

FAQ: Non-Immigrant Consular Processing

Non-immigrant visa consular processing can be a stressful process. The following questions and answers are intended to help you prepare you and facilitate the process:

What should I do before the interview?

- Obtain one (1) 2x2 passport-style photograph.
- Complete the online Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, Form DS-160, which can be accessed at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> and print the confirmation page with barcode.
- Pay the visa application fee and print the payment receipt.
- Schedule your interview and print the interview appointment confirmation.

What should I do to prepare for the interview?

- Review all paperwork for accuracy and to ensure that you have all documents required.
- Do not staple documents together. Please use binder clips as necessary.
- Submit clear and legible photocopies of all documents required.
- In each category, place documents in reverse chronological order. Place oldest documents at the bottom and newest documents at the top.
- Do not submit oversized documents, as all documents must be 8.5 x 11.

What should I wear for the interview?

- Dress neatly and professionally. Do not overdo it, like wearing an American flag tie or red, white and blue attire.

Who can attend the appointment?

- Only visa applicants may attend the appointment.
- Applicants under age 18 may be accompanied by a parent or guardian, if desired.
- Children under age 14 do not need to appear in person to apply for a visa. If you are also applying for a visa, you may carry your child's application documents with you, along with one photograph of the child on a white background (2 x 2 inches or 51 x 51 mm in size).

When should I arrive?

- Arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment time and be prepared to stand outside in line with other interviewees.

What items can I bring?

- Bring only the required documents in an unsealed transparent plastic bag or folder. Mobile phones and most purses/bags are not permitted. Many other items are not permitted. For a full list of items that are not permitted, please check the Consulate's website. Most Embassies or Consulates do not have storage capabilities.

What is the interview like?

- The interview with the consular officer is short and typically last 5-10 minutes.

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