

## Inviting Family Members to Visit the United States

If you would like to invite your family members to visit the United States while you are here, they may need to apply for a B-1/B-2 tourist visa at the American Embassy in their home country. To ensure a smooth and positive outcome of the visa application process, your family members will need to prove two main points; one, that they have adequate funds to support themselves during their visit and two, that they have no intention of remaining in the U.S. after their visit. They should provide the following information during the visa interview:

- **Invitation Letter:** Write a letter of invitation making sure to include your name and the reason you are living in the U.S., the names of the family members who wish to visit, the purpose and length of their visit, and whether you are providing any financial assistance, room, or board during the visit.
- **Evidence of Funding:** If you are providing any financial support for the family members, such as room, board, airfare, etc., you should supply evidence of your financial means through a bank statement. You should show that you have enough funds to cover their expenses.
- **Evidence of your Status in the U.S.:** Provide the family members with a COPY of your Form I-20 and any other documents that verify your status in the U.S.
- **Evidence of Intent to Return Home:** The family members must prove that they do not intend to remain in the U.S. Documents showing property ownership, employment, close family ties, or proof of enrollment in school are good pieces of evidence to show that they are likely to return to their home country.
- **Family Members Evidence of Funding:** If the family members intend to cover their own expenses, they should provide evidence of financial means. This can be a bank statement, employment verification or another example of funding.

For more information about tourist visas, visit the U.S. State Department website, [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

