



Berkshire Immigrant Center

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2020 DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY Window Opens

The Diversity Lottery Program provides a path for some foreign nationals to become permanent residents of the United States regardless of whether they have a family member or an employer willing to sponsor them. If you meet the eligibility requirements and wish to pursue permanent resident status in the United States, you should consider registration in the lottery. **There is no fee to submit the on-line application, so if you are applying on your own, please be aware of on-line scams and only submit applications at: <https://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>**

You are welcome to apply for family members and friends both here and abroad, however, those unlawfully present in the US may not be able to take advantage of this opportunity even if they are selected. Spouses can each apply on behalf of their families, giving twice the chance of being selected.

Entries for the Diversity Visa “green card” Lottery 2020 program must be submitted electronically at www.dvlottery.state.gov between 12pm, October 3th, 2018, and 12pm, November 6th, 2018. Do not wait until the last week of the registration period to enter, as heavy demand may result in website delays. No late entries or paper entries will be accepted. The law allows only one entry by or for each person during each registration period. The Department of State uses sophisticated technology to detect multiple entries. Individuals with more than one entry will be disqualified.

For DV-2020, natives of the following countries are **NOT** eligible to apply due to high levels of immigration from these countries during the previous five years: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam. Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

HERE are the detailed instructions and official FAQs from the Department of State.
[https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Diversity-Visa/DV-Instructions-Translations/DV-2020-Instructions-Translations/DV-2020-Instructions-Translations/DV-2020-Instructions-English.pdf](https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Diversity-Visa/DV-Instructions-Translations/DV-2020-Instructions-Translations/DV-2020-Instructions-English.pdf)

If you would like assistance in applying for the lottery or determining eligibility, please contact the Berkshire Immigrant Center at: (413) 445-4881. We charge \$25 per application. If you are submitting multiple applications during the SAME APPOINTMENT, each additional application will cost \$10 (that day only.) Please do not wait until the last minute! BIC help with the VISA Lottery will only be available until Thursday November 1st! If submitting on your own.

In order to apply for the DV LOTTERY (for yourself or someone else), you will need the following information for all primary applicants and their immediate family members (spouses and non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident children under the age of 21) If you are not prepared with this information there may be an additional cost to prepare your application:

- Full name exactly as listed on your (their) passport(s)
- Date(s) of Birth (please list next to names)
- Gender(s) (please also list next to names)
- City(s) and Country(s) of birth (please also list next to names)
- Country(s) of eligibility for the DV program (if claiming eligibility via country of citizenship or spouses' country of birth) (only list next to names if different from principal applicant)
- Highest level of education attained (Primary school only, Some high school, no diploma, High school diploma, Vocational school, Some university courses, University degree, Some graduate level courses, Master's degree, Some doctoral level courses, or Doctorate) (please list next to names)
- Secure mailing address
- Country where you (they) currently reside
- Phone number (optional)
- Email address
- Current marital status (of principal applicant)
- Number of children of principal applicant (include all living unmarried children under 21 years of age, regardless of whether or not they are living with you or intend to accompany or follow to join you should you immigrate to the United States)

Also required are specifically formatted individual photos of applicants, their spouse and each qualifying child. These photos can be created by taking a new digital photo (we will do that for you and for those family members who are present in the office) or by emailing or scanning

printed photos. Entries may be disqualified if photos are not recent, have been manipulated, or fail to meet specific guidelines.

We want to make it clear that the Berkshire Immigrant Center is not representing you legally nor do we take any legal responsibility for your winning or losing the VISA LOTTERY 2020. If you are undocumented, out of legal status, or have some other immigration-related problem, it is likely that you will not be able to adjust your status even if you win the lottery. Please speak with a BIC staff member or immigration attorney before submitting your application. (413)-445-4881, info@berkshireic.com

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