

I-131, Application for Travel Document

This form is for applying to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for the following travel documents:

- **Advance Parole Document for Individuals Outside the United States:** The granting of an Advance Parole Document for individuals outside the United States is an extraordinary measure used sparingly to allow an otherwise inadmissible alien to travel to the United States and to seek parole into the United States for a temporary period of time due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit (significant public benefit parole is typically limited to law enforcement or homeland security-related reasons). An Advance Parole Document cannot be used to circumvent normal visa-issuance procedures and is not a means to bypass delays in visa issuance.

⚠ Only certain applicants may apply for a travel document online with USCIS at this time

You must submit a [paper Form I-131](#) if you are in one of the below groups:

- I am a permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States, and I am applying for a Reentry Permit.
- I now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- I am a permanent resident as a direct result of refuge or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- I am applying for an Advance Parole Document to allow me to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel.
- Filipino WWII Veterans Parole (FWVP) Program

If you are in one of these groups, do **NOT** file online; you must submit your application by mail. If we receive an online form and it is determined you are in one of these groups, it may delay in your case and/or we may reject your Form I-131.

For more information on whether you need to submit your I-131 application for asylum by mail, [visit the Form I-131 instructions and webpage](#).

✓ Before You Start Your Application

📄 Eligibility

Each applicant must file a separate application for a travel document.

Note: Do not file Form I-131 if you are seeking release from immigration custody and you want to remain in the United States as a parolee. You should contact ICE about your request.

Advance Parole Document for Individuals Outside the United States

If you or someone else is outside the United States and needs to visit the United States temporarily for an urgent humanitarian reason or for significant public benefit:

1. You may apply for an Advance Parole Document if you cannot obtain the necessary visa and any required waiver of inadmissibility or consent to reapply for admission. Under these conditions, an Advance Parole Document is granted on a case-by-case basis for a temporary period of time, according to any conditions that may be placed on parole.
2. An individual in the United States may file this application on your behalf. This individual must complete the form with information about himself or herself.
3. If you were paroled into the United States when you arrived with an Advanced Parole Document and need to remain in the United States beyond the authorized parole period to accomplish the purpose for which parole was approved, you must file a new Form I-131 with all supporting documentation to request reparole authorization.

An Advance Parole Document may also be granted to qualified individuals outside the United States as part of the Filipino WWII Veterans Parole (FWVP) Program.

Note: A derivative beneficiary can only receive benefits if the principal beneficiary receives benefits. A separate application and fee for each individual principal and derivative beneficiary is required. Applications for a principal beneficiary and any of his or her derivative beneficiaries must be submitted in one package when mailed to USCIS.

💰 Fee

Advance Parole Document for Individuals Outside the United States, Including Under the FWVP Program: The filing fee for an Advance Parole Document for an individual who is outside the United States is \$575. The biometrics services fee is not required. The filing fee may be waived based upon a demonstrated inability to pay. Applicants should file Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, when filing Form I-131 to ensure such requests are supported in accordance with 8 CFR 103.7(c).

Replacement Travel Document: If you are filing to replace a travel document that was lost, stolen, mutilated, or contains erroneous information, such as a misspelled name, a filing fee is required.

Note: If you are requesting a replacement Advance Parole Document as an adjustment applicant filed under the fee structure implemented July 30, 2007, then the full filing fee will be required; however, no biometrics services fee is required.

Note: The filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.

Fee waiver: If you are requesting a fee waiver, you cannot file online. You must file a paper version of both the Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver and the form for the specific benefit you are requesting. You can review the fee waiver guidance at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.

Refund policy: 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. 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. 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.

📄 Documents you may need

We will automatically determine which documents you should provide us as you fill out your application. At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed.

📶 Biometric services appointment

An individual outside the United States who is seeking an Advance Parole Document for humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit, including under one of the Family Reunification Parole policies, and who is between ages 14 through 79, must be fingerprinted as part of the USCIS biometrics services requirement. Depending on the individual's location, USCIS or the Department of State will advise the location for the biometrics services appointment.

➔ After You Submit Your Application

🕒 Track your case online

After you submit your form, you can track its status through your USCIS 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 account.

📶 Provide your biometrics

We will contact you to schedule an appointment at an Application Support Center near you. At the appointment, we will get your fingerprints, photograph, and signature.

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Advanced Parole Document for Individuals Outside the United States

If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document for an individual who is outside the United States (either for yourself or another individual), other than under one of the Family Reunification Parole policies, you must attach:

- A detailed description of the urgent humanitarian or significant public benefit reason for which an Advance Parole Document is requested, an explanation for the length of time for which parole is requested, and copies of evidence that support the basis for your request;
- Form I-134, Affidavit of Support, completed as directed in the Form I-134 instructions;
- A statement explaining why a U.S. visa cannot be obtained, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a visa, or an explanation of why a visa was not sought to enter the United States;
- If applicable, a statement explaining why a waiver of inadmissibility cannot be obtained to allow issuance of a visa, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a waiver, and a copy of any DHS decision on your waiver request, or an explanation of why a waiver has not been sought;
- A copy of any decision on an immigrant or non-immigrant petition or application filed for an individual seeking to enter the United States, and evidence regarding any pending immigrant or non-immigrant petition or application;

Note: If a civil document submitted in support of a request for advance parole has annotations on either the front or the back of the document, copies of both sides of the document must be submitted.

Note: Additional information regarding types of evidence that may be relevant to specific parole requests is described under [Humanitarian Parole](#).

Photographs

- If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document on your own behalf, and you are outside the United States, submit photographs with your application.
- If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document on behalf of another individual who is outside the United States, submit the required photographs of the individual who would be issued the Advance Parole Document.

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 file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file
- Upload no more than five documents at a time

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