



## EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Consular Section, Immigrant Visa Unit

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS SCHEDULED FOR IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEWS IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**

Please note that the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm is conducting immigrant visa interviews for applicants legally residing in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) has scheduled an appointment for you to come to this office on the date specified in the enclosed letter. You should have already received information regarding what original documents you need to bring with you on the day of your interview. **Prior to your appointment date, please mail a copy of the biodata page of your passport as well as a copy of your high school transcript/diploma or proof of work experience to the Immigrant Visa Unit at the address at the top of this page.**

All members of your family immigrating with you must appear on the appointment date. **If you cannot keep the appointment, please notify this office immediately via e-mail: [stkivinfo@state.gov](mailto:stkivinfo@state.gov)** Please make sure to enter your case number in the subject line.

Please be aware that it may take up to 6 months to obtain a different appointment. Also keep in mind that we can only give approximately 4 weeks advance notice.

**Section 203(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his or her visa application within one year from the date he or she is informed that it is possible to do so. This is our notice to you that it is now possible for you to pursue your application for a visa. If you fail to do so within one year from the date of the enclosed appointment letter, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be cancelled.**

**DO NOT BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE EMBASSY:**

- Electronic devices (such as: cell phones, laptop computers, cameras, iPods, MP3 players, etc.)
- Weapons or tools
- Backpacks, suitcases or other large bags
- Food or beverages of any kind (except for milk for babies).

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:**

- An interpreter: An applicant may bring one certified interpreter if the applicant does not speak English well enough to participate unassisted in the visa interview.
- Special Needs Assistance: An applicant may bring one person to assist them if he/she is disabled. A minor child **must** bring his/her **legal guardian**.
- Attorneys: An applicant may be accompanied by his/her attorney.

Due to the limited size of our waiting room other persons (not mentioned above or in the Appointment Letter), such as drivers, friends, extra relatives, and others, will **not** be admitted to the Consular Section.

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT, DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Present your Appointment Letter to the security guards in order to gain access to the Immigrant Visa Unit in the Consular Section. Please make sure to stand in the line for U.S. citizens/Immigrant Visa applicants. Do not stand in the line for Non-Immigrant Visa applicants.

**Please note:** Every applicant must pass through a metal detector and all bags and other carried personal items will be passed through an x-ray machine. You may be asked to remove items like belts with metal belt buckles before passing through the metal detector. In order to reduce your wait time at the security checkpoint, we recommend that you do not bring any unnecessary personal items to the Embassy.

2. Once you are in the consular waiting room, please proceed to **window G**.
3. Once you have checked in at **window G**, please take a seat and wait for your name to be called. Since many applicants are scheduled on the same day, you might experience

a lengthy wait time. Please take this in to account when parking your car and packing suitable activities for children.

**REMINDERS – REMEMBER TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- See [www.dvselectee.state.gov](http://www.dvselectee.state.gov) Steps 3 & 4 on document requirements for the interview.
- Please remember to bring all requested **original** documents as well as official English translations if the documents are in a foreign language.
- For **residents of Denmark and Norway**, please bring Swedish stamps in the amount of 295 SEK. For **residents of Sweden**, please bring Swedish stamps in the amount of 132 SEK. Please note that you will **not/not** be able to buy stamps at the Embassy.

**MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

All intending immigrants, regardless of age, are required to undergo a medical examination performed by one of the Embassy-appointed panel physicians. Applicants residing in Denmark and Norway will still have the medical examination done in their home countries. Please see enclosed list of Embassy approved panel physicians. Applicants residing in Sweden must have the medical examination done in Sweden.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is your responsibility to schedule an appointment with one of the panel physicians in advance of your appointment at the Embassy.

The medical report will be forwarded directly to the Embassy.

The x-rays are handed directly to you. You do not need to bring the x-rays to the Embassy, unless you suffer from Tuberculosis (TB). However, you **must** bring the x-rays with you when you travel to the U.S. for the first time.

The medical report must be less than one year old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

**MOST IMPORTANT**

No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued. A Consular Officer can make a decision only after your formal application and all accompanying documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed by the officer.

If the officer finds you eligible for an immigrant visa, our office will make every effort to mail out the visa within two weeks. Since the visa will be sent to you by registered mail, you must bring Swedish stamps in the amount of 295 SEK (**for residents of Denmark and Norway**) or 132 SEK (**residents of Sweden**). Failure to bring stamps will delay your visa issuance.

Neither the consulate nor the U.S. Government can accept any liability for passports or visas lost in the mail.

Should the visa **not** be approved due to a lack of required documents, you must provide the requested paperwork before the end of the fiscal year (September 30<sup>th</sup>). Before the end of the fiscal year, you should mail the required documents (along with a copy of the "Refusal Letter" handed to you at the time of your interview) to the Immigrant Visa Unit. Once we have reviewed the newly-submitted documents and your case, we will contact you with further information.

You are advised **not** to make any travel arrangements for departure from your country, **not** to sell your property, and **not** to abandon your employment until you have received your visa. An immigrant visa is usually valid for a maximum of six months from the date of issuance. You must travel and apply for admission to the United States within that 6-month period. Should police certificates and medical reports expire prior to the above-mentioned 6-month period, the visa validity will be limited accordingly.