



**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA  
VISA INFORMATION PACK**

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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The type of visa you must obtain is defined by U.S. immigration law, and relates to the purpose of your travel. [Click here](#) for the official website where you can find all general information about visas.
- Please note that due to an increasing backlog of visa appointment requests, you may experience a significant delay between paying your visa fee and scheduling an interview appointment. By paying the visa fee, you acknowledge that it may take several months to schedule an interview appointment (22 December 2021)
- You can visit [Visa Wizard](#) to find out what visa type is appropriate for you. In the [Visa Categories](#)
- section, you can also find information on the visas issued by the United States, as well as details on the application documents and processes for these visas.
- You can also visit [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or find out about the [Visa Waiver Program](#).
- You might also find the [Glossary](#) helpful.

## 2.Official U.S. Visa Information and Appointment Services

- This service has been designed by US officials to assist you:  
Obtain general information on how to apply for a United States Visa.  
Pay the required Visa application fees.  
Submit your visa application to a U.S. Consulate.

# 3. VISITOR VISA

Visitor visas are nonimmigrant visas for persons who want to enter the United States temporarily for business (visa category B-1), for tourism (visa category B-2), or for a combination of both purposes (B-1/B-2).

- Business (B-1)
- Visitor (B-2)

These are some examples of activities that require different categories of visas and cannot be done while on a visitor visa:

- Study
- Employment
- Paid performances, or any professional performance before a paying audience
- Arrival as a crewmember on a ship or aircraft
- Work as foreign press, in radio, film, print journalism, or other information media
- Permanent residence in the United States

# 4. HOW TO APPLY

- There are several steps to apply for a visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary by U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Please consult the instructions on the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate website](#).
- **Complete the Online Visa Application**
- **Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, [Form DS-160](#)** – [Learn more](#) about completing the [DS-160](#). You must: 1) complete the online visa application and 2) print the application form confirmation page to bring to your interview.
- **Photo** – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. Your photo must be in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).
- Schedule an Interview
- Interviews are generally required for visa applicants with certain limited exceptions below. Consular officers may require an interview of any visa applicant.

| If you are age: | Then an interview is:                   |
|-----------------|---|
| 13 and younger  | Generally not required                  |
| 14-79           | Required (some exceptions for renewals) |
| 80 and older    | Generally not required                  |

- You should schedule an appointment for your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country where you live. You may schedule your interview at another U.S. Embassy or Consulate but be aware that it may be more difficult to qualify for a visa outside of the country where you live.

## 5. VISA RECIPROCITY AND CIVIL DOCUMENTS BY COUNTRY

[U.S. Visa: Reciprocity and Civil Documents by Country \(state.gov\)](#)

*Türkiye:* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil-Documents-by-Country/Turkey.html>

# 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Gather and prepare the following required documents before your visa interview:

- **Passport** valid for travel to the United States – Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States (unless exempt by [country-specific agreements](#)). Each individual who needs a visa must submit a separate application, including any family members listed in your passport.
- **Nonimmigrant Visa Application, [Form DS-160](#) confirmation page.**
- **Application fee payment receipt**, if you are required to pay before your interview.
- **Photo** – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the [photo upload fails](#), you must bring one printed photo in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).
- **Additional Documentation May Be Required**
- Review the instructions for how to apply for a visa on the website of the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) where you will apply. Additional documents may be requested to establish if you are qualified. For example, additional requested documents may include evidence of:

The purpose of your trip,

Your intent to depart the United States after your trip, and/or

Your ability to pay all costs of the trip.

- Evidence of your employment and/or your family ties may be sufficient to show the purpose of your trip and your intent to return to your home country. If you cannot cover all the costs for your trip, you may show evidence that another person will cover some or all costs for your trip.
- **Note:** Visa applicants must qualify on the basis of the applicant's residence and ties abroad, rather than assurances from U.S. family and friends. A letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support is not needed to apply for a visitor visa. If you choose to bring a letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support to your interview, please remember it is not one of the factors used in determining whether to issue or deny the visa.



# 7. STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISAS

The United States encourages international education and welcomes international students and exchange visitors. Students and exchange visitors must be accepted by their schools or program sponsors before applying for a visa.

## Student Visas F M

- For academic and vocational studies.
- [Overview](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Required Documentation](#)
- [Spouses and Children](#)

## Exchange Visitor Visa J

- For participation in an approved exchange program.
- [Overview](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Required Documentation](#)
- [Spouses and Children](#)

## Visitor Visa B

- For visiting schools before or during the application process, and/or participating in short recreational, non-credit courses.
- [Overview](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Required Documentation](#)

# 8. VISA APPOINTMENT WAIT TIME

## Appointment Wait Time

### Istanbul

| Nonimmigrant Visa Type         | Appointment Wait Time |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Visitor Visa                   | 230 Calendar Days     |
| Student/Exchange Visitor Visas | 79 Calendar Days      |
| All Other Nonimmigrant Visas   | 85 Calendar Days      |

### Ankara

| Nonimmigrant Visa Type         | Appointment Wait Time |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Visitor Visa                   | 135 Calendar Days     |
| Student/Exchange Visitor Visas | 56 Calendar Days      |
| All Other Nonimmigrant Visas   | 93 Calendar Days      |

# 9. Electronic System for Travel Authorization



- ESTA is an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the [Visa Waiver Program \(VWP\)](#). Authorization via ESTA does not determine whether a traveler is admissible to the United States. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers determine admissibility upon travelers' arrival. The ESTA application collects biographic information and answers to VWP eligibility questions. ESTA applications may be submitted at any time prior to travel, though it is recommended that travelers apply as soon as they begin preparing travel plans or prior to purchasing airline tickets.

## Important Notice

- You must have an e-Passport to use the VWP. An e-Passport is an enhanced secure passport with an embedded electronic chip. You can readily identify an e-Passport, because it has a unique international symbol on the cover.

# 10. USA IN TURKIYE

- *U.S. Embassy Ankara*

**Address:** 110 Atatürk Blvd., Kavaklıdere, 06100 Ankara – Türkiye

**Phone:** (+90-312) 455-5555

- *U.S. Consulate General Istanbul*

**Address:** Poligon Mahallesi, Sariyer Caddesi No: 75, Istinye 34460 Sariyer, Istanbul/Türkiye

**Phone:** (+90) 212-335 90 00

**Find a U.S. Embassy or Consulate**

# 11. U.S VISA NEWS

Using the link  
above, you  
can read **the  
most recent**  
visa news.

# 12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An individual on a visitor visa (B1/B2) is not permitted to accept employment or work in the United States.

- There is no guarantee you will be issued a visa. Do not make final travel plans or buy tickets until you have a visa.
- A valid U.S. visa in an expired passport is still valid. Unless canceled or revoked, a visa is valid until its expiration date. If you have a valid visa in your expired passport, do not remove it from your expired passport. You may use your valid visa in your expired passport along with a new valid passport for travel and admission to the United States.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the applicants' responsibility to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.



If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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<https://global.altinbas.edu.tr/>

