APPLICATION OVERVIEW: I-589

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File a Form	Select the form you want to file online. For some forms you will have the option to either fill out your form online or upload a completed form. Once you start, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form. **Fee waiver**: Fee waivers can be requested online only when submitting certain benefit requests using the PDF filing option. If your desired benefit request is not eligible for PDF filing, 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.			https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver		
Select the form you want to file online.	Use this form to apply for asylum and for withholding of removal. You may apply for asylum if you: • Submit an application for asylum within 1 year of arriving in the United States, unless there are changed circumstances that materially affect your eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances directly related to your failure to file within 1 year. You may include in your application your spouse and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age and physically present in the United States. You must submit certain documents for your spouse and each child included as required by these instructions. Children 21 years of age or older and married children must file separate applications. If you are granted asylum and your spouse and/or any unmarried children under 21 years of age are outside the United States, you may file Form I-730, Refugee and Asylee Relative Petition, for them to gain similar benefits. 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 circumstances have changed which affect your eligibility for asylum).	Use this form to apply for asylum and for withholding of removal. You may apply for asylum irrespective of your immigration status and even if you are in the United States unlawfully unless otherwise provided by statute or regulations. You must file this application within 1 year after you arrived in the United States, unless you can show that there are changed circumstances that affect your eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances that prevented you from filing within 1 year. You may include in your application your spouse and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age and physically present in the United States. You must submit certain documents for your spouse and each child included as required by these instructions. Children 21 years of age or older and married children must file separate applications. If you are granted asylum and your spouse and/or any unmarried children under 21 years of age are outside the United States, you may file Form I-730, Refugee and Asylee Relative Petition, for them to gain similar benefits. If you have previously been denied asylum by an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals, you must show that there are changed circumstances that affect your eligibility for asylum.		https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-8/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-208#208.4	Start form	
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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.			[External link] https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-downloadable-eoir-forms	
			[yellow alert] [always display on overview page]			[yellow alert] [h] 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. [b] Please review the following statements and select any that apply to you: ☐ 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 filing as an Unaccompanied Alien Child (UAC), your completed paper Form I-589 must be mailed to the appropriate lockbox, which you can find in the Where to File section on the USCIS Form I-589 page. ☐ I am among the categories of applicants who must file by mail 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. 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. 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.	First link: https://www.uscis.gov/i-589 Second link: https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-and-asylum/asylum/minor-children-applying-for-asylum-by-themselves Third link: https://www.uscis.gov/i-589 Fourth link: https://www.uscis.gov/i-589#myuscis-anchor-i589 Fifth link: https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-589.pdf	
Before You Start Your Application	**Eligibility**			You may apply for asylum if you: Submit an application for asylum within 1 year of arriving in the United States, unless there are changed circumstances that materially affect your eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances directly related to your failure to file within 1 year. You may include in your application your spouse and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age and physically present in the United States. You must submit certain documents for your spouse and each child included as required by these instructions. Children 21 years of age or older and married children must file separate applications. If you are granted asylum and your spouse and/or any unmarried children under 21 years of age are outside the United States, you may file Form I-730, Refugee and Asylee Relative Petition, for them to gain similar benefits. If you have previously been denied asylum by an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals, you must show that there are changed circumstances that affect your eligibility for asylum. The determination of whether you are permitted to apply for asylum will be made once you have had an asylum interview with an asylum officer or a hearing before an immigration judge. Even if you are not eligible to apply for asylum for the reasons stated above, you may still be eligible to apply for withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA or under the Convention Against Torture before the Immigration Court.	You may apply for asylum irrespective of your immigration status and even if you are in the United States unlawfully unless otherwise provided by statute or regulations. You must file this application within 1 year after you arrived in the United States, unless you can show that there are changed circumstances that affect your eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances that prevented you from filing within 1 year. You may include in your application your spouse and unmarried children who are under 21 years of age and physically present in the United States. You must submit certain documents for your spouse and each child included as required by these instructions. Children 21 years of age or older and married children must file separate applications. If you are granted asylum and your spouse and/or any unmarried children under 21 years of age are outside the United States, you may file Form I-730, Refugee and Asylee Relative Petition, for them to gain similar benefits. If you have previously been denied asylum by an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals, you must show that there are changed circumstances that affect your eligibility for asylum. The determination of whether you are permitted to apply for asylum will be made once your application has been reviewed by an asylum officer (with or without an asylum interview) or you have had a hearing before an immigration judge. Even if you are not eligible to apply for asylum for the reasons stated above, you may still be eligible to apply for withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA or under the Convention Against Torture before the Immigration Court.		[External link] https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-8/section-208.14	
	Fee			We will automatically calculate the cost for you before you submit your application. For specific information about fees applicable to this form, see Form G-1055. **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 issue 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.				
