

USA Nonimmigrant Visa Requirements

General Requirements:

All basic documentary requirements must be ready **BEFORE** an appointment can be made. Additional documents may be required, so please read the information below carefully.

All documents must be original. Photocopies will not be accepted, unless specified. The Nonimmigrant Visa Unit does not accept documents BEFORE the interview except for [Treaty Trader \(E1\)](#) and [Treaty Investor \(E2\)](#) visa applications. Any documents received will not be returned and will be destroyed.

1. **Current and Old PASSPORT** – With signature
2. **DS-160 Confirmation form** Please fill out the form [online](https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV) <https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV>, and then print it out using an inkjet or laser printer. The printout will be ONE page. Make sure that the barcode is printed clearly and completely, with no lines broken or torn.

NOTE: Please recheck the completed form to ensure its accuracy. If you must make changes, please fill out another one. No information is transmitted to the Embassy when filling out [DS-160](#) electronically.

3. **2 PHOTO** – 2 x 2 inch standard, full-frontal face position, color photo against a white background taken within the last six (1) months are required. The photo must be electronically attached to the application form where specified. The U.S. Embassy Manila also requires that both ears be showing in the photo, no eyeglass and accessories.
4. **PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP** (if applying with / for dependent/s)
 - ✓ Original **PSA** marriage certificate if applicable (if applying with a spouse and/or child)
 - ✓ Original **PSA** birth certificate (for dependent/s)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Demonstrating Ties / Evidence of Ties

Ties are the aspects of one's life that bind him or her to his or her place of residence, including family relationships, employment and possessions. In the case of younger applicants, who may not have had an opportunity to establish such ties, interviewing officers may look at educational status, grades, the situation of their parents, and the applicant's long-range plans and prospects in the Philippines. As each person's situation is different, there is no set answer as to what constitutes adequate ties.

The following supporting documents **may** or **may not** be requested from the applicant and are only required at the discretion of the consular officer:

1. If Business – a letter from the U.S. organization indicating the purpose of the trip, the intended length of stay, and the firm's intent to defray costs, if applicable. Applicants traveling on business for a Philippine-based employer should present a letter from the employer outlining the travel and business plans, including dates of travel.
2. Bank statements for the last three (3) months and both current and former bank account passbooks
3. Employment certification including salary, tenure and position
4. Income tax return with Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or bank stamp
5. Audited financial statement with BIR or bank stamp
6. Pay slips for the last three (3) months
7. Credit card statements for the prior three months
8. Vehicle registration with official receipt
9. Land titles (no certified copies please)
10. Pictures of family, Wedding photos, home or business
11. For students, certificate of school registration
12. Certification of membership to legitimate organization(s)

Due to the large volume of applications processed each day, consular officers may not always look at supporting documents, unless there are points in the application forms or in the interview that need clarification.

Notes:

- In certain cases, additional documents may be requested.
- All documents must be originals. Photocopies will not be accepted, unless specified. **The applicant must submit these documents to the interviewing consular officer during the interview.** The Nonimmigrant Visa Unit does not accept documents before the interview. Any documents received will not be returned and will be destroyed. **Please note, however, that presentation of the documents will not guarantee visa issuance.** Applicants must still qualify under INA Section 214(b).

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

In general, affidavits of support of any sort from relatives or sponsors will be of little value to an applicant (except to student visa applicants). The Affidavit of Support is a requirement only for immigrant visas. The interviewing officer is less concerned about how the applicant will be supported during his or her stay in the United States than whether the applicant has compelling reasons to return home. We encourage the interested third parties to save their time and money and not prepare affidavits of support.



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