



# Instructions for Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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## What Is the Purpose of This Form?

You should use this form to request temporary immigration benefits if you are a victim of certain qualifying criminal activity. You should also use this form if you received interim relief prior to publication of regulations regarding these benefits.

## Who May File Form I-918?

You, the victim, should file Form I-918. You may include your qualifying family members. You can also file Form I-918, Petition for Qualifying Family member of U-1 Recipient (Form I-918, Supplement A), at a later date for your qualifying family members who were not included on the original petition.

### 1. Principal Petitioner. You must demonstrate all of the following:

- A. You are a victim of criminal activity designated in section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Such activity is defined as being the victim of one or more of the following or any similar activity in violation of Federal, state, or local criminal law:
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| (1) Abduction                                    | (16) Murder   |
| (2) Abusive Sexual Contact                       | (17) Obstruction of Justice                         |
| (3) Attempt to Commit Any of the Named Crimes    | (18) Peonage  |
| (4) Blackmail                                    | (19) Perjury  |
| (5) Conspiracy to Commit Any of the Named Crimes | (20) Prostitution                                   |
| (6) Domestic Violence                            | (21) Rape   |
| (7) Extortion                                    | (22) Related Crimes                                 |
| (8) False Imprisonment                           | (23) Sexual Assault                                 |
| (9) Felonious Assault                            | (24) Sexual Exploitation                            |
| (10) Female Genital Mutilation                   | (25) Slave Trade                                    |
| (11) Hostage                                     | (26) Solicitation to Commit Any of the Named Crimes |
| (12) Incest                                      | (27) Torture  |
| (13) Involuntary Servitude                       | (28) Trafficking                                    |
| (14) Kidnapping                                  | (29) Unlawful Criminal Restraint                    |
| (15) Manslaughter                                | (30) Witness Tampering                              |
- B. You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of qualifying criminal activity;
- C. You possess information concerning the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim;
- D. A Federal, state, or local government official investigating or prosecuting a qualifying criminal activity certifies (*using Supplement B, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status Certification, of this petition*) that you were, are, or are likely to be helpful to the official in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal act of which you are a victim; and
- E. The criminal activity of which you are a victim violated the laws of the United States or occurred in the United States (*including Indian country and military installations*) or the territories and possessions of the United States.
- (1) **United States** means the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- (2) **Indian country** refers to all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and including rights-of-way running through the reservation; all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States, whether within the original or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a state; and all Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through such allotments.
- (3) **Military installation** means any facility, base, camp, post, encampment, station, yard, center, port, aircraft, vehicle, or vessel under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, or any other location under military control.
- (4) **Territories and possessions of the United States** means American Samoa, Bajo Nuevo, (the Petrel Islands), Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Atoll, Navassa Island, the CNMI, Palmyra Atoll, Serranilla Bank, and Wake Atoll.

2. **Principal Petitioner** filing for a qualifying family member, or currently holding U-1 status and filing for a qualifying family member. You must also demonstrate that:
  - A. If you are under 21 years of age, the qualifying family members for whom you are filing are your:
    - (1) Spouse;
    - (2) Unmarried children under 21 years of age;
    - (3) Parents; or
    - (4) Unmarried siblings under 18 years of age.
  - B. If you are over 21 years of age, the qualifying family members for whom you are filing are your:
    - (1) Spouse; or
    - (2) Unmarried children under 21 years of age.

## General Instructions

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides forms free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

**Signature.** Each petition must be properly signed in blue ink and filed. USCIS will not accept a photocopy of a signed petition or a typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the petition on your behalf. A legal guardian also may sign for a mentally incompetent person.

**Evidence.** At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the **General Requirements** section of these instructions.

**Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photographs, an/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks before making a decision on your petition. After USCIS receives your petition and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of the local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment. If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your petition.

**Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC.** Review the USCIS ASC Acknowledgement that appears in **Part 4.** of the petition. This acknowledgement is to confirm that you have completed your petition, reviewed your responses, and verified that the information is complete, true, and correct. If someone helped you fill out your petition, the person should review the acknowledgement with you to make sure you understand it.

**Copies.** You may submit a legible photocopy of documents requested, unless the instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. If you submit original documents when not required, the documents may remain a part of the record, and USCIS will not automatically return them to you.