	Risk of Removal			WARNINGS – IMPORTANT NOTICE 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. 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. 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. 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) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d), and 1208.20.	WARNINGS – IMPORTANT NOTICE 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. Use of information in Your Application – Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis for the institution of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings, even if the application is later withdrawn, and even if USCIS does not conduct an interview on the application. 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. If filing with USCIS, unexcused failure to appear for an appointment to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and your biographical information within the time allowed may result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Failure without good cause to provide DHS with biometrics or other biographical information while in removal proceedings may result in your application being found abandoned by the immigration judge. See sections 208(d)(5)(A) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d) and 1208.20.		[External link] https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=a3f3ba0679cd7fbc01c6121ee888ec46&mc=true&node=se8.1.208_120&rgn=div8	
	Additional Information			Right to legal representation: Immigration law concerning asylum and withholding of removal or deferral of removal is complex. You have a right to provide your own legal representation at an asylum interview and during immigration proceedings before the Immigration Court at no cost to the U.S. Government. 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. **Employment authorization:** You will be granted employment authorization (permission to work in the U.S.) if your asylum application is granted. Simply filing an application for asylum does not entitle you to employment authorization. You may request permission to work if your asylum application is pending and 150 days have lapsed since your application was accepted by USCIS or the Immigration Court. (See 8 CFR sections 208.7(a)(1) and 1208.7(a)(1).) Any delay in the processing of your asylum application that you request or cause will not be counted as part of the 150-day period. If your asylum application has not been denied within 180 days from the date of filing a complete asylum application, you may be granted permission to work by filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with USCIS. Follow the instructions on that application and submit it with a copy of evidence as specified in the instructions that you have a pending asylum application. Each family member included in your application who wants permission to work must submit a separate Form I-765. 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.	Right to legal representation: Immigration law concerning asylum and withholding of removal or deferral of removal is complex. You have a right to provide your own legal representation at an asylum interview (if you are scheduled for an interview) and during immigration proceedings before the Immigration Court at no cost to the U.S. Government. 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.		[External link] www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map [External link] 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.	USCIS may refer your application without conducting an interview or issuing a request for evidence. If USCIS has jurisdiction over your asylum application, USCIS will determine whether to schedule you for an asylum interview. A decision to schedule you for an asylum interview is not an adjudication of your application or a determination that you have met your burden of proof on eligibility. If you fail to submit evidence that overcomes the reason(s) for ineligibility, you may not be scheduled for an interview, and your application may be referred to an immigration judge based on the existing record and evidence.			

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	Attend your interview	**Asylum interview procedures, if applicable**		If USCIS decides to conduct an asylum interview about your application, you will be notified by the USCIS Asylum Office of the time, date, and place (address) of any scheduled interview. If you are scheduled for an interview, USCIS recommends that you bring a copy of your Form I-589 with you when you have your asylum interview. An asylum officer will interview you under oath and make a determination concerning your claim. In most cases, you will not be notified of the decision in your case until a date after your interview. You have the right to legal representation at your interview, at no cost to the U.S. Government. You may also bring witnesses with you to the interview to testify on your behalf. If you are unable to proceed with asylum interview in fluent English, you must provide, at no expense to USCIS, a competent interpreter fluent in both English and a language that you speak fluently. Your interpreter must be at least 18 years of age. The following person cannot serve as your interpreter: • Your attorney or representative of record; • A witness testifying on your behalf at the interview; or • A representative or employee of your country. Quality interpretation may be crucial to your claim. This assistance must be obtained at your expense prior to the interview. Failure without good cause to bring a competent interpreter to your interview may be considered an unexcused failure to appear for the interview. Any unexcused failure to appear for an interview may prevent you from receiving employment authorization, and your asylum application may be dismissed or referred directly to the Immigration Court.	If USCIS decides to conduct an asylum interview about your application, you will be notified by the USCIS Asylum Office of the time, date, and place (address) of any scheduled interview. If you are scheduled for an interview, USCIS recommends that you bring a copy of your Form I-589 with you when you have your asylum interview. An asylum officer will interview you under oath and make a determination concerning your claim. In most cases, you will not be notified of the decision in your case until a date after your interview. You have the right to legal representation at your interview, at no cost to the U.S. Government. You may also bring witnesses with you to the interview to testify on your behalf. If you are unable to proceed with asylum interview in fluent English, you must provide, at no expense to USCIS, a competent interpreter fluent in both English and a language that you speak fluently. Your interpreter must be at least 18 years of age. The following person cannot serve as your interpreter: • Your attorney or representative of record; • A witness testifying on your behalf at the interview; or • A representative or employee of your country. Quality interpretation may be crucial to your claim. This assistance must be obtained at your expense prior to the interview. Failure without good cause to bring a competent interpreter to your interview may be considered an unexcused failure to appear for the interview. Any unexcused failure to appear for an interview may prevent you from receiving employment authorization, and your asylum application may be dismissed or referred directly to the Immigration Court.			
