

I-134 Package for Non-immigrant Support

Overview for Filing Form I-134

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What Is the Purpose of Form I-134?

For certain immigration benefits that involve a temporary stay in the United States, USCIS may require the applicant or beneficiary to demonstrate that they have enough financial resources or financial support to cover their expenses during the temporary stay. To do this, the person completing and submitting Form I-134 must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial resources and access to those funds to support the beneficiary listed on the form for the entire duration of their stay in the U.S. It is important to note that this version of the form replaces the previously titled "Form I-134, Affidavit of Support."

Who Must File Form I-134?

This paragraph provides information about submitting Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, along with Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, for certain individuals applying for parole based on urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. It emphasizes that having sufficient means of support while in the United States is important in determining whether to authorize parole and that lack of evidence of financial support is a strong negative factor that may lead to a denial of parole. The form can be filed by the applicant for parole or by another individual on their behalf.

Who May File Form I-134?

This form, Form I-134, can be submitted for your own benefit or on behalf of a B, F, or M nonimmigrant who is requesting an extension of stay or change of status. The Department of State may also request this form in specific situations. However, you should not use Form I-134 if the person you are financially supporting needs to have Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA, filed for them instead.

If you are committing to provide financial support for multiple beneficiaries, you must complete and submit a separate Form I-134 for each beneficiary. You must sign the form using your full name as the individual responsible for providing financial support. Note that if the beneficiary you are sponsoring requires Form I-864 instead, do not use Form I-134.

General Instructions

To obtain USCIS forms, you can visit the USCIS website for free downloads. It is recommended to use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which can be downloaded for free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. Alternatively, you may request that USCIS mail a form to you by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. USCIS Contact Center services are available in English and Spanish, and TTY service is available for the deaf or hard of hearing by calling 1-800-767-1833.

All declarations must be signed properly to be accepted by USCIS. Signatures must be handwritten, and USCIS will not accept stamped or typewritten names in place of a signature. Legal guardians may sign on behalf of mentally incompetent individuals. Failure to sign the request or providing an invalid signature may result in rejection of the request. If USCIS accepts a request with a deficient signature, it may result in a denial of the request.

Validity of Signatures. For filing purposes, USCIS accepts copies of the original handwritten signature that have been photocopied, faxed, or scanned, as long as the copy is of the original document with the handwritten ink signature.

Filing Fee. There is no filing fee to file Form I-134.

Evidence. It is mandatory to provide all evidence requested in the instructions along with your declaration. Failure to do so may lead to USCIS rejecting or denying your declaration for non-submission of required evidence or supporting documents in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and the given instructions.

Biometric Services Appointment. USCIS reserves the right to request an interview or biometric information from you at any time in order to confirm your identity, gather additional information, and perform background and security checks, which may include obtaining criminal history records from the FBI. Once your declaration is received and verified as complete, USCIS will inform you if a biometric services appointment is required.

When attending a biometrics appointment, you must sign an oath to confirm the following:

1. You provided or authorized all information in the declaration;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your declaration; and

3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

Copies. When submitting documents, it is recommended that you provide legible photocopies, unless otherwise instructed. USCIS reserves the right to request original documents at any time during the application process. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you once it is no longer needed for processing your application.

How To Fill Out Form I-134

Part 1. Translations. When you submit a document containing information in a foreign language, you must also include a complete English translation. The translator must certify that the English translation is accurate and complete and must indicate their competence in translating from the foreign language into English by signing the certification. The certification should include the translators signature, printed name, signature date, and contact information.

Part 2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this declaration, use the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

Part 3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None" unless otherwise directed

Part 4. Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature of the Beneficiary (if filing Form I-134 on his or her own behalf). To complete the Form I-134, you are required to sign in Part 4 if you are filing it for yourself. If you had an interpreters assistance to fill out the form, you should select the appropriate box that indicates this. In case someone helped you complete the form, you need to choose the box that indicates you used a preparer. You must also provide your daytime telephone number, mobile number, and email address, in addition to signing and dating the form. Remember that USCIS does not accept stamped or typewritten names as signatures.