**Translations.** If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must certify that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

### How To Fill Out Form I-918; Form I-918, Supplement A; and Form I-918, Supplement B

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this petition, use **Part 8., Additional Information**; type or print the name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) of the Petitioner and/or Qualifying Family Member at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If an item is not applicable or the answer is “none,” type or print “N/A,” unless otherwise directed.

### Specific Instructions For Form I-918

This form is divided into **Parts 1. - 8.** The following information should help you fill out the form.

You, as the principal petitioner, must file Form I-918 for yourself. You must also file the Supplement B, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status Certification, that was completed and signed by a certifying official. You must submit Supplement B with the original Form I-918 petition package. If it is not attached, USCIS will deny your Form I-918.

#### Part 1. Information About You

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c. Your Full Name.** Provide your full legal name. Do not provide a nickname.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.c. Other Name Used.** Provide all the names you have used, including your maiden name, nicknames, etc.

**Item Numbers 3.a. - 3.h. Home Address.** Provide your physical street address. You must include a street number and name or a rural route number. Do not provide a post office box (PO Box) number here.

**Item Numbers 4.a. - 4.i. Safe Mailing Address.** Provide a “safe mailing address” if you do not feel secure in receiving correspondence regarding this petition at your home address. This address may be a PO Box or the address of a friend, attorney, a community-based organization that is helping you, or any other address where you can safely and punctually receive mail.

**Item Number 5. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)** (if any). This is your USCIS file number. If you do not have an A-Number or do not know it, leave this space blank.

**Item Number 6. U.S. Social Security Number.** Provide your U.S. Social Security Number. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number or do not know it, leave this space blank.

**Item Number 7. Marital Status.** Select the appropriate box.

**Item Number 8. Gender.** Select the appropriate box.

**Item Number 9. Date of Birth** (*mm/dd/yyyy*). Provide your date of birth (*Example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979*).

**Item Number 10. Country of Birth.** Provide the name of the country where you were born.

**Item Number 11. Country of Citizenship or Nationality.** Provide the name of the country where you are a citizen or national. This is not necessarily the country where you were born.

**Item Numbers 12. - 17. Form I-94 Number and Passport/Travel Document Information.** If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued you a Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, provide your I-94 admission number. The I-94 admission number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.

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**NOTE:** If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, you may have been issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP, instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP Web site at [www.cbp.gov/i94](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP **does not** charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport after April 30, 2013 with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP Web site without charge. If **your** Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP Web site, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. USCIS **does** charge a fee for this service.

**Passport and Travel Document Numbers.** If you used a passport or travel document to travel to the United States, provide either the passport or travel document information in the appropriate space on the **petition**, even if the passport or travel document is currently expired.

**Item Numbers 18. - 19. Last Entry into the United States.** Provide the place and date (*mm/dd/yyyy*) where you last entered the United States, regardless of whether that entry was legal or illegal.

**Item Number 20. Current Immigration Status.** Provide your current immigration status, regardless of how you entered the United States or if you have overstayed any legal status (*visitor, student, etc.*).

## Part 2. Additional Information

You must answer each question. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, explain in **Part 8., Additional Information.**

## Part 3. Processing Information

You must answer each question. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, explain in **Part 8., Additional Information.**

## Part 4. Information About Your Spouse and/or Children

**Item Numbers 1. – 15.** Provide the requested information about your family members included in this petition.

**Item Numbers 16.** Answer this question to indicate whether you are petitioning for one or more qualifying family members at this time. See information below on completing Supplement A, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient, on behalf of your qualifying family member(s).

## Part 5. Petitioner's Statement, Certification, USCIS ASC Acknowledgement, Signature, and Contact Information

Select the box that indicates if you filled out this petition yourself or if someone interpreted this petition for you. If applicable, select the box to indicate if someone else prepared this petition for you. You also must affirm that you have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC**. Further, you must sign and date your petition and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number, and email address. Every petition **MUST** contain the original signature of the petitioner (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

## Part 6. Interpreter's Certification, Signature, and Contact Information

If you used an interpreter to read the instructions to you and record your responses to each question on this petition, in a language in which you are fluent, he or she must verify the accuracy of the information recorded on your petition. The interpreter must also complete this section of the petition, provide the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, and his or her email address. The interpreter also must certify that he or she has read to you the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC** in the same language in which you are fluent. The interpreter must sign and date the petition.

