



Instructions for Immigrant Petition for the Gold Card Program

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Form I-140G
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What Is the Purpose of Form I-140G, Immigrant Petition for the Gold Card Program?

A petitioner may file Form I-140G to request an employment-based immigrant visa under the Gold Card program established by Executive Order 14351, The Gold Card (Sep. 19, 2025).

Form I-140G is the first step in the Gold Card process. Once the petition is approved and there is an immigrant visa number available in the requested employment-based classification, you must complete consular processing with the U.S. Department of State at an embassy or consulate to get an immigrant visa and travel to the United States to be admitted as a lawful permanent resident.

Who May File Form I-140G?

An individual or a corporation (or similar entity) on behalf of an individual may file this petition under the Gold Card program for the following immigrant visa classifications:

1. An alien of extraordinary ability under 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; or
2. An alien of exceptional ability under 203(b)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act who is seeking an exemption of the requirement of a job offer in the national interest (generally known as a National Interest Waiver or NIW).

If you are requesting classification as an alien of exceptional ability who is seeking a NIW, you must also submit an uncertified Form ETA-9089, Application for Permanent Employment Certification, with your supporting evidence.

Eligibility

Your petition must establish that you have sufficient funds to make the required unrestricted gift to the Department of Commerce; and any funds to be used for the gift have been obtained through lawful means.

General Instructions

USCIS Online Account Number. You will only have a USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) if you previously filed a form that has a receipt number that begins with IOE. If you filed the form online, you can find your OAN in your account profile. If you mailed us the form, you can find your OAN at the top of the Account Access Notice we sent you. If you do not have a receipt number that begins with IOE, you do not have an OAN. The OAN is not the same as an A-Number.

Signature. You (or your signing authority) must properly complete and electronically sign your petition. If the petition is not signed or if the signature is not valid, your petition will be rejected or denied.

NOTE: If the petitioner is a corporation or other legal entity, only an individual who is an officer or employee of the entity who has knowledge of the facts alleged in the petition, and who has authority to sign documents on behalf of the entity, may sign the petition.

Fee. The fee for Form I-140G is \$15,000 per person. This fee will not be refunded regardless of the action taken on your petition or how long it takes to issue a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.

Evidence. When you file your petition, you must submit all requested evidence and supporting documents.

Copies. You should submit legible copies of requested documents unless the Instructions specifically instruct you to submit an original document. You may be instructed to provide an original document at any time during this process. If we request an original document from you, we will return it to you after it is no longer needed to adjudicate your petition.

NOTE: If you submit original documents when they are not required or requested, **the documents may be destroyed after we receive them.**

Translations. If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must also include the translator's signature, printed name, the signature date, and the translator's contact information.

Biometric Services Appointment and Fee. You may be required to appear for an interview or provide biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your petition. If a biometric services appointment is necessary, you will receive an appointment notice with the date, time, and location of your appointment. If you are currently overseas, your notice will instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to schedule an appointment. Your biometric services appointment notice may require you to pay a biometric services fee.

At your biometrics appointment, you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

1. You provided or authorized all information in the petition;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your petition; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you do not attend your biometric services appointment, we may deny your petition.

USCIS Contact Center. For assistance with your I-140G petition, please log in to your USCIS Online Account at <https://myaccount.uscis.gov/sign-in> and send a secure message about your issue.

Specific Instructions

Answer all questions fully and accurately. If you need extra space to complete any item within this petition, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information.**

Part 1. Petition Type

The Gold Card program provides eligibility for two separate immigrant visa classifications:

1. First preference alien of extraordinary ability; and
2. Second preference alien of exceptional ability who is seeking a National Interest Waiver (NIW).

You must request one of the two classifications.

NOTE: The wait for an immigrant visa may differ between the first preference alien of extraordinary ability classification and the second preference classification as an alien of exceptional ability who is seeking a National Interest Waiver (NIW). Please refer to the U.S. Department of State's Visa Bulletin to see the availability of immigrant visas for each classification.

Part 2. Information About the Petitioner

For an individual filing Form I-140G on his or her own behalf, the required gift to the United States is \$1 million for each person requesting a Gold Card, including the principal beneficiary, any accompanying spouse, and any children listed on this petition who are also requesting a Gold Card. If a corporation or similar entity is filing Form I-140G on behalf of an individual, the required gift is \$2 million for the principal beneficiary requesting a Gold Card, and \$1 million per person for any accompanying spouse or children listed on this petition who are also requesting a Gold Card.

