



Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

## I-130, Petition for Alien Relative

IS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER A U.S. CITIZEN OR LEGAL  
PERMANENT RESIDENT --AND--  
IS THAT FAMILY MEMBER ABLE TO FINANCIALLY  
SUPPORT YOU UPON ARRIVAL TO THE UNITED STATES?

YES  NO

IF NO, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.  
IF YES, PROCEED TO THE APPROPRIATE CHART.

### IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER IS A U.S. CITIZEN CONTINUE HERE:

	YES	NO	EXPLANATION
1. ARE YOU THE SPOUSE, FIANCÉ(E)*, PARENT, OR MINOR CHILD (UNDER 21) OF A U.S. CITIZEN?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, proceed to question 2.  IF YES, congratulations! You qualify for one of the easiest and fastest ways to legally immigrate to the United States, and you will probably wait only 5 to 15 months to receive a visa. There is no limit on the number of visas for spouses, parents, or minor children of U.S. citizens.  *Fiancé(e) visas are a separate case—applicants may receive a temporary visa, must marry a U.S. citizen within 90 days of arrival, and then may apply to readjust their status to become a legal permanent resident.
2. ARE YOU A SIBLING OF A U.S. CITIZEN?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, proceed to question 3.  IF YES, congratulations. The siblings of U.S. citizens can apply for a visa, though wait time depends on home country and marital status. Your average wait will be 11 to 22 years.
3. ARE YOU THE ADULT CHILD (21 OR OLDER) OF A U.S. CITIZEN?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, sorry. Other relatives (cousins, aunts, uncles, etc.) do not qualify for the family visa preference system.  IF YES, proceed to question 4.
4. ARE YOU MARRIED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, congratulations. You are eligible to apply for a visa and will probably wait 6 to 14 years to receive it.  IF YES, you and your spouse and children are also eligible for entry. However, you will probably wait 7 to 15 years before being able to legally enter the country.

### IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER IS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT CONTINUE HERE:

	YES	NO	EXPLANATION
1. ARE YOU THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, sorry. Siblings, parents, and adult children are not eligible for a visa from the family preference system.  IF YES, proceed to question 2.
2. ARE YOU THE SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILD (UNDER 21) OF A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, proceed to question 3.  IF YES, congratulations. You are eligible to apply for a visa, though the wait time will depend on your home country. On average, you will wait 5 to 7 years before receiving a visa to immigrate to the U.S.
3. ARE YOU SINGLE?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, sorry. Married adult children of legal permanent residents are not eligible for visas in the family preference system.  IF YES, you are eligible for a visa to immigrate to the U.S. The amount of time you will wait depends on your home country, but the average is 9 to 14 years.