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**Part 7. Name, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, If Other Than the Petitioner**

If the person who completed this petition is someone other than the person named in **Part 1.**, he or she must complete this section of the petition, provide his or her name, the name and address of the business or organization (if any), and his or her contact information. If the person completing this petition is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she must submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with this petition. An attorney and accredited representative, and any other individual who assists in preparing your petition also must certify that he or she has read the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC** to you. Further, the attorney or accredited representative, and anyone who assisted in preparing your petition, must sign and date the petition. This section of the petition **MUST** contain the original signature of the attorney or accredited representative, and anyone who assisted in preparing your petition. A typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

**Part 8. Additional Information**

Use this section to provide additional information to the questions in the petition.

***Specific Instructions for Supplement A, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient***

If you are filing for a qualifying family member, you must complete Supplement A, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient (Form I-918, Supplement A). You must submit Supplement A for each family member for whom you are filing.

You may file Supplement A with your initial Form I-918 or at any time thereafter. If you are filing Supplement A after filing your initial Form I-918, you do not need to resubmit evidence that you submitted with the original petition.

**Part 1. Family Member's Relationship To You (The Principal)**

Select the appropriate box.

**Part 2. Information About You (The Principal)**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c. Your Full Name.** Provide your full legal name. Do not provide a nickname.

**Item Number 2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy).** Provide your date of birth (*Example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979*).

**Item Number 3. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any).** This is your USCIS file number. If you do not have an A-Number or do not know it, leave this space blank.

**Item Number 4. Status of Your Form I-918.** Select the appropriate box.

**Part 3. Information About Your Qualifying Family Member (The Derivative)**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c. Full Name.** Provide his or her full legal name. Do not provide a nickname.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.c. Other Names Used.** Provide all the names he or she has used, including his or her maiden name, nicknames, etc.

**Item Number 3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy).** Provide his or her date of birth (*Example: May 1, 1979, should be written 05/01/1979*).

**Item Number 4. Country of Birth.** Provide the name of the country where he or she was born.

**Item Number 5. Country of Citizenship or Nationality.** Provide the name of the country where he or she is a citizen or national. This is not necessarily the country where he or she was born.

**Item Numbers 6.a. - 6.e. Residence or Intended Address in the U.S.** Provide his or her intended physical street address. This must include a street number and name or a rural route number. Do not put a post office box (PO Box) number here.

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**Item Numbers 7.a. - 7.i. Safe Mailing Address.** Provide his or her “safe mailing address” if he or she does not feel secure in receiving correspondence regarding this petition at his or her home address. This address may be a PO Box or the address of a friend, attorney, a community-based organization, or any other address where he or she can safely and punctually receive mail.

**Item Number 8. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)** (if any). This is his or her USCIS file number. If he or she does not have an A-Number or does not know it, leave this space blank.

**Item Number 9. U.S. Social Security Number.** Provide his or her U.S. Social Security Number. If he or she does not have a U.S. Social Security number, leave this blank.

**Item Numbers 10. - 15. Form I-94 Number and Passport/Travel Document Information.** If your family member is physically present in the United States, provide the number on his or her Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, issued at the time of entry. If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued your family member a Form I-94, provide their I-94 admission number and date that your authorized period of stay expires or expired (*as shown on the Form I-94*). The I-94 admission number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.

**NOTE:** If your family member was admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, they may have been issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP, instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP Web site at [www.cbp.gov/i94](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP **does not** charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013 with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP Web site without charge. If the family member’s Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP Web site, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. USCIS **does** charge a fee for this service.

**Passport and Travel Document Numbers.** If your family member used a passport or travel document to travel to the United States, provide either the passport or travel document information in the appropriate space on the form, even if the passport or travel document is currently expired.

**Item Number 16. Marital Status.** Select the appropriate box.

**Item Number 17. Gender.** Select the appropriate box.

#### **Part 4. Additional Information About Your Qualifying Family Member**

Provide all the requested information and responses to each question.

