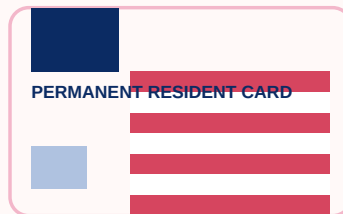


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THE DIVERSITY VISA (DV) LOTTERY

A SIMPLE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



Learn how the DV Lottery works,
avoid common mistakes, and understand
what happens after you apply.

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Thank you for downloading this guide.

If you are thinking about applying for the U.S. Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery, you probably have many questions. Who can apply? What information do I need? What happens after I submit my application? How do I know if I have been selected?

This guide answers those questions in a simple, easy-to-understand format.

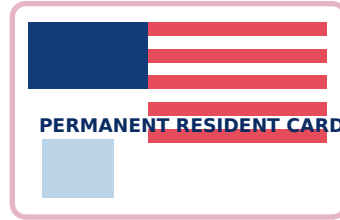
The Diversity Visa Program is administered each year by the U.S. Department of State and provides a limited number of immigrant visas to people from countries with historically low rates of immigration to the United States. Selection is made through a random computer drawing.

IMPORTANT: Entering the Diversity Visa Lottery is FREE. No person, agency, or company can increase your chances of being selected.



My goal is to help you understand the process, avoid common mistakes, and feel more confident when submitting your application.

WHAT IS THE DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY?



The Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery is often called the "Green Card Lottery."

Each year, the U.S. government makes a limited number of immigrant visas available through this program. People from eligible countries may submit an online application during the official registration period.

If selected, applicants may continue through the immigrant visa process. However, selection does not guarantee a Green Card. You must still meet all eligibility requirements, submit the required forms and documents, and successfully complete the visa process.



Entering the program is free. Always use the official U.S. government instructions for the current DV year.

WHO CAN APPLY?

1

Be born in a country that is eligible for that year's DV program. Eligibility is generally based on country of birth, not nationality or where you currently live.

2

Meet the education requirement - usually a high school education or its equivalent - OR qualify through eligible work experience.

3

Submit only one entry for yourself during the registration period. Duplicate entries can lead to disqualification.

4

If you are married and both spouses are eligible, each spouse may submit a separate entry. Each spouse must list the other spouse and all eligible children.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Before opening the online application, gather all of your information.

- Full legal name exactly as it appears on your official documents
- Date of birth
- City and country of birth
- Current mailing address
- Email address you can access
- Current marital status
- Information about your spouse, if applicable
- Information about all unmarried children under age 21, if applicable
- A recent digital photograph that meets the official requirements

Having everything ready before you begin will make the application process much easier.





The application is completed online during the official registration period.

Read every question carefully and answer honestly.

Before submitting, review:

- ✓ Your spelling
- ✓ Birth information
- ✓ Family information
- ✓ Photo
- ✓ Email address



Take your time. A few extra minutes reviewing your application can help prevent avoidable mistakes.

COMMON MISTAKES

Many applicants are disqualified because of simple errors.



Submitting more than one entry for yourself in the same DV year



Forgetting to include a spouse or an eligible child



Uploading a photo that does not meet the official requirements



Entering incorrect birth information



Misspelling names or using inconsistent information



Waiting until the final day, when the website may be busy



Always review your application carefully before clicking Submit.

**CONFIRMATION NUMBER****2026XXXXXXXXXXXX**

After submitting your application, you will receive a Confirmation Number.

This is one of the most important parts of the entire process. Save it immediately.

-  Take a screenshot
-  Print the confirmation page
-  Save a copy in your email or cloud storage
-  Write it down and keep it somewhere safe

Without your confirmation number, checking your result may be much more difficult.



HOW TO CHECK YOUR RESULTS

The U.S. government does not normally notify winners by email, phone call, or text message.

Instead, you must check your status using the official Entrant Status Check when results become available.

To check your status, you will generally need:

- Your Confirmation Number
- Your Last Name
- Your Year of Birth

Only use the official U.S. government website to check your results. Be cautious of emails or messages claiming you have won and asking for money or personal information.



IF YOU ARE SELECTED

Congratulations! Being selected is exciting - but it is only the beginning of the process.

After selection, you will generally need to:

- ✓ Complete the DS-260 immigrant visa application
- ✓ Gather civil documents such as birth and marriage certificates
- ✓ Obtain police certificates if required
- ✓ Complete a medical examination with an approved physician
- ✓ Attend your visa interview
- ✓ Pay the required government fees

Respond promptly to requests and carefully follow all official instructions. Selection does not guarantee visa approval.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

Unfortunately, scammers often target DV Lottery applicants.



- ✓ Entering the lottery is FREE
- ✓ No one can guarantee that you will win
- ✓ No one can improve your chances of selection
- ✓ Be cautious of anyone asking for large payments or promising guaranteed approval

When in doubt, verify information using official U.S. government resources.



Before you submit your application:

- ✓ Read the official instructions for the current DV year
- ✓ Double-check every answer before submitting
- ✓ Use a recent photo that meets the requirements
- ✓ Include all required eligible family members
- ✓ Save your Confirmation Number in more than one place
- ✓ Beware of scams and guaranteed-win promises

A careful application today can help you avoid unnecessary problems later.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE VISA INTERVIEW?

If your immigrant visa is approved, congratulations! Here is what typically happens next:

- ✓ **Visa approval**
Your visa is approved and your passport is usually kept temporarily so the immigrant visa can be placed inside.
- ✓ **Receive your visa**
When your passport is returned, carefully check the visa for errors and follow the embassy's instructions.
- ✓ **Pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee**
Most new immigrants must pay this fee so USCIS can produce and mail the Green Card.
- ✓ **Travel before the visa expires**
You must enter the United States before the expiration date printed on the visa.
- ✓ **Enter the United States**
A CBP officer reviews your documents and makes the final admission decision.
- ✓ **Receive your Green Card and Social Security card**
After admission, these are generally mailed to the U.S. address provided, if properly requested and processed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Can I apply every year?

Yes. If you remain eligible, you may submit one application during each year's registration period.

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Can my spouse also apply?

Yes. If both spouses are eligible, each may submit one entry and list the other spouse and all required children.

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Can I include my children?

You generally must list all required unmarried children under age 21, even if they do not plan to immigrate.

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Does paying someone increase my chances?

No. Selection is random. No person, agency, or company can improve or guarantee your chances.

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What if I lose my confirmation number?

Use the official confirmation-number retrieval option. Saving multiple copies is the best protection.

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Does selection mean I automatically receive a Green Card?

No. You must still complete the visa process, submit documents, attend the interview, and meet all requirements.

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Thank You!

I wish you the very best in your immigration journey.
Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay hopeful.

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