

Inviting Family Members to Accompany You

Family members (other than your spouse and children) wishing to accompany you to the United States must apply for a B-2 “tourist” visa at the U.S. embassy or consulate in their home country. Visitors from certain countries may be eligible for the [Visa Waiver Program](#).

[Find the website](#) for your local U.S. embassy or consulate for specific steps to apply for a B-2 visa. The following evidence will assist your relative in applying for their visa:

Invitation Letter from You

Write a letter of invitation that includes the following:

- Your name and your reason for going to the U.S. (include your SEVIS number)
- The name(s) of your family member(s) who wishes to accompany you (include their date of birth and passport number)
- The purpose and approximate length of the visit

Family Members’ Evidence of Funding

Your family member(s) must demonstrate how they will pay for their travel expenses. They should provide proof of their own funds (a bank statement, employment verification, or other evidence of funding) or of funds from another person or source.

Evidence of Your Status in the United States

Provide a copy of your acceptance letter and I-20 form to your family member(s). If you have already been granted a visa, provide a copy of the visa as well.

Evidence of Intent to Return Home

Your family member(s) must prove that they will return home after visiting the United States. A round-trip airplane ticket will be helpful, but additional documents showing employment, property ownership, close family relations in home country, or enrollment in school (in the home country) are considered good evidence of intent to return home.

If you are inviting your spouse or children (under the age of 21) to the United States, read the section titled "Applicants with Dependents" on our [Admission Requirements](#) webpage.