#### **Part 5. Petitioner’s Statement, Certification, USCIS ASC Acknowledgement, Signature, and Contact Information**

Select the box that indicates if you filled out this petition yourself or if someone interpreted this petition for you. If applicable, select the box to indicate if someone else prepared this petition for you. You also must affirm that you have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC**. Further, you must sign and date your petition and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number, and email address. Every petition **MUST** contain the original signature of the petitioner (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

#### **Part 6. Qualifying Family Member’s Statement, Certification, USCIS ASC Acknowledgement, Signature, and Contact Information (if in the U.S.)**

Select the box that indicates if you filled out this form or if someone interpreted this petition for you. You must affirm that you have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC**. Further, you must sign and date the petition and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number, and email address. Every petition **MUST** contain the original signature of the qualifying family member (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

If the family member for whom you are filing is in the United States, he or she must sign and date the form. If he or she does not sign or date the form, Supplement A may be returned as incomplete.

## Part 7. Interpreter's Certification, Signature, and Contact Information

If you used an interpreter to read the instructions to you and record your responses to each question on this petition, in a language in which you are fluent, he or she must verify the accuracy of the information recorded on your petition. The interpreter must also complete this section of the petition, provide the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, and his or her email address. The interpreter also must certify that he or she has read to you the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC** in the same language in which you are fluent. The interpreter must sign and date the petition.

## Part 8. Name, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, If Other Than the Petitioner

If the person who completed this petition is someone other than the person named in **Part 1.**, he or she must complete this section of the petition, provide his or her name, the name and address of the business or organization (if any), and his or her contact information. If the person completing this petition is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she must submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with this petition. An attorney and accredited representative, and any other individual who assists in preparing your petition also must certify that he or she has read the **Acknowledgement of Required Appointment at USCIS ASC** to you. Further, the attorney or accredited representative, and anyone who assisted in preparing your petition, must sign and date the petition. This section of the petition **MUST** contain the original signature of the attorney or accredited representative, and anyone who assisted in preparing your petition. A typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

## Part 9. Additional Information

Use this section to provide additional information to the questions in the petition.

### *Specific Instructions for Supplement B, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status Certification.*

You must file Supplement B, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918, Supplement B), with your (*the principal's*) initial Form I-918. This certification is required; if you fail to submit a properly completed certification with your Form I-918, USCIS will deny the petition.

The certifying official of the agency conducting an investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim must complete Supplement B. It must have been signed within the 6 months immediately preceding the submission of Form I-918 petition package and the signature on Supplement B must be original.

## General Requirements

### Required Initial Evidence to Support Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status

You **must** include the following initial evidence with Form I-918.

For petitioners who requested and received initial relief, USCIS will consider the evidence submitted by the petitioner in conjunction with his or her request for interim relief as part of the petition package. Such petitioners may choose to file additional evidence with Form I-918 to supplement the evidence submitted to request interim relief.

**NOTE: You may use one document to demonstrate more than one element of your claim.**

- 1. Supplement B.** You **must** submit a properly and timely executed Supplement B certification with your petition. However, petitioners who requested and received U interim relief are not required to file Supplement B.  
  
USCIS will give this certification significant weight as evidence demonstrating that you are a victim; that you possess information about the criminal activity; that the criminal activity violated the laws of the United States or occurred in the United States (*including Indian country and military installations*) or the territories and possessions of the United States; and that you are likely to be, are, or were helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim. You also must provide any additional relevant evidence to help meet these eligibility requirements.
- 2. Evidence You Are the Victim of Qualifying Criminal Activity.** You must demonstrate you have suffered direct and proximate harm as a result of the commission of qualifying criminal activity. You must include with your petition evidence establishing you are a victim of qualifying criminal activity. You may use Supplement B to help establish

this eligibility requirement, but you should also include with your petition any additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. A non-exhaustive list of the types of evidence you may submit includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Trial transcripts;
- B. Court documents;
- C. Police reports;
- D. News articles;
- E. Affidavits; and
- F. Orders of protection.

3. **Evidence You Have Suffered Substantial Physical or Mental Abuse.** You must present credible evidence that demonstrates you suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of qualifying criminal activity. You may use Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement, but you should also include with your petition any additional evidence you want USCIS to consider.

The evidence must show the nature and severity of the abuse you suffered. Factors USCIS will consider to determine whether the abuse is substantial include:

- A. The nature of the injury inflicted;
- B. The severity of the perpetrator's conduct;
- C. The severity of the harm you suffered;
- D. The duration of the infliction of the harm; and
- E. The extent to which there is permanent or serious harm to your appearance, health, or physical or mental soundness.