	[Attend your interview continued]	**[Asylum interview procedures, if applicable continued]**		If you are deaf, or if you are hard of hearing and need a sign language interpreter in your language, one will be provided for you. Contact the Asylum Office with jurisdiction over your case as soon as you receive a notice for your asylum interview to notify the office that you will need a sign language interpreter in your language so that accommodations can be made in advance. If available, you must bring some form of identification to your interview, including any passport(s), other travel or identification documents, or Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record. You may bring to the interview any additional available items documenting your claim that you have not already submitted with your application. If members of your family are included in your application for asylum, they must also appear for the interview and bring any identity or travel documents they have in their possession.	If you are deaf, or if you are hard of hearing and need a sign language interpreter in your language, one will be provided for you. Contact the Asylum Office with jurisdiction over your case as soon as you receive a notice for your asylum interview to notify the office that you will need a sign language interpreter in your language so that accommodations can be made in advance. If available, you must bring some form of identification to your interview, including any passport(s), other travel or identification documents, or Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record. You may bring to the interview any additional available items documenting your claim that you have not already submitted with your application. If members of your family are included in your application for asylum, they must also appear for the interview and bring any identity or travel documents they have in their possession.			
	Status while your application is pending			While your case is pending, you will be permitted to remain in the United States. After your asylum interview,, if you have not been granted asylum and appear to be removable under section 237 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1227, or inadmissible under section 212 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182, the asylum office will refer your application, together with the appropriate charging document, to the Immigration Court for adjudication in removal proceedings.	While your case is pending, you will be permitted to remain in the United States. After adjudication of your application, if you have not been granted asylum and appear to be removable under section 237 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1227, or inadmissible under section 212 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182, the asylum office will refer your application, together with the appropriate charging document, to the Immigration Court for adjudication in removal proceedings.			
	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.				
Evidence				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. Do not send us original documents in the mail. Provide legible copies of your documents unless we later ask for original documents. 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. **Readable** Scan or take pictures of each document. Make sure each image you upload is clear and readable. **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. **File requirements** Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PDF. Do not upload encrypted or password-protected files.				
	Required documents			**Dependent identification** 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.				
	Documents you may provide			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. **Personal identification** Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. 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. **Family identification** Upload documents that prove the identity of each family member you are not including as a dependent and your relationship to them. • 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. 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." 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. **Cover letter** You may upload a cover letter to provide a summary of your application. 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. **Written statement** Your written statement should include events, dates, and details of your experiences that relate to your claim for asylum. **Specific claim of eligibility** Upload evidence showing the specific facts that support your claim. • 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.	**Personal identification** Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. 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 any scheduled interview.			

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				General country conditions You may upload reasonably available corroborative evidence showing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum. **Criminal history** 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.			https://www.refworld.org/	Next
Completing Your Form Online	**Filing online**			Submitting your form 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/fact-sheets/Asylum-ConfidentialityFactSheet.pdf	
	Provide as many responses as you can **We will automatically save your responses**			You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete fields or sections and missing information can slow down processing of your case after you submit your form. 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			**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected pursuant to sections 208 and 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and 8 CFR parts 208 and 1208. **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. **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 a rejection or denial of your benefit request. **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.				
