

What to Have Ready

Documents you can upload to ImmigrationUSA — Family petition (I-130, I-130A, DS-260, I-864)

This is the short list of everyday documents to have ready before you start. You do not need all of them, and you do not need them on day one — you can add documents whenever you get them. ImmigrationUSA reads each document you upload and fills your forms for you, so you review instead of retype. If you don't have a document, you can simply answer a few questions instead.

A. Petitioner (the U.S. citizen or green-card sponsor)

Document	What it fills in
U.S. passport (photo page) or passport card	Name, date of birth, place of birth, sex, citizenship, passport number
U.S. birth certificate	Name, date of birth, city/country of birth, parents' names
Naturalization or Citizenship certificate	Citizenship basis, certificate number, date and place of naturalization
Green Card (front & back)	A-Number, card number, resident-since date, name, date of birth
Social Security card	Social Security number
Driver's license or state ID	Name, current address, date of birth
A recent utility bill, lease, or bank statement	Current mailing and physical address

B. Beneficiary (the relative being petitioned)

Document	What it fills in
Foreign passport (photo page)	Name, date of birth, sex, place of birth, nationality, passport number, issue & expiry dates
Birth certificate	Full name, date of birth, place of birth, and parents' names, dates & places of birth
National ID card	National identification number, name, date of birth
Any prior or additional passports	Other nationalities and other names used

C. Relationship proof (spouse cases)

Document	What it fills in
Marriage certificate	Date and place of marriage
Divorce decree, annulment, or death certificate (any prior spouse)	Prior-marriage name, how and when the marriage ended
A joint lease, joint bank statement, or joint bill	Last address you lived together and the dates

D. If the beneficiary is already in the U.S. (Adjustment of Status)

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I-94 Arrival/Departure record	I-94 number, date & place of last entry, status, authorized-stay expiry
Visa page in the passport	Visa type and entry details
EAD work card or prior USCIS notices (Form I-797)	A-Number, receipt number, current status

E. Financial — Affidavit of Support (Form I-864, sponsor)

Document	What it fills in
Most recent federal tax return or IRS tax transcript	Total income, tax-household size, dependents
W-2 or 1099 forms	Annual wages and employer name
Recent pay stubs	Current employer, occupation, income
Employer letter	Job title, employer address, salary
Bank statements	Cash and savings balances (only if using assets)
Property tax bill, deed, or brokerage statement	Real-estate & investment values (optional, only if using assets)

F. Address & work history (last 5 years — for I-130A and DS-260)

Document	What it fills in
Old bills, leases, or bank statements	Prior addresses with move-in and move-out dates
Pay stubs, employer letters, or your resume/CV	Employer names & addresses, job titles, employment dates
Diploma, degree, or transcript	Highest education, school name & address, field and dates of study

What you'll simply answer (no document needed)

A few answers have no document and are simply entered in the questionnaire: race and ethnicity; height, weight, eye and hair color; the DS-260 security/background questions; and any social-media usernames.

Good news: about 80% of the hard details (names, dates of birth, A-numbers, passport numbers, and addresses) come straight off just five everyday documents — your passport, birth certificate, green card or naturalization certificate, I-94, and a tax return or W-2.