No single factor is a prerequisite to establish that the abuse suffered was substantial, nor does the existence of one or more of the factors automatically create a presumption that the abuse was substantial. If the criminal activity caused the aggravation of a pre-existing physical or mental injury, USCIS will consider that aggravation in evaluating whether the harm constitutes substantial physical or mental abuse. If the criminal activity involved a series of acts or occurred repeatedly over a period of time, document the pattern of abuse. USCIS will consider the abuse in its totality. USCIS may consider a series of acts taken together to have caused substantial physical or mental abuse even where no single act alone rises to that level.

You are encouraged to provide and document all credible evidence, particularly when documenting a pattern of abuse. A non-exhaustive list of suggested forms of evidence includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Reports and/or affidavits from judges and other court officials, medical personnel, school officials, clergy, social workers and other social service personnel;
- B. Orders of protection and related legal documents;
- C. Photos of your visible injuries supported by affidavits; and
- D. Affidavits from witnesses, acquaintances, or family members who have personal knowledge of the facts regarding the criminal activity.

4. **Evidence You Possess Information Concerning Qualifying Criminal Activity.** You must submit evidence demonstrating you possess information concerning the qualifying criminal activity of which you were a victim. You must demonstrate that you have knowledge of details concerning the criminal activity that would assist in the investigation or prosecution of that criminal activity.

You may use Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement, but you should also include with your petition any additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. Additional evidence to establish you possess information about the qualifying criminal activity may include, but is not limited to, reports and affidavits from police, judges, and other court officials.

In cases where the petitioner is a child under 16 years of age or is incapacitated or incompetent, the parent, guardian, or "Next friend" can satisfy this requirement by submitting the evidence on behalf of the petitioner. Next friend is a person who appears in a lawsuit to act for the benefit of an alien victim. The next friend is not a party to the legal

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proceeding and is not appointed as a guardian. Evidence to meet this eligibility requirement must include documents establishing the age, incapacity, or incompetence of the victim. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to:

- A. Birth certificate of the petitioner;
- B. Court documents demonstrating recognition of an individual as the petitioner's next friend;
- C. Medical records; or
- D. Reports of licensed medical professionals demonstrating the incapacity or incompetence of the petitioner.

5. **Possesses Information/Evidence of Helpfulness.** You must submit evidence demonstrating that you were, are, or are likely to be helpful to a certifying official in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim.

You must submit Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement, but you should also include with your petition any additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to:

- A. Trial transcripts;
- B. Court documents;
- C. Police reports;
- D. News articles;
- E. Copies of reimbursement forms for travel to and from court; and
- F. Affidavits of other witnesses or officials.

In cases where the petitioner is a child under 16 years of age or is incapacitated or incompetent, the parent, guardian, or next friend can satisfy this requirement by submitting the evidence on behalf of the petitioner. Evidence to meet this eligibility requirement must include documents establishing the age, incapacity, or incompetence of the victim.

Examples of such documentation include, but are not limited to:

- A. Birth certificate of the petitioner;
- B. Court documents demonstrating recognition of an individual as the petitioner's next friend;
- C. Medical records; or
- D. Reports of licensed medical professionals demonstrating the incapacity or incompetence of the petitioner.

6. **Evidence that Criminal Activity is Qualifying and Violated United States Law or Occurred in the United States.**

You must submit evidence that the criminal activity of which you are a victim is included in the list of criminal activity included in these instructions, and that the criminal activity violated a U.S. federal law that provides for extraterritorial jurisdiction or occurred in the United States (*including in Indian country and military installations*) or the territories and possessions of the United States.

You must submit Supplement B to help establish this eligibility requirement, but you should also include with your petition any additional evidence you want USCIS to consider. An example of such additional evidence includes, but is not limited to, a copy of the statutory provision(s) showing the elements of the offense or factual information about the criminal activity demonstrating that it is similar to a crime contained in the list of qualifying criminal activity contained in these instructions. If the criminal activity occurred outside the United States, the additional evidence may include a copy of the statutory provision(s) providing for the extraterritorial jurisdiction and documentation showing that the criminal activity violated Federal law and is prosecutable in a Federal court.