	Paperwork Reduction Act			An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 13 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and submitting the form. 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 **Do not mail your completed Form I-589 to this address.** OMB No. 1615-0067 Expires 09/30/2027				
			[yellow alert] [if cannot confirm location]			[yellow alert] [h] USCIS cannot confirm if you are in the United States [b] We cannot confirm that you are physically present in the United States or at a U.S. port of entry. It appears that you have not consented to sharing your location or that your device or internet browser may be blocking location services. If you wish to file Form I-589 online, you must enable location services on your device or internet browser before returning to this page or consent to sharing your location. You are under no obligation to share your location data with USCIS. However, failure to provide your location data will make you ineligible to file Form I-589 online. You may print a paper version of Form I-589 from our website, but you still must be physically present in the United States or seeking admission at a U.S. port of entry before you can file your Form I-589 with USCIS.	https://www.uscis.gov/i-589	
	Security Reminder			If you do not work on your application for more than 30 days, we will delete your data in order to prevent storing personal information indefinitely.				Start

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Getting Started	**Legal assistance**			D.5.a				You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
					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	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	**Preparer information page 1**						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				D.3.a-b	Is your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assisting you in completing this application?	Yes/No	Radio					
			(If yes to D.3a-b)	D.3.b.1	List the name and relationship of the spouse, parent, or child(ren).	Given name (first name)	Text input	Limit of 2 entries				
						Family name (last name)	Text input					
				D.3.b.2		Relationship	Text input					"+ Add another entry" button
		Preparer information page 2						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				D.4.a-b	Is someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) preparing this application?	Yes/No	Radio					
			(If yes to D.4a-b)	E	What is your preparer's full name?	Given name (first name)	Text input					
						Family name (last name)	Text input				Yes	
				E	What is your preparer's daytime phone number?		Text input		Provide a 10-digit phone number.		Yes	
				E	What is your preparer's address?			If you do not use a valid ZIP code, we may reject your application.			Yes	
						Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name		Yes	
						Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
						City or town	Text input				Yes	
						State	Combo box				Yes	
						ZIP code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.		Yes	

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About You	Your name							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.1.5	What is your current legal name?	Given name (first name)	Text input	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.				
				A.1.6		Middle name	Text input					
				A.1.4		Family name (last name)	Text input				Yes	
					Have you used any other names since birth?	Yes/No	Radio	Other names used may include nicknames, aliases, and maiden names.				
			(If yes)	A.1.7		Given name (first name)	Text input					
						Middle name	Text input					
						Family name (last name)	Text input				Yes	
	Your contact information							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				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 input		Street number and name		Yes	
				A.1.8.b		Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
				A.1.8.c		City or town	Text input				Yes	
				A.1.8.d		State	Combo box				Yes	
				A.1.8.e		ZIP code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.		Yes	
				A.1.8.f		Telephone number	Text input		Provide a 10-digit phone number.			
				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.				
				A.1.9.b		In care of name (if any)	Text input					
				A.1.9.c		Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
				A.1.9.d		Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
				A.1.9.e		City or town	Text input					
				A.1.9.f		State	Combo box					
						ZIP code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.1.9.g		Telephone number	Text input		Provide a 10-digit phone number.			
	When and where you were born							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.1.12	What is your date of birth?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker				Yes	
				A.1.13	What is your city of birth?		Text input					
				A.1.13	What is your country of birth?		Combo box				Yes	
				A.1.15	What was your nationality at birth?		Combo box					
	Describe yourself							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.1.10	What is your sex?	Male	Radio					
						Female						
				A.1.16	What is your race, ethnic, or tribal group?		Text input					
				A.1.17	What is your religion?		Text input					
				A.1.23	What is your native language?		Combo box	If your native language is not listed in the dropdown, select "Unknown" and enter your native language in the "Additional Information" section.				
				A.1.24	Are you fluent in English?	Yes/No	Radio					
				A.1.25	What other languages do you speak fluently?		Combo box					"+ Add language" button
	Where you have lived	Where you have lived page 1						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.2.	Where have you lived in the past five years?			Provide the following information about where you have lived during the past five years. List your current address first.				Table "+ Add address" button
						Country	Combo box					
				A.3.2.d.		Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
				A.3.2.a.		Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
						City or town	Text input					
				A.3.2.b.		State/Province	Combo box					
				A.3.2.c.		ZIP code/Postal code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.3.1.e-f.	When did you live here?	From	Combo box					Month/Year
						To	Combo box					Month/Year
		Where you have lived page 2						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.1.a.	What was your last address where you lived before coming to the United States?	Country	Combo box					
				A.3.1.d.		Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
						Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
				A.3.1.b.		City or town	Text input					
				A.3.1.c.		State/Province	Combo box					
						ZIP code/Postal code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.3.1.e-f.	When did you live here?	From	Combo box					Month/Year
						To	Combo box					Month/Year
				A.3	Is this address from the country where you fear persecution?	Yes/No	Radio					
		Where you have lived page 3	(If NO to A.3)					You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.1.a.	What was your most recent address in the country where you lived and fear persecution?							
