

Daily Life - Applying for a Visa (C0043)

A: So, you're applying for a B2 visa, where is your final destination and what's the purpose of your trip to the United States?

B: I'm going to visit my brother; he's just had a baby. He lives in Minneapolis.

A: And how long do you you plan to remain in the United States?

B: I'll be here for approximately three weeks. See, here's my return ticket for the twenty-sixth of March.

A: And, who is sponsoring your trip?

B: My brother, here, this is an invitation letter from him. I will stay with him and his family in their home.

A: Alright, tell me about the ties you have to your home country.

B: Well, I own a house; actually, I'm leaving my dog there with my neighbors. I have a car at home, and oh, my job! I'm employed by Tornel as an engineer. Actually, I only have three weeks' vacation, so I have to go back to work at the end of March.

A: And what evidence do you have that you are financially independent?

B: Well, I do have assets in my country; like I said, I own a house, and see, here's a bank statement showing my investments, and my bank balance.

A: I'm sorry, sir, we cannot grant you a B2 visa at this time, instead, you are granted a resident visa! Congratulations, you are the millionth person to apply for a visa! You win! Congratulations!

Key Vocabulary

remain	<i>principle verb, infinitive</i>	stay
approximately	<i>Adjective</i>	an amount that is almost, but not exact
sponsor	<i>principle verb, present progressive</i>	someone who takes the responsibility for a person applying for a visa
invitation letter	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a formal letter asking a person to come to a place
tie	<i>common noun, plural</i>	responsibility that links a person to a place or a thing
evidence	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	something that shows the thing is true
financially independent	<i>phrase</i>	have enough money to live alone; do not need help with money

assets	<i>common noun, plu- ral</i>	things that are worth money that you own
grant	<i>principle verb, present simple</i>	let you have something

Supplementary Vocabulary

visa officer	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a person who's job is to interview people for visas
resident per- mit	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	an official document that allows you to live in a country
embassy	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the group of people who represent your country in another country, lo- cated in the capital city
application form	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a piece of paper you have to put information on to make a formal re- quest

consulate

common
noun, sin-
gular

government building
representing your country in another country;
not located in a capital city