7. **Personal Statement.** You must provide a personal narrative statement. This statement should describe the qualifying criminal activity of which you are a victim and must include the following information:

- A. The nature of the criminal activity;
- B. When the criminal activity occurred;
- C. Who was responsible;

- D. The events surrounding the criminal activity;
- E. How the criminal activity came to be investigated or prosecuted; and
- F. What substantial physical and/or mental abuse you suffered as a result of having been the victim of the criminal activity.

When the petitioner is under 16 years of age, incapacitated, or incompetent, a parent, guardian, or next friend may submit a statement in lieu of the petitioner. The statement should contain as much information surrounding the criminal activity and physical and/or mental abuse as possible.

8. **Waiver of Ground(s) of Inadmissibility.** To be eligible for U nonimmigrant status, you must be admissible to the United States. If you or your qualifying family member(s) answered “Yes” to one of the questions in **Part 3.** of Form I-918, or **Part 4.** of Supplement A, USCIS may deem you or your qualifying family member(s) as inadmissible.

If you and/or your qualifying family member(s) are or become inadmissible for conduct that occurs while the petition for U nonimmigrant status is pending, you and/or your family member(s) are not eligible for U nonimmigrant status unless the ground of inadmissibility is waived by USCIS.

Petitioners seeking a waiver of inadmissibility must submit Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant (Pursuant to Section 212(d)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). You may file your Form I-192 with your Form I-918. You must submit the appropriate fee or a request for a fee waiver (*Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or a written request*) with your Form I-192 and submit any required evidence of your inability to pay the form fee with this form. You can review the fee waiver guidance at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). USCIS will decide eligibility for the waiver.

#### Supplement A and Evidence to Establish Derivative U Nonimmigrant Status

You **must** include the following evidence to establish derivative U nonimmigrant status:

1. A completed Supplement A for each qualifying family member you want included on your petition, and
2. Credible documentation of the claimed relationship. The documents acceptable for this purpose are as follows if you are filing for your:
  - A. **Husband or wife.** Submit a copy of your marriage certificate issued by a civil authority. If either you or your spouse were married before, you must submit documents to show all previous marriages were legally terminated. (*Example: a divorce decree or death certificate.*)
  - B. **Child and you are the mother.** Submit a copy of the child’s birth certificate showing your name and the name of the child issued by a civil authority.
  - C. **Child and you are the father.** Submit a copy of the child’s birth certificate issued by a civil authority showing both parents’ names. If the child was born out of wedlock give proof that a parent/child relationship exists or existed. (*Example: the child’s birth certificate showing your name and evidence that you have financially supported the child. In some cases, a blood test may be necessary.*)
  - D. **Mother.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate issued by a civil authority showing your name and your mother’s name.
  - E. **Father.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate showing the names of both parents. Also, provide a copy of your parents’ marriage certificate establishing that your father was married to your mother before you were born and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages of either your father or mother were legally terminated. If you are filing for a stepparent or adoptive parent, or if you are filing for your father and were not legitimated before you reached 18 years of age, also see **Items C., G., and H.** in this section.
  - F. **Sibling.** Submit a copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your sibling’s birth certificate showing that you have at least one common parent. If you and your sibling have a common father but different mothers, submit copies of the marriage certificates of the father to each mother and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages of either your father or mothers were legally terminated. If you and your sibling are related through adoption or through a stepparent, or if you have a common father and either of you were not legitimated before

you reached 18 years of age, also see **Items G.** and **H.** in this section.

- G. Stepparent/stepchild.** If your petition is based on a stepparent-stepchild relationship, you must file your petition with a copy of the marriage certificate of the stepparent to the child's natural parent, showing that the marriage occurred before the child reached 18 years of age and copies of documents showing that any prior marriages were legally terminated.
- H. Adoptive parent or adopted child.** If you and the person you are filing for are related by adoption, you must submit a copy of the adoption decree(s) showing that the adoption took place before the child reached 16 years of age. If you adopted the sibling of a child you already adopted, you must submit a copy of the adoption decree(s) showing that the adoption of the sibling occurred before that child reached 18 years of age. In either case, you must also submit copies of evidence that each child was in the legal custody of and resided with the parent(s) who adopted him or her for at least 2 years before or after the adoption. Legal custody may only be granted by a court or recognized government entity and is usually granted at the time the adoption is finalized. However, if legal custody is granted by a court or recognized government agency prior to the adoption, that time may count to fulfill the 2-year legal custody requirement.
- I. Your unmarried sibling under 18 years of age.** Submit a certified copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your sibling's birth certificate showing that you have at least one common parent.