						Country	Combo box					
				A.3.1.b.		Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
				A.3.1.c.		Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
						City or town	Text input					
				A.3.1.d.		State/Province	Combo box					
						ZIP code/Postal code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.3.1.e-f.	When did you live here?	From	Combo box					Month/Year
						To	Combo box					Month/Year
	Your school history							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.3	What schools have you attended?			Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent school you attended.				Table "+ Add a school" button
				A.3.3.a.	What was the name of your school?	School name	Text input					
				A.3.3.b	What type of school did you attend?	School type	Text input					
				A.3.3.c	Where was your school located?	Country	Combo box					
						Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
						Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
						City or town	Text input					
						State/Province	Combo box					
						ZIP code/Postal code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.3.3.d-e	When did you attend your school?	From	Combo box					Month/Year

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						To	Combo box					Month/Year
	Your employment history							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				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.				Table "+ Add employment" button
				A.3.4.a	What was the name of your employer?		Text input				Yes	
				A.3.4.a	Where did you work?	Country	Combo box					
						Address line 1	Text input		Street number and name			
						Address line 2	Text input		Apartment, suite, unit, or floor			
						City or town	Text input					
						State/Province	Combo box					
						ZIP code/Postal code	Text input		Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.			
				A.3.4.b	What was your occupation?		Text input					
				A.3.4.c-d	When were you employed?	From	Combo box					Month/Year
						To	Combo box					Month/Year
	Your immigration information							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.1.14	What is your country of citizenship or nationality?		Combo box	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					
			(If yes to issued passport/doc)	A.1.20	What country issued your last passport or travel document?		Combo box					
			(If yes to issued passport/doc)	A.1.21	What is your passport number or travel document number?		Text input					
			(If yes to issued passport/doc)	A.1.22	What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker					
				A.1.19.a	When did you last leave your country?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker	If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu.				
				A.1.19.b	What is your current I-94 Number, if any?		Text input		Provide an 11 character I-94 Number.			
				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.				
						Date of last entry	Date picker					
						Place of last entry	Combo box					
						Status when last admitted	Combo box					
						Date this status expires	Date picker					
				A.1.19.c	Have you entered the United States at any other time?	Yes/No	Radio					
			(if YES to A.1.19c)	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.				Table "+ Add another entry" button
						Date of entry	Date picker	MM/DD/YYYY				
						Place	Combo box					
						Status	Combo box					
	Other information							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.1.18	Are you currently in immigration court proceedings?							
				A.1.18.b		I am now in immigration court proceedings.	Radio					
				A.1.18.a		I have never been in immigration court proceedings.	Radio					
				A.1.18.c		I am not in immigration court proceedings now, but I have been in the past.	Radio					
				A.1.1	What is your A-Number, if any?	A-	Text input		Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.			
				A.1.1		I do not have or know my A-Number.	Checkbox					
				A.1.2	What is your U.S. Social Security number, if any?		Text input		Provide a 9-digit Social Security number.			
				A.1.2		I do not have or know my U.S. Social Security number.	Checkbox					
				A.1.3	What is your USCIS Online Account Number, if any?		Text input	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.	Provide a 12-digit Online Account Number.			
				A.1.3		I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number.	Checkbox					

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Your Family	**Marital status**			A.1.11	What is your current marital status?	Single Married Divorced Widowed	Radio	You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
			(If A.1.11 = Married)	A.2.9	When did you marry your spouse?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker					
			(If A.1.11 = Married)	A.2.10	Where did you marry your spouse?		Text input					
	Your spouse	**Your spouse page 1**	(If A.1.11 = MARRIED)					You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.2.6	What is your spouse's full name?	Given name (first name)	Text input					
				A.2.7		Middle name	Text input					
				A.2.5		Family name (last name)	Text input				Yes	
					Has your spouse used any other names since birth?	Yes/No	Radio	Other names used may include nicknames, aliases and maiden names.				
			(If yes)	A.2.8		Given name (first name)	Text input	Provide the other names your spouse has used (if any).				
