouse on your application, but you cannot include them in your application for asylum benefits.</p> | |
| Blue (informative) | User enters a birth date for their child that makes their child 21 and over | <p>h3: You cannot include this child in your application</p> <p>You must list all your children on your application, but children 21 years of age or older must file separate applications to apply for asylum benefits.</p> | |
| Blue (informative) | User chooses United States for child's nationality | <p>h3: You cannot include this child in your application</p> <p>U.S. citizens are not eligible for asylum. You must list all your children on your application, but you cannot include this child in your application for asylum benefits.</p> | |
| Blue (informative) | User selects married for child's marital status | <p>h3: You cannot include this child in your application</p> <p>You must list all your children on your application, but married children must file separate applications to apply for asylum benefits.</p> | |
| Blue (informative) | Informing the user that they should upload the non-English written statement, English written statement, and translation certificate as separate files | <p>h3: You cannot include this child in your application</p> <p>If applicable, you must upload the non-English written statement, English written statement, and translation certificate as separate files. This does not apply to other evidence.</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User is a representative and needs to provide their own information for the preparer signature | <p>h3: You are the preparer</p> <p>You must provide your information in this section as your client's attorney or accredited representative.</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | The user selects next on the preparer signature uploader page without uploading a signature | <p>h3: You should provide a signature</p> <p>If you do not provide a signature, your application processing may be delayed.</p> | |

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I-589: Alerts

| Type | Alert Reason | Message | Links |
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| Red alert | User selected yes to including dependent in application and did not include evidence on the Dependent: Last Name, First Name page | You must provide evidence. | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including spouse, uploaded evidence then changes marital status from "Married" to another option | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including spouse, uploaded evidence then changes answer to "No" for including spouse in application | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including spouse, uploaded evidence then changes answer to "No" for is your spouse in the United States | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User says spouse is a citizen of a country that is not the United States, uploads evidence, then says spouse is a U.S. citizen. | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |

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| Type | Alert Reason | Message | Links |
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| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including child uploaded evidence then changes answer to "No" for including child in application | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including child, uploaded evidence then changes answer to "No" for is your child in the United States | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including child(ren), uploaded evidence then changes answer to "No" for do you have any children | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer will remove any children you listed on your application. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for them under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User says child is a citizen of a country that is not the United States, uploads evidence, then says child is a U.S. citizen. | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to change your answer?</p> <p>Changing your answer means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for your dependent. If you change your answer, we will save any evidence you uploaded for your dependent under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, change my answer Cancel</p> | |
| Yellow (warning) | User said "yes" to including child, uploaded evidence then delete's child from the child table | <p>h3: Are you sure you want to delete this entry?</p> <p>Deleting this entry means you are no longer asking for asylum benefits for this child. If you delete this entry, we will save any evidence you uploaded for this child under the "Family identification" evidence page.</p> <p>Yes, delete this entry Cancel</p> | |

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| Type | Alert Reason | Message | Links |
|-----------|--|---|-------|
| Red Alert | User said "yes" to including spouse, but does not meet conditions to be included in application based on other answers | <p>h3: You cannot include your spouse in your application</p> <p>You must list your spouse on your application, but you cannot apply for asylum benefits for your spouse if your spouse is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Outside the United States; or · A U.S. citizen. <p>Make sure you have answered all required questions.</p> | |
| Red Alert | User said "yes" to including child, but does not meet conditions to be included in application based on other answers | <p>h3: You cannot include your child in your application</p> <p>You must list all your children on your application, but you cannot apply for asylum benefits for your child if your child is :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Outside the United States; · Over the age of 21; · Married; or · A U.S. citizen. <p>Make sure you have answered all required questions.</p> | |
| Red Alert | User includes child in application, doesn't submit, and child turns 21 while form is in draft state. | <p>h3: You must edit your answer</p> <p>An error was found for:</p> <p>last name, first name last name, first name last name, first name</p> <p>Select "Edit" for each child with an error. Then go to "Part 3" to review the error and edit your answer.</p> | |