- 3. Unavailable Documents.** If the required documents are not available, submit a statement of why the evidence is not available and provide secondary evidence to include the following:
- A. Church record.** A certificate under the seal where the baptism, dedication, or comparable rite occurred within 2 months after the birth, showing the date and place of the child's birth, date of the religious ceremony, and the names of the child's parents.
  - B. Census records.** State or federal census records showing the names, places and dates of birth, or ages of the persons listed.
  - C. School record.** A letter from the authority of the school attended (*preferably the first school*) showing dates of admission to the school, child's date and place of birth, and the names and birthplaces of both parents if shown in the school records.
  - D. Affidavits.** Written statements sworn to or affirmed by two persons who were living at the time and who have personal knowledge of the event you are trying to prove. (*Example: the date and place of birth, marriage, divorce or death.*) The person making the affidavit need not be a citizen of the United States. Each affidavit should contain the following:
    - (1) The relationship, if any, between you and the person making the affidavit;
    - (2) Full information concerning the event; and
    - (3) Complete details concerning how the person acquired knowledge of the event.

**NOTE:** In a case where you or your relative's name has changed from what is shown on the supporting document, submit the legal document authorizing such name change. (*Example: marriage certificate, adoption decree, court order, etc.*)

**NOTE:** USCIS may require a statement from the appropriate civil authority certifying that the necessary document is unavailable.

### What Is the Filing Fee?

There is no filing fee for Form I-918. U nonimmigrants are required to provide biometrics information, but are not required to pay the biometric services fee. After U nonimmigrants submit Form I-918, USCIS will notify U nonimmigrants of when and where to go for biometrics services.

## Where To File?

Please see our Web site at [www.uscis.gov/i918](http://www.uscis.gov/i918) or call our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this petition. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

## Address Changes

You must inform USCIS if you change your address. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS Web site at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the UCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

## Processing Information

**USCIS will reject any Form I-918 that is not signed with a notice that Form I-918 is deficient.** You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-918. A petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

**Initial Processing.** Once USCIS accepts your petition, we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this petition, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility, and USCIS may deny your petition.

**Requests for More Information, Including Biometrics or Interview.** We may request more information or evidence from you, or request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. We will return these originals when they are no longer needed. We may also request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. When you come for an interview or appointment at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide fingerprints, photographs, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update your background and security checks.

**Requests for Interview at a USCIS ASC.** We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your petition. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photographs, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

**Employment Authorization.** If your petition is approved, you will be employment authorized incident to status and USCIS will send you an Employment Authorization Document as evidence of that authorization.

Derivative family members are also employment authorized incident to status. If they wish to obtain an Employment Authorization Document, as evidence of authorization, they may file, Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization Document, with appropriate fees or requests for fee waivers, with your Form I-918 and Supplement A.

Derivative family members living outside the United States are not eligible to receive employment authorization until they lawfully enter the United States. Do not file Form I-765 for a derivative family member who is outside the United States.

**Decision.** The decision on Form I-918 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing or, for applications, petitions, or requests filed electronically, through an electronic notice.

**Prohibition on Disclosure of Information.** Information concerning U nonimmigrant status petitioners is protected against disclosure. Adverse determination of admissibility or deportability cannot be made based on information obtained from the perpetrator of substantial physical or mental abuse and the criminal activity. The disclosure of information relating to a pending or approved petition for U nonimmigrant status is prohibited except in certain circumstances, such as to investigative agencies who have a reason to know based on a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

## USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, **InfoPass** at [infopass.uscis.gov/](http://infopass.uscis.gov/). Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

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## Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-918, we will deny your Form I-918, and may deny any other immigration benefit.

In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

## USCIS Privacy Act Statement

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. sections 1101(a)(15)(U), 1184(p), 1182(d)(14), and 8 CFR 214.14.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this petition is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. DHS will use the information you provide to grant or deny the benefit sought.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your petition.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this petition may be shared with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations following approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 – Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 – Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy)]. DHS may also make the information available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

## Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. In addition, the estimated average time to complete and file Supplement A of this petition is 1 hour and 30 minutes per response. Finally, the estimated average time to complete and file Supplement B of this petition is 1 hour per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0104. **Do not mail your completed Form I-918, Supplement A, or Supplement B to this address.**