						Middle name	Text input					
						Family name (last name)	Text input					
		Your spouse page 2	(If A.1.11 = MARRIED)					You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.2.15	What is your spouse's sex?	Male Female	Radio					
				A.2.13	What is your spouse's race, ethnic, or tribal group?		Text input					
				A.2.3	What is your spouse's date of birth?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker				Yes	
				A.2.11	What is your spouse's city of birth?		Text input					
				A.2.11	What is your spouse's country of birth?		Combo box				Yes	
				A.2.12	What is your spouse's country of citizenship or nationality?		Combo box	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?	A-	Text input		Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.			
				A.2.1		My spouse does not have or know their A-Number.	Checkbox					
				A.2.2	What is your spouse's passport number or ID card number, if any?		Text input					
						My spouse does not have a passport number or ID card number.	Checkbox					
				A.2.4	What is your spouse's U.S. Social Security number, if any?		Text input		Provide a 9-digit Social Security number.			
						My spouse does not have a U.S. Social Security number.	Checkbox					
		Your spouse page 3	(If A.1.11 = MARRIED)					You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.2.15a	Is your spouse in the United States?	Yes	Radio				Yes	
				A.2.15.b		No	Radio				Yes	
			(IF YES TO A.2.15b)	A.2.16	Where did your spouse last enter the United States?		Text input					
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.17	What is your spouse's date of last entry into the United States?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker	If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu.				
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.18	What is your spouse's current I-94 Number, if any?		Text input		Provide an 11 character I-94 Number.			
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.19	What was your spouse's status when last admitted (Visa type, if any)?		Combo box	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).				
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.20	What is your spouse's current status?		Combo box					
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.21	What is the expiration date of your spouse's authorized stay, if any?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker					
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.22.a	Is your spouse in immigration court proceedings?	Yes/No	Radio					
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.23	If previously in the U.S., what is the date of his/her previous arrival?		Date picker	If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu.				
			(IF YES TO A.2.15a)	A.2.24.a	Are you including your spouse in this application?	Yes/No	Radio				Yes	
			(IF NO TO A.2.15b)	A.2.15.b.1	Where is your spouse currently located?		Text input					
	Your children							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.2.25.b	Do you have any children?	Yes	Radio				Yes	
				A.2.25.a		No	Radio					
			(If YES to A. 2.25b)	A.2.25.c								
					How many children do you have?	Number of children	Text input				Yes	
					Children Information			Provide information about your children.				"+ Add a child" button
				A.2.25.c.6	What is your child's full name?	Given name (first name)	Text input					
				A.2.25.c.7		Middle name	Text input					
				A.2.25.c.5		Family name (last name)	Text input				Yes	
	Children information			A.2.25.c.12	What is your child's sex?	Male Female	Radio					
				A.2.25.c.11	What is your child's race, ethnic, or tribal group?		Text input					
				A.2.25.c.8	What is your child's date of birth?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker				Yes	
				A.2.25.c.9	What is your child's city of birth?		Text input					
				A.2.25.c.9	What is your child's country of birth?		Combo box				Yes	
				A.2.25.c.10	What is your child's country of citizenship or nationality?		Combo box	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				Yes	
				A.2.25.c.1	What is your child's A-number, if any?	A-	Text input		Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.			
				A.2.25.c.1		My child does not have or know their A-Number.	Checkbox					
				A.2.25.c.2	What is your child's passport number or ID card number, if any?		Text input					
				A.2.25.c.2		My child does not have a passport number or ID card number.	Checkbox					
				A.2.25.c.4	What is your child's U.S. Social Security number, if any?		Text input		Provide a 9-digit Social Security number.			
				A.2.25.c.4		My child does not have a U.S. Social Security Number.	Checkbox					
				A.2.25.c.13.a	Is your child in the United States?	Yes	Radio				Yes	
				A.2.25.c.13.b		No	Radio				Yes	
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.14	Where did your child last enter the United States?		Text input					
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.15	What is your child's date of last entry into the United States?		Date picker	If you do not know the full date, you may provide partial date information by selecting "Additional Information" from the menu.				
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.16	What is your child's current I-94 Number, if any?		Text input		Provide an 11 character I-94 Number.			
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.17	What was your child's status when last admitted? (Visa type, if any)		Combo box	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).				

