



# Overview: Fiance Visa (K-1)

A K-1 nonimmigrant visa, also known as a Fiancé(e) visa, is a 90-day visa that permits the foreign fiancé(e) living abroad admittance to the United States for the purpose of getting married. The person petitioning for this visa must be a U.S. Citizen.

## **K-1 Petition Eligibility Requirements**

To petition for a fiancé(e) visa, you must prove that:

- You (the petitioner) are a U.S. citizen
- You have met your fiancé(e) within the past two years
- You intend to marry within 90 days of your fiancé(e) entering the U.S.
- You and your fiancé(e) are legally free to marry and any previous marriages must have been legally terminated by divorce, death or annulment
- You meet minimum financial requirements to support yourself and your fiancé(e)

## **The K-1 Application Process**

The form needed to file for your fiancé(e) visa is Form I-129F, called the Petition for Alien Fiancé(e). Once the petition is approved by the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services), the next steps involve filing the visa application with the U.S. Embassy and scheduling an interview.

The U.S. Embassy interview may ask you to provide or complete:

- Medical exams
- Financial affidavits
- Proof of your relationship

## **Obtaining Permanent Residence**

Once the K-1 visa is issued, your fiancé(e) is allowed to enter the United States for 90 days so that the marriage ceremony can take place. After you are married, your fiancé(e) may apply for permanent residency and remain in the U.S. while the USCIS processes the application.

## **Children of Fiancé(e)s**

If your fiancé(e) has a child (under 21 and unmarried), a K-2 nonimmigrant visa may be available to him or her. Make sure to include the names of your fiancé(e)'s children on your Form I-129F petition.