

# Humanitarian Division Overview

Nebraska Service Center  
Stakeholder Open House



## Mission

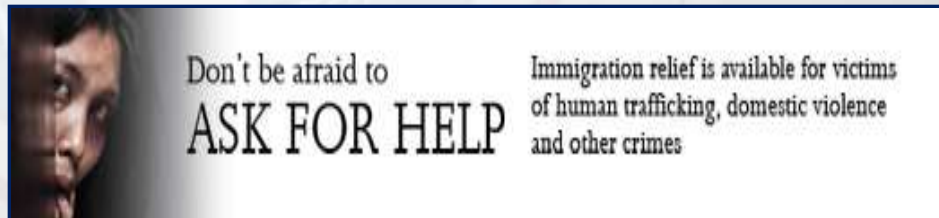
- With a pioneering spirit, the Nebraska Service Center provides quality immigration services to unite, strengthen and protect the United States of America.
- With empathy and integrity, the Humanitarian Division is dedicated to protecting the abused, victimized, and families facing extreme hardship. We provide rigorous review and accurate decisions **that improve people's lives and keep our country safe.**
- The Humanitarian Division adjudicates Forms I-918, I-601, I-212, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and I-360 Special immigrant visa (SIV).

# The Purpose of the U Visa

Form I-918

U nonimmigrant status (U visa):

- Provides immigration benefits to victims of certain crimes.
- Strengthens **law enforcement's ability to investigate** and prosecute human trafficking and certain other crimes.
- Encourages trafficked, exploited, and abused victims to **report crimes, even if they don't have lawful** immigration status.





## Basic U Visa Requirements

- Victim of qualifying criminal activity
  - Crime must have occurred in U.S. or violated U.S. law
- Victim has credible and reliable information about the qualifying crime
- Victim generally must have been, is being, or is likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying crime
- Victim suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of qualifying crime

# U Visa Statutory List of Crimes

- Abduction
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Blackmail
- Domestic Violence
- Extortion
- False Imprisonment
- Felonious Assault
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting
- Hostage Taking
- Incest
- Involuntary Servitude
- Kidnapping
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Obstruction of Justice
- Peonage
- Perjury
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Exploitation
- Slave Trade
- Stalking
- Torture
- Trafficking
- Unlawful Criminal Restraint
- Witness Tampering



## U Visa Qualifying Crimes

- Includes attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation to commit any crime on statutory list
- Substantially similar crimes may also qualify
- USCIS decides if a crime listed on the law enforcement certification is a “qualifying” crime



## The U Visa

Applicants use Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, to apply.

The U visa:

- Grants temporary status for up to 4 years (with the possibility for a Green Card)
- Allows temporary status for certain family members
- Provides a work permit

There is an annual cap of 10,000 visas that USCIS may issue per fiscal year.



## Customer Service

Email your inquiries to:

[nsc.i-918inquiries@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:nsc.i-918inquiries@uscis.dhs.gov)

Written inquiries with original signatures may  
be sent through the US Postal Service to:

USCIS  
Nebraska Service Center  
PO Box 87918  
Lincoln NE 68501-7918

# Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility

Applicants must file this form to seek a waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility if they:

- Are inadmissible to the United States, and
- Are applying for an immigrant visa, adjustment of status, or certain other immigration benefits.

## Process for Form I-601

- Applicant goes to the consular interview at an overseas office.
- After the consular officer determines that the applicant is inadmissible and that a waiver is available, the applicant will file Form I-601 at the Phoenix Lockbox.
- The lockbox will route the file to the NSC.
- The NSC will process the Form I-601 and notify the Department of State electronically of its decision.



# Filing Tips Form I-601

**Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility**  
 USCIS Form I-601  
 08/01/10 (Rev. 02/01/17)

**Part 1. Information About You**

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

2. USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any)

**Enter Full Name**

3a. Family Name (Last Name)

3b. Given Name (First Name)

3c. Middle Name

**Other Names Used**

List all other names you have ever used, including maiden names, aliases, and nicknames. If you need more space to complete this section, use the space provided at Part 1b. Additional:

4a. Family Name (Last Name)

4b. Given Name (First Name)

4c. Middle Name

**Home Address**

NOTE: If you are outside the United States, provide a U.S. mailing address, if available. If a U.S. mailing address is not available, provide your mailing address abroad.

5a. In Care Of Name

5b. Street/Highway and House

5c. Apt. No.  Box No.

5d. City or Town

5e. State  ZIP Code

5f. Province

5g. Postal Code

5h. Country

6. If you mailing address the same address where you currently live (physical address)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your mailing address is not the address where you currently live (physical address), use the same, provide your current physical address in the next section.

The applicant must:

- Sign the application. A copy of the applicant's signature can be accepted.
- Sign the Form G-28 (if applicable). A copy of the applicant's signature is not acceptable.

# Filing Tips Form I-601

**Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility**  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
Form I-601  
JULY 2013 (REV. 05-08-2017)  
GPO: 2013-500-1017

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| Excluded/Not Excluded<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excluded <input type="checkbox"/> Not Excluded  |           |   |                |              |
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| Attorney from the State (if applicable)   |           | Attorney or Accredited Representative<br>USCIS ELIS Account Number (if any) |                |              |

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4a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

4b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

4c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**

NOTE: If you are outside of the United States, provide a U.S. mailing address, if available. If a U.S. mailing address is not available, provide your mailing address abroad.

5a. In Care Of Name \_\_\_\_\_

5b. Street Number and Name \_\_\_\_\_

5c. Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ Box # \_\_\_\_\_

5d. City or Town \_\_\_\_\_

5e. State \_\_\_\_\_ EE ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

5f. Province \_\_\_\_\_

5g. Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

5h. Country \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is your mailing address the same address where you currently live (physical address)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your mailing address and the address where you currently live (physical address) are not the same, provide your current physical address in the next section.

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The applicant must:

- Include documentary evidence to support statement.
- Provide a U.S. mailing address in Part 1, if possible.



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