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			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.18	What is your child's current status?		Combo box					
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.19	What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any?	MM/DD/YYYY	Date picker					
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.20.a	Is your child in immigration court proceedings?	Yes	Radio					
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.20.b		No	Radio					
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.21.a	Are you including your child in this application?	Yes	Radio				Yes	
			(IF YES TO A.2.25.c.13.a)	A.2.25.c.21.b		No	Radio				Yes	
			(IF NO TO A.2.25.c.13.b)		Where is your child currently located?		Text input					
	Your parents	**Your parents page 1**						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.5.a.	What is your mother's full name?	Given name (first name)	Text input					
						Middle name	Text input					
						Family name (last name)	Text input					
				A.3.5.b.	What is your mother's city or town of birth?		Text input					
				A.3.5.b.	What is your mother's country of birth?		Combo box					
				A.3.5.c.	Where is your mother currently located?		Text input					
				A.3.5.d.		My mother is deceased.	Checkbox					
		Your parents page 2						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				A.3.5.e.	What is your father's full name?	Given name (first name)	Text input					
						Middle name	Text input					
						Family name (last name)	Text input					
				A.3.5.f.	What is your father's city or town of birth?		Text input					
				A.3.5.f.	What is your father's country of birth?		Combo box					
				A.3.5.g.	Where is your father currently located?		Text input					
				A.3.5.h.		My father is deceased.	Checkbox					
	Your siblings							You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				"+ Add a sibling" button
					Sibling Information			Provide information about your siblings (brother or sisters), if applicable.				
				A.3.5.e.	What is your sibling's full name?	Given name (first name)						
						Middle name						
						Family name (last name)						
				A.3.5.i.	What is your sibling's city or town of birth?		Text input					
				A.3.5.f.	What is your sibling's country of birth?		Combo box					
				A.3.5.k.	Where is your sibling currently located?		Text input					
				A.3.5.l.		My sibling is deceased.	Checkbox					

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Basis of Eligibility	**Reason for asylum or withholding of removal**								You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.						
									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.** 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.	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 must 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.** You must 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, explain why in your responses to the following questions. USCIS may adjudicate your application **without conducting an interview** and **without issuing a request for evidence**. Your application and any supporting evidence that you provide now may be your only opportunity to meet your burden of proof to establish eligibility for asylum before USCIS.				
								Accordion	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.						
								Accordion	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. 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.	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. USCIS may adjudicate your application without conducting an interview and without issuing a request for evidence. Your application and any supporting evidence that you can provide now may be your only opportunity to meet your burden of proof to establish eligibility for asylum before USCIS. 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, and your application may be your only opportunity to describe your experience to an asylum officer. At any scheduled 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.				
				N/A	Do you also want to apply for Withholding of Removal under the Convention Against Torture?	Yes/No		Radio button							
				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 Convention		Checkboxes	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						Yes	
		(if 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 input							
				B.1.B.1-2	Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?	Yes/No		Radio						Yes	
		(if yes)		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 input							
				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							
		(if yes)		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 input							
	Party or group affiliations		[Display yellow alert]						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				[Yellow alert body: You should ensure that your explanations are complete and detailed. An asylum officer may adjudicate your application without conducting an interview or requesting additional evidence.]		
				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						Yes	
		(if 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 input							
		(if yes to B.3.A.1)		B.3.B.1-2	Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in those organizations or groups?	Yes/No		Radio							
		(if yes)		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 input							
	Crimes and offenses		[Display yellow alert]						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				[Yellow alert body: You should ensure that your explanations are complete and detailed. An asylum officer may adjudicate your application without conducting an interview or requesting additional evidence.]		
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		B.2.3		Explain the circumstances and reasons for the action.		Text input							
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		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. Attach documents referring to these incidents, if they are available or an explanation of why documents are not available. (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 input							
				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							
		(if yes)		C.3.3		Describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.		Text input							
	Application history		[Display yellow alert]						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				[Yellow alert body: You should ensure that your explanations are complete and detailed. An asylum officer may adjudicate your application without conducting an interview or requesting additional evidence.]		