Select the total number of people who will be requesting a Gold Card based on this petition (the principal beneficiary plus any spouse and children who are also requesting a Gold Card) where indicated.

Item Number 3. Individual Self-Petitioner's Full Legal Name (do not provide a nickname). Provide the petitioner's full legal name. This is the name on his or her birth certificate unless it changed after birth by a marriage, divorce, or court order.

Part 3. Information Principal Beneficiary Who is Requesting a Gold Card

Complete **Part 3.** for the principal beneficiary of this petition.

Item Number 5. Sex. Indicate whether this individual is male or female as provided on his or her birth certificate issued at the time of birth, issued closest to the time of birth, or in secondary evidence provided with this petition, as applicable.

Item Number 9.a. Country of Citizenship or Nationality. Provide the name of the country where this individual is a citizen and/or national. This is not necessarily the country where he or she was born. If he or she does not have citizenship in any country, type or print "stateless" and provide an explanation in **Part 11. Additional Information.**

Item Number 10. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any). The A-Number is an immigration file number provided by U.S. immigration officials. We use your A-Number to identify your immigration records. It is a 7 to 9-digit number that begins with an "A" and can be found on correspondence or cards you have received from DHS, USCIS, or on immigration court records (for example, Form I-797, Receipt Notice; an Employment Authorization Document; a Permanent Resident Card). If you do not have an A-Number, USCIS may assign one to you.

Item Numbers 14.a. - 14.c. Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record. If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued this individual a Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, provide the I-94 admission number and date that his or her authorized period of stay expires or expired (as shown on the Form I-94). The Form I-94 number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.

NOTE: You may visit the CBP website at cbp.gov/i94 to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94 if needed. If you cannot obtain the Form I-94 from the CBP website, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. See Form G-1055, available at uscis.gov/forms, for specific information about the fees applicable to Form I-102.

Item Numbers 18. - 21. Employment History. Provide the current employment information and prior employment information for the prior 20 years of this individual's employment history, as applicable. If currently unemployed or retired, you must provide the last 20 years of his or her employment history. Additionally, you must also provide any positions held with government or military at any time, not just within this 20-year timeframe. Indicate the full legal name of the employer and address of employment, job title, and dates of employment for each position.

Part 6. Statement, Declaration, Certification, and Signature of the Principal Beneficiary.

This section must be completed by the individual named in **Part 3.** Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. You must sign and date your petition. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

Part 8. Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature of the Authorized Signatory of the Corporation or Similar Entity. Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. You must sign and date your petition and provide your full name, title, daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

Part 9. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this petition to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section and sign and date the petition.

Part 10. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, if Other Than the Petitioner. The person who completed your petition, if other than the petitioner, must sign this section. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, then that person should complete both **Part 9.** and **Part 10.**

Supplement - Information About Each Individual Who is Requesting a Gold Card. This section must be filled out to indicate any spouse and children of a principal beneficiary of the primary Form I-140G petition, who are also requesting a Gold Card.

Processing Information

Initial Processing. Once USCIS accepts your petition, we will check it for completeness. If you do not properly complete this petition, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and we may reject or deny your petition.

Requests for More Information. USCIS may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your petition. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If we request an original document from you, we will return it to you after USCIS determines it is no longer needed.

Requests for Interview. We may request that you appear in person for an interview based on your petition. During your interview, USCIS may require you to provide your biometrics to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

Decision. The decision on Form I-140G involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. You will be notified of the decision electronically and in writing.

Address Change

A petitioner who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from his or her previous residence. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS website at uscis.gov/addresschange or call the USCIS Contact Center.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-140G, we will deny your Form I-140G and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 103, 203, 204, 211 and Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 204.5.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this petition is to determine eligibility for an immigrant visa based on an unrestricted gift to the United States. DHS uses the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your petition.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may, where allowable under relevant confidentiality provisions, share the information you provide on this petition and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System, DHS/USCIS-006 Fraud Detection and National Security Records (FDNS), DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check (IBBC) System of Records, and DHS/ALL-004 General Information Technology Access Account Records System of Records] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS-PIA-044 Validation Instrument for Business Enterprises (VIBE), DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System, and DHS/USCIS/PIA-071 myUSCIS Account Experience], which you can find at dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share this information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Paperwork Reduction Act

USCIS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the petition, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the petition. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-0167. **Do not mail your completed Form I-140G to this address.**