

# Form I-130 (Family Sponsorship Form)

## Document Checklist

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### DOCUMENT

### WHO NEEDS IT?

**Proof of U.S. citizenship** (provide *one* of the following):

Sponsoring spouse who is a *U.S. citizen*

- U.S. birth certificate
- Valid U.S. passport
- Naturalization Certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad

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**Proof of green card holder (permanent resident) status** (provide *one* of the following):

Sponsoring spouse who is a *green card holder (permanent resident)*

- Green card
- Passport issued in another country and bearing the stamp of temporary U.S. permanent residence

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**Proof of valid marriage** (provide the following):

Both spouses

- Marriage certificate

In addition, provide *as many of the following as possible*:

- Joint lease
- Joint bank account statements
- Photos of the couple together

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**Proof of termination of prior marriage(s), if any** (provide *one* of the following for *each* prior marriage):

Both spouses

- Divorce papers
- Death certificate of former spouse
- Certificate of annulment

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**Proof of official name change, if any** (provide *one* of the following):

Both spouses

- Marriage certificate (usually sufficient)
- Court order of name change
- Adoption papers

# Form I-485 (Green Card Application)

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### WHO NEEDS IT?

**Proof of nationality** (provide *one* of the following):

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

- Birth certificate issued in another country
  - Passport issued in another country
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**Proof of lawful U.S. entry and status** (provide *both* of the following):

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

- U.S. visa
  - I-94 travel record
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**Records of previous interactions with law enforcement, if any** (provide the following):

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

- Court, police, or prison records
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**Records of previous immigration violations, if any** (provide the following):

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

- Deportation document

# Form DS-260 (Online Green Card Application)

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### WHO NEEDS IT?

**Proof of nationality** (provide *one* of the following):

Birth certificate issued *outside* the United States  
Passport issued *outside* the United States

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

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**Proof of valid marriage** (provide the following):

Marriage certificate

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

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**Proof of termination of prior marriage(s), if any** (provide *one* of the following for *each* prior marriage):

Divorce papers  
Death certificate of former spouse  
Certificate of annulment

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

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**Records of military service, if applicable** (provide the following):

Military service records from a country other than the United States

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

If you also served in the U.S. military, provide *one* of the following:

DD-214 (if you served in the U.S. military)  
Other U.S. military service records

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**Records of previous interactions with law enforcement – *even if you've had no such interactions*** (provide the following):

Police clearance certificate

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

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**Records of previous immigration violations, if any** (provide the following):

Deportation document

Spouse seeking a green card from *outside* the United States

# Form I-864 (Financial Support Form)

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**Proof of ability to financially support the spouse seeking a green card** (provide the following):

Copy of latest U.S. federal income tax return

*(Additional documentation is required if you do not meet the income requirement.)*

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### WHO NEEDS IT?

Sponsoring spouse and financial co-sponsor (joint sponsor), if any

**Proof of asset value, if you're counting your assets to meet the income requirements for a marriage-based green card**

If using **bank/investment accounts** (provide *one* of the following):

Ownership document of stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit (CDs), or other investment account  
Bank statements

If using your **home** (provide *one* of the following):

Ownership document (such as title or deed)  
A recent appraisal by a licensed appraiser or a recent tax assessment  
A document showing the amount of every loan secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home

If using your **second vehicle** (provide *one* of the following):

Ownership document (such as title or deed) for *all* vehicles, including the one you're including as an asset  
A recent appraisal by a licensed appraiser or a statement from the dealer indicating the vehicle's current value

Sponsoring spouse; financial co-sponsor (joint sponsor), if any; and/or spouse seeking a green card, if using this spouse's assets

# Form I-765 (Work Permit Application)

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### WHO NEEDS IT?

**Proof of lawful U.S. entry and status** (provide *one* of the following):

- I-94 travel record
  - Valid U.S. visa
  - Passport issued in a country *other than* the United States
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Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

**Proof of pending marriage-based green card application** (provide the following):

- Receipt notice (Form I-797C, or “Notice of Action”)
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Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States and married to a *green card holder*

**Proof of previous authorization to work in the United States** (provide the following):

- Prior work permit(s), if any
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Spouse seeking a green card from within the United States who *has* been issued a previous work permit

**Proof of nationality** (provide *one* of the following):

- Birth certificate *and* photo ID
  - Visa issued by the consulate of a country *other than* the United States
  - Other national identity document with your photo and/or fingerprint
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Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States who has *not* been issued a previous work permit

**Proof of identity** (provide the following):

- Two 2-inch-by-2-inch passport-style photos\*

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

\*If you are submitting (or have already submitted) a set of two passport-style photos for your green card application *and* an additional set for your travel permit application, you do *not* need to submit a third set for your work permit application. You will need to provide only two total sets.

If, however, you’re married to a green card holder — or if you’re married to a U.S. citizen and file your work permit application *after* submitting your green card application (which would be unusual) — then you will need to provide a new set with your work permit application.

# Form I-131 (Travel Permit Application)

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### WHO NEEDS IT?

**Proof of identity that shows your name, date of birth, and photo** (provide *one* of the following):

- Green card
- Passport (photo page only)
- Current work permit, if available
- Valid government-issued driver's license

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States and married to a green card holder

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**Proof of current immigration status** (provide *one* of the following):

- Valid U.S. visa
- Any other document issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing your present status, if any, in the United States (such as Form I-797, or "Notice of Action")

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States

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**Proof of pending marriage-based green card application** (provide the following):

- Receipt notice (Form I-797C, or "Notice of Action")

Spouse seeking a green card from *within* the United States and married to a *green card holder*

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**Additional proof of identity** (provide the following):

- Two 2-inch-by-2-inch passport-style photos\*

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