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Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal
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providing this documentation with your application, explain why in your responses to the following questions.


1. Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? Check the appropriate box(es) below and then provide detailed answers to questions A and B below.

I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on:

- Race
- Religion
- Nationality
- Political opinion
- Membership in a particular social group
- Torture Convention

1. A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?
   - No
   - Yes

   If “Yes,” explain in detail:
   1. What happened;

   2. When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred;

   3. Who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and

1. B. Have you, your family, friends, colleagues, or other similarly situated persons ever experienced harm, mistreatment, or threats in the past by anyone?
   - No
   - Yes

   If “Yes,” explain in detail:
   1. What happened.

   2. When the harm, mistreatment, or threats occurred.

   3. Who caused the harm, mistreatment, or threats.

If the entity or person(s) who caused the harm, mistreatment, or threats is not the government or a government actor, you must explain whether the government was unable or unwilling to control the entity or persons that
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<td>4. Why you believe the harm, mistreatment, or threats occurred. If you are seeking asylum or statutory withholding of removal based on one or more of the protected grounds listed above (race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group), you must explain why you believe the harm, mistreatment, or threats you experienced were on account of one or more of the protected grounds. [Fillable field]</td>
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2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?
   No
   Yes

If "Yes," explain the circumstances and reasons for the action.

3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?
   No
   Yes

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.

3.B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?
   No
   Yes

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.

C. Have you, your family, friends, colleagues, or other similarly situated persons ever been subjected to torture in the past?
   No
   Yes

If “Yes,” explain in detail:
1. What happened.
2. When the torture occurred.
[Fillable field]

3. Who caused the harm, which, along with other factors, amounted to torture.
[Fillable field]

If the entity or person(s) who caused the harm was not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, you must explain whether the harm was inflicted by or at the instigation of, or with the consent or acquiescence of, a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity.
[Fillable Field]

If the entity or person(s) who caused the harm was not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, explain whether the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity had awareness of the harm, how the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity became aware of the harm, and whether the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity acted to prevent such harm.
[Fillable Field]

If the entity or person(s) who caused the harm was not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, explain whether there is a connection between the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity and the entity or person(s) who caused the harm, and if so, describe the how they are connected.
[Fillable Field]

4. Why you believe the torture occurred.
[Fillable field]

D. Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?
No
Yes

If "Yes," explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted.

1. The nature of the harm you fear.
2. Who would harm you.

If the entity or person(s) you believe would harm you is not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, you must explain whether the harm would or could be inflicted by or at the instigation of, or with the consent or acquiescence of, a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity.

If the entity or person(s) you fear is not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, explain whether the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity would become aware of the torture, how the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity would become aware of the torture, and how the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity would respond.

If the entity or person(s) you fear is not the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity, explain whether there is a connection between the government or a public official acting in an official capacity or other person acting in an official capacity and the entity or person(s) you fear, and if so, describe the how they are connected.

3. Why you believe you would be tortured.

2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?
   - No
   - Yes
3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?  

No  

Yes  

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.  

[Fillable field]  

3.B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?  

No  

Yes  

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.  

[Fillable field]  

1. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal?  

No  

Yes  

If "Yes," explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you have been denied asylum by an immigration
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<td>If you answered &quot;Yes&quot; to Item Number 1., Item Number 2, and/or Item Number 3., explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision.</td>
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<td>If you answered “Yes” to Item Number 1., Item Number 2, and/or Item Number 3., also provide your relative’s name, date of birth, and A-Number, if available.</td>
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**2.A.** After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?  
No
Yes

**2.B.** Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?  
No
Yes

**4.A.** After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you, your spouse, child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?  
No
Yes

**4.B.** Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for, received, or could have applied for, but did not, any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?  
No
Yes
If "Yes" to either or both questions (2A and/or 2B), provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so.

[Fillable field]

If "Yes" to either or both questions (Item Number 4.A. and/or Item Number 4.B.), provide for each person the following: the name of every country you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, traveled through or resided in, the dates you traveled through or resided in those countries, the length of stay, the person's status while there, and the reasons for leaving.

[Fillable Field]

Indicate whether you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for protection from persecution or torture, including refugee status or asylum, while in any countries, and if not, why you or he or she did not do so.
If you, your spouse, your child(ren), or your family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for any lawful status, including refugee status or asylum, in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum, explain the outcome of the application.

[Fillable Field]

Indicate whether you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied to, were offered the opportunity to apply to, or had the opportunity available to reside in any country, in any permanent legal immigration status or any non-permanent, potentially indefinitely renewable legal immigration status (including asylee, refugee, or similar status, but excluding status such as of a tourist) in any country through which you traveled prior to arriving in or entering the United States.

[Fillable field]

5. Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion?
No
Yes

If "Yes," describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.

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If "Yes," describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trip(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of time you remained in that country for the visit(s)).

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If "Yes," explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. "Completing the Form," Part C.

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<th>6. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?</th>
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If "Yes," for each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. Attach documents referring to these incidents, if they are available, or an explanation of why documents are not available.