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		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 have been denied asylum by 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 input							
				C.5.1-2	Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States?	Yes/No		Radio						Yes	

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		(if yes)		C.1.3		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.	Explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. The Government will accept as an explanation certain changes in the conditions in your country, certain changes in your own circumstances, and certain other events that may have prevented you from applying earlier. For example, some of the events the Government might consider as valid explanations include but are not limited to the following: • You have learned that human rights conditions in your country have worsened since you left; • Because of your health, you were not able to submit this application within 1 year after you arrived; • You previously submitted an application, but it was returned to you because it was not complete, and you submitted a complete application within a reasonable amount of time. If applicable, include with your application any proof of class membership in the Ms. L. Settlement Agreement, which includes specific accommodations with respect to the one-year filing deadline for class members who meet certain settlement-related deadlines. See Ms. L., et al. v. ICE, Case No. 18-cv-00428 (S.D. Cal.) (2023). Federal regulations specify some of the other types of events that may also qualify as valid explanations for why you filed late. These regulations are found at 8 CFR sections 208.4 and 1208.4. These regulations also explain your burden of proof. The list in the regulations is not all-inclusive, and the Government recognizes that there are many other circumstances that might be acceptable reasons for filing more than 1 year after arrival. Your written explanation may be your only opportunity to have an asylum officer consider your reason(s). If you are scheduled for an asylum interview or a hearing with an immigration judge, 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. If you are unable to explain why you did not apply for asylum within the first year after you arrived in the U.S. or your explanation is not accepted by the Government, you may not be eligible to apply for asylum, but you could still be eligible for withholding of removal under INA section 241(b)(3), or for protection from removal under the Convention Against Torture.	Text input						
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		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 input							
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		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 input							
				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						Yes	
		(if yes)		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 input							

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Evidence	**Cover letter**			Cover Letter	Upload	You may upload a letter that summarizes your case and why you are applying for asylum. 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.		Cover Letter	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
	Written statement			Written Statement	Upload	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.		Written Statement, Written Statement - English, Translation Certification	•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 the 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: 12MB per file	[blue 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.			
	Specific claim of eligibility			Specific Claim Of Eligibility	Upload	You may upload evidence showing the specific facts that support your claim. •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. **Note:** If uploading an affidavit, the affidavit must: 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.		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	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
	Personal identification			Personal Identification	Upload	Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. 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.	Upload a copy of each page (cover to cover) of your passport, other travel documents, and any U.S. immigration documents. 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 any scheduled interview.	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	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
	Family identification	Proof of identity		Family Identification - Proof of Identity		You may upload documents that prove the identity of each family member you are not including as a dependent, and your relation to them. •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. 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." 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.		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	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
			(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	Upload documents that prove the identity of this dependent and your relation to them. •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. 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." 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.			•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
	General country conditions			General Country Conditions	Upload	You may upload reasonably available corroborative evidence showing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum.		News articles, Country reports, Other supporting documents	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				
	Criminal history			Criminal History	Upload	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.		Court Records, News articles, Other Supporting Documents, Photographs, Police Clearance Letter, Police/Arrest Records	•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 the 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: 12MB per file				

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Additional Information	**Additional information**						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.				
				Additional Information		Large table	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. If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.			No	Large Table Pattern Ghost Sub Nav "+ Add a response" button

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Review and Submit	**Review your application**			Check your application before you submit			Please review your ${formType} and check it for accuracy and completeness before you submit it. We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the ${formType}. Missing or incomplete information may slow down the review process after you submit your ${formType}. You can return to this page to review your ${formType} as many times as you want before you submit it.			N/A		
				Your Fee			Your form filing fee is: **${xxx}** **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.					Exact fee will be pulled from ELIS
				Alerts and warnings			You have one or more alerts and warnings based on the information you provided in your application. A red alert means you have incomplete responses or inconsistent data. You cannot submit your application with any alerts.			N/A		
	Your application summary			Review The I-589 Form Information			Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application. 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. We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below. View draft snapshot			N/A		
	Preparer certification	(if preparer)		Preparer's certification	I declare that I have prepared this application at the request of the applicant, 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.					
					As the applicant's preparer, you must sign on paper and provide your signature page to the applicant. Follow these steps: 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 The applicant will need to scan and upload your completed signature page on the next screen.			No		
	Preparer Signature						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.					
		(if preparer)		Preparer's Signature		Upload	Scan and upload your preparer's completed signature page below.			No		
	Your signature						You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.					
				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.		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.	Yes		
					I have read and agree to the applicant's statement	Checkbox						
				Provide your complete name						Yes		
		(if checkbox checked)		Applicant's signature		Text input	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.			Yes		
	Pay and submit	(If "Your signature" are complete)			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	
	(Successful submission) (No nav)				You have successfully submitted your Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal (I-589)			We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information. You can track the status of your request through your USCIS online account.				Go to my cases
	(Unsuccessful card declined) (No nav)				You did not submit your Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal (I-589)			Your payment failed because your credit or debit card was declined. You can try again now to sign and submit your requests or save and exit.				Sign and submit
	(Unsuccessful submission) (No nav)				You did not submit your Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal (I-589)			Your payment failed or was canceled before it could be processed on Pay.gov. You can try again now to sign and submit your request or save your request and exit. We will save your request for 30 days from when you started it.				Sign and submit