

What are the required forms to obtain a T visa ?

- ◆ Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status.
- ◆ Three passport size photographs.
- ◆ A personal statement explaining how the person was a victim of trafficking (on the Form I-914).
- ◆ Evidence to show that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements.
- ◆ It is recommended that the applicant also complete Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons. This form shows that the applicant cooperated with law enforcement, which helps the chances of someone obtaining a T visa from USCIS.

For more information, please visit:

US Department of Homeland Security
www.uscis.gov

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New Britain: (860) 225-8678
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T Visas for Victims of Human Trafficking

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What is a T visa?

- ◆ A T visa is meant for immigrant victims of crime, who have been trafficked **into** the U.S.
- ◆ A T visa is a temporary visa that was established to help human trafficking victims survive while escaping strife resulting either from their current circumstance or upon return to their home country.
- ◆ T visas were also developed in an effort to increase the number of people who are willing to seek help from human trafficking situations.

Can family members of a T visa holder be protected?

YES!

- ◆ If you are under 21, you may petition on behalf of your spouse, children, parents and unmarried siblings under age 18.
- ◆ If you are above 21, you may petition on behalf of your spouse and children.
- ◆ To petition, you must file Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Immediate Family Member of T-1 Recipient.

What are the eligibility requirements for a T visa?

- ◆ Applicants must prove that they are victims of international human trafficking. This means that they would not be in the U.S. if not for an incident of human trafficking.
- ◆ ***One is trafficked if they meet at least one criteria of each of the following three elements:***
 - 1) **Process by which the person was trafficked:** recruitment, transportation, transferring, harboring, or receiving a person.
 - 2) **Ways and means by which the person was trafficked:** threat, coercion, abduction, fraud, deceit, deception, or abuse of power.
 - 3) **Goals of the trafficker:** prostitution, porn, violence and sexual exploitation, forced labor, or debt bondage.
- ◆ Applicants must comply with any reasonable requests by law enforcement agencies for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of human trafficking.

How is a T visa different than a U visa?

- ◆ One can only apply for a T visa if they have been involved in **international** human trafficking.
- ◆ To obtain a T visa, one does **not** need a “Certification of Helpfulness”, meaning that they do not need to participate as greatly in the investigation surrounding the trafficking.
- ◆ Applicants for T visas must show that they will suffer extreme hardship if denied the visa (while applicants of U visas must show substantial abuse).

“Extreme hardship” may include:

- ◆ Medical needs
- ◆ Victim blaming practices in the home country
- ◆ Other factors particular to the case