[Fillable field]

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The following questions focus on adverse discretionary factors related to asylum eligibility. You must answer Item Numbers 9.A. – 10.I. as it relates to you and any member of your family included in the application. For guidance in answering these questions, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. Completing the Form, Part C. Additional Information about your Application.
9.A. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever unlawfully entered or unlawfully attempted to enter into the United States?
No
Yes

9.B. Did you or any member of your family included in the application fail to seek protection from persecution or torture, including refugee status or asylum, in any country through which you transited before entering the United States?
No
Yes

9.C. Have you or any member of your family included in the application used fraudulent documents to enter the United States?
No
Yes

If “Yes”, specify in your response: what occurred, the circumstances, dates, and the reason(s) for the circumstances.

[Fillable field]

If you answered “Yes” to Item Numbers 9.A., 9.B., and/or 9.C., do any of the corresponding exceptions (for example, entry or attempted entry was made in immediate flight from persecution or satisfying the definition of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons) apply to you or any member of your family included in the application?
No
Yes

If “Yes”, please specify in your response: why you believe you or any member of your family included in the application meet one of the exceptions, what occurred, the circumstances, dates, and the reason(s) for the circumstances.

[Fillable Field]

10.A. Did you or any member of your family included in the application, immediately prior to arriving in the United States or en route to the United States from your or their country of citizenship, nationality, or last lawful habitual residence, spend more than 14 days in any one country?
No
Yes

10.B. Do you or any member of your family included in the application have a conviction or sentence that was reversed, vacated, expunged, or modified?
No
Yes

10.C. Did you or any member of your family included in the application transit through more than one country between your or their country of citizenship, nationality, or last habitual residence and the United States?
No
Yes

10.D. Did you or any member of your family included in the application accrue more than one year of unlawful presence in the United States prior to filing an asylum application?
No
Yes

10.E. At the time this application is filed, have you failed to timely file any required federal, state, or local income taxes, or timely file a request for an extension of time to file?
No
Yes

10.F. At the time this application is filed, have you failed to satisfy any outstanding federal, state, or local income tax obligations?
No
Yes

10.G. At the time this application is filed, do you have income that would result in tax liability that has not been reported to the Internal Revenue Service?
No
Yes

10.H. Have you or any member of your family included in the application had two or more prior asylum applications denied for any reason?
No
Yes

10.I. Have you or any member of your family included in the application withdrawn a prior asylum application, been found to have abandoned a prior asylum application, failed to attend an interview regarding an asylum application, or were subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, and did not file a motion to reopen?
No
Yes

If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions in Item Numbers 10.A. - 10.I., please specify in your response: what occurred, details regarding the circumstances, and dates.
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If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions in Item Numbers 10.A. - 10.I., do any of the corresponding exceptions (for example, applying for protection from persecution or torture in another country or satisfying the definition of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons) apply to you or any member of your family included in the application?

No

Yes

If you answered “Yes”, please specify in your response: why you believe you or any member of your family included in the application meet one of the exceptions, what occurred, the circumstances, dates, and the reason(s) for the circumstances.

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If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions in Item Numbers 10.A. - 10.I., if applicable, provide any information related to extraordinary circumstances that would warrant a favorable exercise of discretion, and explain any exceptional or extremely unusual hardship that would result from a denial of your asylum application.

[Fillable field]

Page 9, Part D. Your Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

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Part D. Your Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

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### Warning

**Applicants who are in the United States unlawfully are subject to removal if their asylum or withholding claims are not granted by an asylum officer or an immigration judge. Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis for the institution of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings even if the application is later withdrawn.**

Applicants determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act. You may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised you to provide false information in your asylum application.

If filing with USCIS, unexcused failure to appear for an appointment to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and your biographical information within the time allowed may result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Failure without good cause to provide DHS with biometrics or other biographical information while in removal proceedings may result in your application being found abandoned by the immigration judge. See sections 208(d)(5)(A) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d) and 1208.20.

Print your complete name. Write your name in your native alphabet.

Did your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assist you in completing this application?

- No
- Yes (If "Yes," list the name and relationship.)
  - (Name) [x2]
  - (Relationship) [x2]

Did someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) prepare this application?

- No
- Yes (If "Yes," complete Part E.)
Asylum applicants may be represented by counsel. Have you been provided with a list of persons who may be available to assist you, at little or no cost, with your asylum claim?

No
Yes

Signature of Applicant (*The person in Part A.I.*)
Sign your name so it all appears within the brackets

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I swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this application that I am signing, including the attached documents and supplements, that they are all true or not all true to the best of my knowledge and that correction(s) numbered [Fillable field] to [Fillable field] were made by me or at my request. Furthermore, I am aware that if I am determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum I will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act, and that I may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised me to provide false information in my asylum application.

Signed and sworn to before me by the above named applicant on:
Signature of Applicant
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Write Your Name in Your Native Alphabet
Signature of Asylum Officer

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Signed and sworn to before me by the above named applicant on:
Signature of Applicant
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Signature of Applicant  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  
Write Your Name in Your Native Alphabet  
Signature of Immigration Judge

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