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Step 1: Determine Eligibility: The first step in the family-based immigration process is to determine if you are eligible to apply. Generally, U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents can petition for certain family members to immigrate to the United States.

Step 2: File Form I-130: Once you have determined your eligibility, the next step is to file Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This form establishes the relationship between the petitioner and the intending immigrant and serves as the first step in the immigration process.

Step 3: Wait for Processing: After submitting the Form I-130, you will need to wait for USCIS to process the petition. The processing time can vary depending on the complexity of the case and the volume of petitions being processed.

Step 4: File Form I-485: Once the Form I-130 is approved, the intending immigrant can file Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, if they are already in the United States. If the intending immigrant is outside the United States, they will need to apply for an immigrant visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate.

Step 5: Attend a Visa Interview: If the intending immigrant is applying for an immigrant visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate, they will be required to attend a visa interview. During the interview, a consular officer will ask questions about the relationship between the petitioner and the intending immigrant, as well as other aspects of the immigrant's background.

Step 6: Receive a Green Card: If the immigrant visa application is approved, the intending immigrant will receive a green card, which grants them permanent residence in the United States. If the intending immigrant filed Form I-485, they will receive the green card after their application is approved.

Overall, the family-based immigration process can be complex and time-consuming. It is important to work with an experienced immigration attorney and prepare thoroughly for the visa interview to ensure a smooth and successful application process.

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