

Nonimmigrant Visa for a Fiancé(e) (K-1) - Instructions

Dear applicant,

This office has received an approved I-129F petition for you and is ready to begin your visa process. **Please read and follow the instructions very carefully. Failure to do so will result in your visa process being delayed or your visa being refused at the interview.**



Step 1: Complete & submit your online application DS-160

Complete the [DS-160 "Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form" online](#) for each applicant, save and print the confirmation page. **IMPORTANT**, please select "**Frankfurt**" as the processing post. Once completed, please submit the DS-160 confirmation to us as PDF [via email](#). Please go to "Immigrant Visas" and proceed to "Provide or update my DS-260/ DS-160".

Step 2: Pay K1 fee, choose visa delivery method & schedule interview appointment

Go to ustraveldocs.com to create an account. This website will allow you to pay the K-1 visa processing fee, select a visa delivery method, and schedule an appointment for your visa interview. Choose your visa delivery method **before** your appointment. Registering provides us with the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview.

As soon as our office has received your DS-160 confirmation page via email (**Step 1**), you have successfully paid the K1 visa fee and submitted an appointment request, our office will be able to approve your appointment request.

Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

Prior to scheduling your appointment, you must obtain all documents listed below that pertain to your case (even if they were previously submitted to USCIS or NVC) and bring them to your visa interview. **DO NOT** send them to this office by mail. Please refer to the [Document Finder](#) to learn about the civil document requirements for each country. You must be prepared to present the originals of all civil documents plus one copy each. The originals will be returned to you after the visa interview.

Our office accepts documents in **English or German**. All documents not in English or German must be accompanied by an English translation. Translations must be certified by a competent and registered translator. Do not separate original and the copy.

- A copy of your interview **appointment confirmation** scheduled at [ustraveldocs](http://ustraveldocs.com)
- Passport:** Your unexpired passport must be valid for six (6) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States.

- **Proof of prior U.S. visas:** If you have been issued any type of non-immigrant visa to the United States (for example, tourist, student, or work visas) bring your passport containing the visa to your interview.
- **Birth Certificate:** You and each family member immigrating with you must obtain an original birth certificate or certified copy. The date and place of birth and parent(s) name(s) must be shown on the birth certificate. If you or any of your children were adopted, you must also submit a certified copy of the final adoption decree.
- **Marital Status Documents (not required if never married):** Marriage certificate if you are married. Legal termination of any prior marriages, e.g. divorce decree or death certificate of ex-spouse.
- **Police certificates:** If you are 16 years of age or older, you must obtain police certificates from all countries you have lived in using below criteria:

If you ...	AND you...	THEN submit a police certificate from...
Are 16 years old or older	Lived in your country of nationality for more than 6 months at any time in your life	Your country of nationality
Are 16 years old or older	Have lived in your country of current residence (if different from nationality) for more than 6 months	Your country of current residence
Have ever lived in another country for 12 months or more	Were 16 years or older at the time you lived there	The country where you used to live
Were arrested for any reason, regardless of how long you lived in that city or country, and no matter what age you were		The city and/or country where you were arrested

Note: Present and former residents of the United States do NOT need to submit any U.S. police certificates.

Important: Police certificates expire after two years, unless the certificate was issued from your country of previous residence, and you have not returned there since the police certificate was issued.

All police certificates **with an entry** must be accompanied by a certified **English translation**.

- **COURT AND PRISON RECORD:** Persons who have been convicted of a crime must submit each court record and any prison record, regardless of whether they benefited from an amnesty, pardon, or other act of clemency. English translations must be provided for all court and prison records.
- **MILITARY RECORD:** A military service record, if applicable and obtainable, is required.
- **Evidence of Financial Support:** The U.S. petitioner may complete and sign [Form I-134](#), Declaration of Financial Support, for the principal applicant and one copy for each eligible travelling applicant. A photocopy of the petitioner's IRS tax transcripts and any relevant W-2s must be included.

When applicable, joint sponsor should include all the documents listed above, plus proof of immigration status such as a photocopy of his/her U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S. Passport, Naturalization Certificate, or Lawful Permanent Resident Card.

- **Biometric Photo:** One color photograph for each applicant, regardless of age, is required (less than 6 months old, without glasses). Please write the applicant's name on the back of the photograph. Further guidance is available on our [website](#)
- **Medical Examination:** You (and each family member or "derivative applicant" applying for a visa with you) are required to schedule a medical appointment with one of our approved panel physicians. Note that you do not need to contact the Consulate and may attend your regularly scheduled interview even if the appointment for the medical examination is after your interview day. You will be interviewed, and the processing of your case completed once the medical examination results have been received by the respective case worker. The list of approved physicians and additional information is available [here](#).

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IMPORTANT:

Before your visa interview at the U.S. embassy or consulate abroad, it is important that you carefully read the [pamphlet posted here](#). In doing so, you will learn about your rights and protections, as well as resources available to you, if help is needed when you come to the United States. During your visa interview, the consular officer will summarize the information in the pamphlet. After reading the pamphlet, keep it handy for quick reference later, as needed.

No advance assurance can be given when or whether your visa will be issued. You should NOT resign from your place of employment, sell property, or make any final travel arrangements until the visa has been issued and is in your possession.

If you need to contact our office to report a change of address or a change in your situation, such as marriage, death of petitioner, or birth of children, etc. then please get in touch with us through the following [link](#).

For a full overview of the K1 visa process, please visit the [TravelState.gov website](#).