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I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA

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Please note: The 08/24/26 edition of Form I-864 includes a privacy release that authorizes USCIS to request information from one or more consumer reporting agencies.

If a sponsor has a credit or security freeze on their consumer or credit report file, USCIS may not be able to access the information necessary to assess the sufficiency of Form I-864. To avoid any delays, a sponsor should expeditiously respond to any requests made to release a credit or security freeze.

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Most family-based immigrants and some employment-based immigrants use this form to show they have adequate means of financial support and are not likely to rely on the U.S. government for financial support.



Sponsor Eligibility Tool

The Form I-864 Eligibility Tool helps you determine whether you want to sponsor an immigrant and meet the financial requirements to be a sponsor. Based on information you provide, this tool will estimate if your income and assets meet the guidelines to be a sponsor. You do not have to use this tool, and the results from the tool do not guarantee a positive or negative decision on your case. This tool is optional and does not replace statutory, regulatory, and form instruction requirements. You should review those requirements before you complete and submit your form.

If you are eligible to file Form I-864, review the "Where to File" and "Special Instructions" sections to learn where to file your Form I-864.

[Determine My Eligibility →](#)

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[Instructions for Form I-864 \(PDF, 340.25 KB\)](#)

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i ALERT: USCIS [reminds](#) individuals who have signed and submitted Form I-864A on behalf of an alien that they face serious consequences if the alien they are obligated to support receives means-tested public benefits. Form I-864A is a legally binding contract between the sponsor and the sponsor's household member. Household members who complete and sign Form I-864A agree to use their income to help the sponsor financially support the sponsored alien. If a sponsored alien receives means-tested public benefits, the benefit granting agency can request repayment from the sponsor and household member to recoup the cost of any benefits paid. If the sponsor or household member fails to repay the cost of the means-tested public benefits, the benefit granting agency may sue the sponsor and household member, who will be liable for the cost of the benefits, legal fees, and other associated costs. Household members should not take on this obligation if they are not prepared to follow through on the financial commitment.

Use this form if you are a household member and want to promise to make your income and/or assets available to help support a sponsored immigrant.

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- [Form I-864A \(PDF, 473.22 KB\)](#)
- [Instructions for Form I-864A \(PDF, 262.11 KB\)](#)

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Use this form to show that the applying immigrant has adequate means of financial support and is not likely to rely on the U.S. government for financial support.

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-  [Form I-864EZ \(PDF, 450.64 KB\)](#)
-  [Instructions for Form I-864EZ \(PDF, 269.28 KB\)](#)

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