COMPLETE GUIDE TO

GETTING B1/B2 VISA

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# INTRODUCTION

This is a comprehensive guide to obtain you US B1/B2 visa and completely baised on my experience while obtaining the same I had to run through a lot of details and talk to different people and had learning few things hard way, so this is my initative to bring in all the details in one short space for my future reference, so please do your due diligence before applying

You are being warned

# Filling DS-160

Filling out the DS-160 form, the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, involves several steps. Here's a general guide:

## Creating application:

* Access the DS-160 form: Go to the Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) website and select the option to start a new application (DS-160). Note down the Application ID, as you can save your progress and return to complete the form.
* <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
* Choose a location: Select the location where you'll be applying for the visa. This might be the embassy or consulate where you'll attend your visa interview.

## Detailed Sections:

Complete the form sections: The DS-160 form is extensive and covers personal information, travel details, employment, family, and security-related questions. Here are some sections you'll typically encounter:

* Personal Information: Enter your name, date of birth, gender, nationality, and other personal details.
* Address and Phone: Provide your current address, email, and phone number.
* Passport Information: Enter your passport details, including the passport number and expiration date.
* Travel Information: Specify your travel itinerary, including the purpose of your trip, intended dates of travel, and places you plan to visit.
* Work/Education/Training: Detail your employment history, education, and any professional training.
* Family Information: Provide information about your immediate family members.
* Security and Background: Answer questions related to security, including past visa denials, criminal history, and other eligibility criteria.
* Upload a photo: Follow the guidelines for the photo you'll upload. It must meet specific size, format, and quality requirements.
* Review and submit: Once you've completed all sections, review your information thoroughly. Make sure all details are accurate and complete. Any false or incomplete information could lead to visa denial. After reviewing, submit the form.

## Print the confirmation:

* After submission, a confirmation page with a barcode will appear. Print this page, as you'll need it for your visa interview.
* Schedule a visa interview: Use the Application ID on the confirmation page to schedule an appointment for a visa interview at the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate.

## Note:

Remember, the DS-160 form is complex, and the exact requirements may vary based on your visa type and country of application. It's crucial to fill it out accurately and truthfully. You might want to gather necessary documents, such as your passport, travel itinerary, and employment details, before starting the application to ensure you have all the required information.

# APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

The specific steps for scheduling an interview using the AIS (Appointment and Information System) site may vary depending on the country and the specific embassy or consulate you're applying to. However, here are the general steps you might follow:

## Create Account:

* Visit the AIS website: Go to the official website designated for scheduling visa interviews. This could be specific to the country where you plan to apply for the visa.
* <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/>
* Create an account or log in: If you're a new user, you might need to create an account by providing your details such as name, email, and creating a password. If you already have an account, log in using your credentials.
* Select visa type: Choose the type of visa you're applying for (e.g., tourist, work, student).
* Enter DS-160 confirmation number: Input the DS-160 confirmation number generated when you completed the DS-160 form. This number is essential to link your visa application to your interview appointment.

## Update Details:

* Provide personal details: Fill in your personal information, passport details, and any other required information as prompted.
* Choose location and date: Select the U.S. embassy or consulate where you'd like to attend your visa interview. Check for available dates and times for interviews. Choose the one that suits your schedule.
* Confirm appointment: Once you've selected a suitable date and time, confirm your appointment. You might receive a confirmation email with the details of your interview.
* Prepare documents: Gather all the necessary documents required for your visa interview. These might include your passport, DS-160 confirmation page, appointment confirmation, photo ID, financial documents, and any supporting paperwork related to your visa application.

## NOTE:

Remember, these steps are a general guideline, and the process might differ based on the specific requirements and procedures of the embassy or consulate you're applying to. Always refer to the official instructions provided on the AIS website for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding scheduling your visa interview.

# DOCUMENTS

Certainly! The specific documents required for a B1/B2 tourist/business visa or a student visa (F1 visa) to the USA may vary slightly depending on individual circumstances and the consulate/embassy you're applying to. However, here's a general list of documents typically needed for both visa types:

## B1/B2 Visa Documents:

* Valid Passport: Must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended period of stay in the United States.
* DS-160 Confirmation Page: The confirmation page with the barcode generated after completing the DS-160 Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application.
* Visa Application Fee Receipt: Proof of payment for the visa application fee.
* Travel Itinerary: Details of your travel plans, including flight bookings, accommodations, and intended duration of stay.
* Proof of Ties to Home Country: Documents demonstrating strong ties to your home country, such as property ownership, employment, family ties, or assets, to show your intent to return after your visit.
* Financial Documents: Bank statements, proof of employment, or any other evidence to demonstrate your financial ability to cover the trip's expenses.
* Invitation Letter (if applicable): If you're visiting relatives or have an invitation from a sponsor, provide a letter explaining the purpose of your visit.

## F1 Student Visa Documents:

* Form I-20: Issued by the U.S. school or university where you've been accepted. It's a Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status.
* DS-160 Confirmation Page: Similar to the B1/B2 visa, the confirmation page with the barcode generated after completing the DS-160 form.
* Visa Application Fee Receipt: Proof of payment for the visa application fee.
* SEVIS Fee Receipt: Payment confirmation for the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee.
* Valid Passport: Must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended period of stay in the United States.
* Photograph: A recent, passport-sized photograph meeting specific requirements.
* Financial Evidence: Proof of financial ability to cover tuition, living expenses, and other costs during your studies.
* Academic Documents: Transcripts, diplomas, standardized test scores, and any other academic certificates.
* Intent to Return: Documentation demonstrating strong ties to your home country and your intent to return upon completing your studies.

Remember, these lists provide a general overview. Always check the specific requirements and guidelines of the U.S. embassy or consulate where you're applying for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

# Interview Day

## Sample Questions and Answers

* What is the purpose of your visit to the United States?

Answer: "I plan to visit for tourism/business purposes, to [briefly explain your itinerary]."

* How long do you intend to stay in the United States?

Answer: "I plan to stay for [number of days], within the allowed duration on my visa."

* What is your occupation and employer?

Answer: "I work as [your occupation] at [employer/company]."

* Can you provide details about your travel itinerary?

Answer: "I intend to visit [specific places or attractions], and my travel dates are from [start date] to [end date]."

* Do you have family or relatives in the United States?

Answer: "Yes, I have [family/friends/relatives] in the United States. I plan to visit them during my trip."

* What ties do you have to your home country?

Answer: "I have strong ties to my home country. I own property [or mention other ties such as family, employment, etc.]."

* Do you have any previous travel history to other countries?

Answer: "Yes, I have traveled to [list countries], and I have always complied with the immigration laws and returned on time."

* What is your monthly income/salary?

Answer: "My monthly income is [amount] from my employment at [employer/company]."

* How do you plan to finance your trip to the United States?

Answer: "I have sufficient savings and will cover my expenses using personal funds. I also have [other financial sources, if applicable]."

* What will you do if your visa application is denied?

Answer: "While I hope for a positive outcome, if my application is denied, I will respect the decision. However, I believe my purpose of visit and ties to my home country warrant approval."

* Are you currently employed?

Answer: "Yes, I am currently employed at [employer/company], and I have been working there for [duration]."

* Can you provide more details about your travel history or previous visits to the United States?

Answer: "I have visited the United States previously for [mention previous visits, if any]. Each time, I complied with the visa regulations and returned within the permitted duration."

## Note:

Remember, these are sample questions and answers. Be honest, concise, and confident in your responses. It's essential to provide clear and truthful information during the visa interview process.