Part 5. Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature of the Individual Agreeing to Financially Support the Beneficiary. If you are submitting Form I-134 on behalf of a beneficiary, you must sign Part 5 of the form. You should indicate whether you read the declaration yourself or had an interpreter assist you, and select the box indicating whether you used a preparer. Additionally, you must sign and date your declaration and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). It is essential that every declaration includes the signature of the person who agrees to provide financial support to the beneficiary (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). Note that USCIS does not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature.

Part 6. Interpreters Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. If you had an interpreter to assist you in reading the instructions and questions on this declaration in a language you are fluent in, that interpreter must provide their contact information in Part 6 of the form. This includes their name, the name and address of their business or organization (if any), their daytime and mobile telephone numbers, and their email address (if any). The interpreter must also sign and date the declaration.

Part 7. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Declaration, if Other Than the Individual Agreeing to Financially Support the Beneficiary. If someone other than the individual agreeing to financially support the beneficiary completed the declaration on their behalf, that person must sign and date Part 7 of the form. If the same person acted as both interpreter and preparer, they must complete both Part 6 and Part 7. If the preparer is associated with a business or organization, they must also provide the name and address of that entity. Anyone who helped with completing the declaration must sign and date it, and a stamped or typewritten name is not acceptable. If the preparer is an attorney or accredited representative, they may also need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with the declaration.

Its always a good practice to keep a copy of important documents, including Form I-134, for future reference and record-keeping purposes. You can save a copy of the completed form as a PDF or print a hard copy for your records.

Part 1. Basis for Filing. Select the appropriate box for Item Number 1.

Select the first box if you are the beneficiary who is the alien applying for an immigration benefit. A beneficiary may file Form I-134 on his or her own behalf.

Select the second box if you are the individual agreeing to financially support the beneficiary.

Part 2. Information about the Beneficiary

The beneficiary is the alien who is applying for an immigration benefit. A beneficiary may file Form I-134 on behalf of himself or herself.

Item Number 1. Beneficiarys Current Legal Name. You should provide the legal name of the beneficiary, which should match the name on their birth certificate or legal name change document. If the beneficiary has two last names, you should include both and use a hyphen (-) between the names if necessary. You should type or print the beneficiarys last name, first name, and middle name in their respective fields on the form.

Item Number 3. Please input the beneficiarys date of birth in the mm/dd/yyyy format into the designated space. As an example, October 5th, 1967 should be written as 10/05/1967, typed or printed.

Item Number 4. The beneficiary's gender should be provided.

Item Number 5. The beneficiary's Alien Registration Number (A-Number) should be entered. This number is used to identify the beneficiary's immigration records and begins with the letter "A". It can be found in any correspondence the beneficiary may have received from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or USCIS.

Item Number 6. Please write the name of the city or town, state or province, and country where the beneficiary was born. When writing the name of the country, type or print it in the same way it was named when the beneficiary was born, even if the country's name has changed or it no longer exists.

Item Number 7. Write the name of the country where the beneficiary holds citizenship and/or nationality. This may not be the same as the country where the beneficiary was born. If the beneficiary does not hold citizenship in any country, please type or print "stateless" and provide an explanation in Part 8. Additional Information.

Item Number 8. Please select the appropriate box to indicate the beneficiary's marital status.

Item Numbers 9. - 11. Please provide the physical address where the beneficiary resides in the spaces provided for Item Numbers 9 through 11.

Item Number 12. In Item Number 12, enter the anticipated start date of the beneficiary's stay in the United States. Choose the option that corresponds to the expected end date of the beneficiary's stay. If the beneficiary's stay has a specific end date, enter the anticipated end date in mm/dd/yyyy format in the designated space. If the beneficiary's stay does not have an end date, select the "No End Date" option.

Item Number 13. Please provide information about any income that the beneficiary will receive. If the beneficiary will not receive any income, please type or write \$0 in the table. Please do not include any individuals mentioned in Part 3.

