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

**i ALERT:** On Aug. 31, 2026, USCIS published a new edition of [Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA](#) (edition date: 08/24/26). USCIS is providing a 30-day grace period during which we will accept the 10/17/24 edition of Form I-864.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2026, we will only accept the 08/24/26 edition of Form I-864. USCIS will not process any 10/17/24 edition of Form I-864 postmarked or electronically submitted on or after Oct. 1, 2026. USCIS does not reject Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, if it is filed with a previous edition of Form I-864. If an edition other than 08/24/26 is submitted on or after Oct. 1, 2026, USCIS will follow 8 CFR 103.2(b)(8) regarding the applicant's failure to submit the required initial evidence.

**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.

**i ALERT:** USCIS [reminds](#) individuals who have executed Form I-864 that they face serious consequences if the alien they are obligated to support receives means-tested public benefits. Form I-864 is a legally binding contract with the U.S. government to financially support the sponsored alien. If a sponsored alien receives means-tested public benefits, the benefit granting agency can request repayment from the sponsor to recoup the cost of any benefits paid. If the sponsor fails to repay the cost of the means-tested public benefits, the benefit granting agency may sue the sponsor, who will be liable for the cost of the benefits, legal fees, and other associated costs. Sponsors should not take on this obligation if they are not prepared to follow through on the financial commitment.

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

# Forms and Document Downloads

- [Form I-864 \(PDF, 530.14 KB\)](#)
- [Instructions for Form I-864 \(PDF, 340.25 KB\)](#)

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