

# 2026 DIVERSITY VISA (DV) PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow the steps below to complete your Diversity Visa Program entry. Read the full instructions carefully prior to starting your application at [dvprogram.state.gov](https://dvprogram.state.gov).

# 1

## READ THE DV-2026 INSTRUCTIONS

DV-2026 Instructions can be found at [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).



# 2

## FILL OUT & SUBMIT ENTRY

Enter between 12PM (EDT) on October 2, 2024 and 12 PM (EST) on November 7, 2024. Applications can be submitted online at [dvprogram.state.gov](https://dvprogram.state.gov). If your name is entered more than once per season, you will be disqualified.



# 3

## KEEP YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER

Make sure you keep the confirmation number at the end of your entry and don't share it with anyone.



# 4

## ENTRANT STATUS CHECK

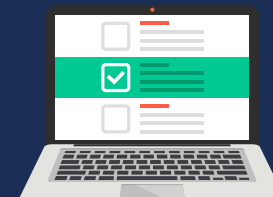
Starting May 3, 2025, use your confirmation number to determine whether you have been selected via Entrant Status Check, available at [dvprogram.state.gov/ESC](https://dvprogram.state.gov/ESC).



# 5

## COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

If selected, follow the instructions at [dvselectee.state.gov](https://dvselectee.state.gov) to submit the DS-260 immigrant visa application form for you and your accompanying family members. No supporting documents are required at this stage.



# 6

## INTERVIEW PROCESS

Selected individuals who follow the instructions and submit a DS-260 will receive notifications to check the Entrant Status Check if an appointment is scheduled. All required documents will be collected at the interview.



### TIPS:

**Avoid Fraud & Scams:** Some websites and emails try to mislead customers into thinking they are official U.S. government websites.

**Do your own application:** The online entry application is simple and free of charge.

**Follow the rules:** Read the application instructions carefully to avoid disqualification at [dvprogram.state.gov](https://dvprogram.state.gov).