Item Numbers 14. - 15. Please indicate if any portion of the beneficiary's total income is derived from an illegal source or activity, such as profits from illegal drug sales or illegal gambling, and specify the amount. Do not include any income derived from illegal drug sales or illegal gambling that is linked to individuals listed in Part 3.

Item Number 16. Please provide information on any assets that will be available to the beneficiary during the expected duration of their stay. Only list assets that can be converted into cash within 12 months and will be used to support the beneficiary while in the United States. Please state the value of all assets listed in U.S. dollars, regardless of whether they are held within or outside the United States. Do not include any assets of individuals mentioned in Part 3.

You are allowed to include the net value of the beneficiary's home as an asset. The net value of the home is calculated by deducting the total amount of loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home from its appraised value.

If you choose to list the net value of the beneficiary's home, you must provide documentation proving that the beneficiary owns the home, as well as a recent appraisal conducted by a licensed appraiser, and evidence of the total amount of all loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home.

You may not include the net value of the beneficiary's automobile as an asset unless the beneficiary owns more than one automobile, and at least one of them is not included as an asset. Please submit evidence that shows the value of the assets you have listed. This evidence must include the name of the asset holder, a description of the asset, proof of ownership, and the basis for the owner's claim of its net cash value.

Part 3. Details about the Person Who Will be Financially Responsible for the Beneficiary Named in Part 2.

Item Number 1. Please write the complete name of the person who has agreed to financially support the beneficiary mentioned in Part 2. Provide your legal name, as it appears on your birth certificate or legal name change document. If you have two last names, please include both and use a hyphen (-) between them, if applicable. Please type or print your last, first, and middle names in the respective fields.

Item Number 8. Please provide your A-Number, which is the identification number used for your immigration records. It starts with the letter "A" and can be found on any correspondence that you have received from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or USCIS.

Item Number 10. Please select the appropriate box that corresponds to your current immigration status. You must also provide documentation as proof of your status. If you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, you may submit a copy of your birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, certificate of citizenship, consular report of birth abroad to U.S. parents, or a copy of the biographic data page on your U.S. passport. If you are a lawful permanent resident, you may provide a photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551), or a photocopy of an unexpired temporary Form I-551 stamp in either a foreign passport or DHS Form I-94 Arrival Departure Record. If you are a lawful nonimmigrant, you may provide a copy of your unexpired visa in a foreign passport.

Item Number 17. Please provide information on any assets that you intend to use to support the beneficiary for the expected duration of their stay. Please only list assets that can be converted into cash within 12 months and will be utilized to support the beneficiary while they are in the United States. Please state the value of all listed assets in U.S. dollars, regardless of whether they are located within or outside the United States. Please do not include any assets belonging to individuals mentioned in **Part 2**. You are allowed to include the net value of your home as an asset. The net value of your home is calculated by deducting the total amount of loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home from its appraised value. If you choose to include the net value of your home, you must provide documentation proving that you own the home, as well as a recent appraisal conducted by a licensed appraiser, and evidence of the total amount of all loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other lien on the home.

You are not allowed to include the net value of an automobile unless you provide evidence showing that you own more than one automobile, and at least one of them is not listed as an asset.

Please submit evidence that demonstrates the value of your assets or the assets of any members of your household. This evidence must include the name of the asset holder, a description of the asset, proof of ownership, and the basis for the owners claim of its net cash value. **Supporting Evidence (for beneficiary and person providing support to the beneficiary)**

If you are either the beneficiary or the person agreeing to financially support the beneficiary, it is necessary to show that you possess sufficient income or financial resources to support the beneficiary.

You must provide copies of any of the following documents that apply as evidence:

Failure to provide adequate proof of income or financial resources may lead to the rejection of the foreign nationals visa application or their removal from the United States. Please provide duplicate copies of the following evidence of income and resources, as appropriate:

1) A statement from a bank officer or another financial institution that includes details such as:

- A. The date the account was opened;
- B. The total amount deposited over the past year; and
- C. The present balance.

2) A statement or statements from your employer on business stationery that show:

- A. The date and nature of your employment;
- B. Salary paid; and
- C. Whether the position is temporary or permanent.

1. Copy of last U.S. federal income tax return filed (tax transcript); or
2. List containing serial numbers and denominations of bonds and name of record owner(s).

What Is the Filing Fee?

There is no filing fee for Form I-134.

Where to File?

To obtain the most current information about where to submit this declaration, please visit our website at www.uscis.gov/I-134 or contact a USCIS representative through the USCIS Contact Center at www.uscis.gov/contactcenter.

The USCIS Contact Center is accessible in both English and Spanish and for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please call TTY at 1-800-767-1833.

Address Change

If you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, you are required to inform USCIS of your new address within 10 days of moving from your previous residence. To learn about the procedure for filing a change of address, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/addresschange or contact the USCIS Contact Center at www.uscis.gov/contactcenter for assistance. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish, and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can call TTY at 1-800-767-1833.

Please note that change of address requests should not be submitted to the USCIS Lockbox facilities, as the Lockbox is not responsible for processing such requests.

Processing Information

Initial Processing: After receiving your declaration, USCIS will review it for completeness. If you do not fill out the declaration entirely, it will not serve as a basis of support for the beneficiary or yourself (if you are submitting the declaration for yourself), and USCIS or the Department of State may reject or refuse your declaration.

Requests for Additional Information: USCIS or the Department of State may ask you to provide additional information or evidence to support your declaration. Furthermore, we may request that you submit original copies of any copies you provide. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you once USCIS concludes that it no longer requires it.

Requests for Interview: Based on your declaration, we may ask you to come to a USCIS office for an interview. During the interview or any other appearance at a USCIS office, we may ask you to provide your biometrics to confirm your identity and/or update background and security checks.

Decision: The decision on Form I-134 entails determining whether you have established a basis of support for the beneficiary who is seeking an immigration benefit. USCIS will inform you of the decision in writing.

USCIS Forms and Instructions

To make sure that you are using the most recent version of this declaration, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov, where you can access the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you can contact the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283 and request that we mail the form to you. The USCIS Contact Center offers information in both English and Spanish, and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can call TTY at 1-800-767-1833.

For basic information about immigration services and inquiries about a pending case, please visit us at www.uscis.gov/contactcenter. The USCIS Contact Center offers digital self-help tools and live assistance, providing you with a way to receive consistent, accurate information and answers to your immigration case questions.

Penalties

If you intentionally and knowingly falsify or hide a significant fact or present a fraudulent document with your Form I-134, your Form I-134 will be denied, and any other immigration benefit that the beneficiary is seeking may also be denied. Additionally, you may face severe penalties as per the law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The data requested on this declaration, along with the related evidence, is gathered under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), sections 1101, 1182(a)(4), 1183, 1184(a), and 1258.

PURPOSE: The primary goal of providing the information requested on this declaration is to demonstrate that the immigrant applicant has sufficient financial resources to live without relying on U.S. Government welfare.

DISCLOSURE: Providing the requested information is optional, but if you fail to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any necessary evidence, it may result in a delay in the final decision or rejection of your immigration benefit.

ROUTINE USES:: DHS may disclose the information you provide on this declaration and any additional evidence requested to other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS adheres to authorized routine uses mentioned in the published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System and DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check.] and published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems, DHS/USCIS/PIA-051 Case and Activity Management for International Operations (CAMINO), and DHS/USCIS/PIA-003 Integrated Digitization Document Management Program (IDDMP).], which you can view at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also reveal this information for law enforcement purposes or for national security reasons as appropriate.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Responding to a collection of information is not required and an agency cannot conduct or sponsor an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated at 2 hours per response, which includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering required documentation, completing the declaration, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the declaration.

Suggestions or comments on this burden estimate or any aspect of this information collection, including reducing the burden, can be sent to the 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; OMB No. 1615-0014. Please do not mail your completed Form I-134 to this address.