

APPLYING FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES

Before you can apply for asylum in the U.S., you must bring your documents to El Chaparral and ask for a number. Your number will be printed on a small slip of paper, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you write your number down in several places, including on your cell phone, so that you will not lose it. In the morning at El Chaparral they will call out the next numbers in the list that can enter the U.S. and apply for asylum. You need to be at El Chaparral when your number is called, but you do NOT need to go to El Chaparral every morning. You can check the last number called each day online, and come to El Chaparral when your number is close to being called. There is only a one day grace period if you are not present when your number is called, so it is advised that you go to El Chaparral if your number is within 20 of the last number called. You can see the last number called by going to this website: <http://elnumerodelalista.com/>.

It is recommended that migrants seek legal counsel at these times:

- Before applying for asylum to prepare for the process.
- If you have already applied for asylum, and are waiting in Tijuana for your court date

INFORMATION FOR UNACCOMPANIED MINORS!

Unaccompanied Minors, (UAC's) i.e. people under the age of 18 who are travelling without a parent or official guardian, have access to specific forms of relief under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). Under the TVPRA minors have special protections where they do not need to get a list number to present for asylum. While there is no official process for this, organizations and individuals along the border are actively protecting this right and practices are based on the specific conditions of each Port of entry. When in detention, minors have access to legal support, where adults do not. Minors present their asylum claims to the asylum office, opposed to having their proceedings in immigration court like adults. The latter is far more adversarial where the government lawyer argues against the merits of your claim, where in the asylum office the minor just needs to present the merits of their case, often with the support of an attorney.

Legal counsel is available with Al Otro Lado at Enclave Caracol (page 2).

APPLYING FOR ASYLUM IN MEXICO

NOTE: If you receive asylum status in Mexico, it may negatively affect your U.S. asylum case.

To apply for asylum, you must submit your request in writing (or verbally if you cannot present it in writing), and provide your ID and reasons to support your request. You can apply for refugee status at the Mexican Commission for Refugee Aid (COMAR) (Mexico City), Acatlán (Veracruz), Tenosique (Tabasco), Tapachula (Chiapas), or the **Immigration Regulatory Offices of the National Institute of Migration**. The request must be submitted within 30 business days from when entering the country. If you have been in Mexico for more than 30 days, you must explain why you were unable to apply before. If you do not speak Spanish, a translator or interpreter will be provided. The request will be reviewed and resolved within 45 business days from submission.

Upon receiving asylum status, you should receive the following rights:

- Health services
- Education and recognition of your studies
- The right to work
- Identity and travel documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the ability to request family reunification
- Immigration document proving status as a permanent resident

**Instituto Nacional de Migración Oficina en Tijuana
Puerta México, International Border
Col. Federal C.P. 22310
Tijuana, B.C.
01(664) 683 61 01 or 01(664) 682 49 47
Email: bcdrc@inami.gob.mx**

**Avenida Revolución No. 1129, Interior 215
Entre calle 5a y 6a Zona Centro, C.P. 22000
(664) 821-8008
www.asylumaccess.org**

If you need help or have questions, contact **Asylum Access**.

SHelters

*Some shelters may charge a small fee; call to inquire

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
7 Espacio Migrante	Av. Miguel Negrete 8350 Zona Urbana Rio	664 607 3458   
8 Movimiento Juventud 2000 Secc. Tijuana AC	Avenida Constitución 205 Zona Norte	664 210 0302 
9 Desayunador Salesiano Padre Chava	Avenida Melchor Ocampo 700 Zona Centro	664 688 2790 
10 Albergue Temporal Casa Arcoíris A.C.	*Referral Needed	664 290 9007  
11 Templo Embajadores De Jesús	Calle Cañón del Alacrán 4094 Divina Providencia	664 172 3591 664 229 0861 
12 Pro Amore Dei	Canon K 5981 Patrimonial Benito Juárez	664 232 3116 
13 Casa del Deportado Sagrado Corazón	Calle Ing. Fernando Sánchez Ayala Zona Nte.	664 114 8046 
14 Programa YMCA	Bvd. Cuauhtemoc Sur 3170 Madero Sur	664 686 1359 
15 Ejercito De Salvación	Av. Aquiles Serdan 11585 Colonia Libertad, Parte Baja	664 683 2694 
16 Ejercito De Salvación Casa Puerta de Esperanza	Calle 17 N°550 Buena Vista, Libertad	664 378 1748  
17 Casa del Migrante	Calle Galileo 239 Postal, Lopez Leyva	664 682 5180 
18 Instituto Madre Asunta	Calle Galileo 2305 Buena Vista, Lopez Leyva	664 683 0575  
19 Volviendo a la Patria A.C. Centro para Migrantes	Calle 20 974, Libertad	664 245 5535 
20 Casa De Oracion Del Migrante A.C.	Primera Sur 735 Buena Vista, Anexa del Rio	664 151 6508 
21 Leakad A.C.	Simon Bolívar 12512 Aeropuerto, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico	664 198 6636  
22 Misión Evangélica Roca de Salvación	Calle Huajicori 20704 Azteca Cañón 1 de La Raza	664 170 0321   
23 Fundación Centro para Migrantes A.C.	Brisa 15, Bugambilias Mariano Matamoros	664 162 5581    
24 Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Camino de Salvación	Calle 9, El Pipila	664 203 6082 
25 Iglesia Casa de Dios	Calle Nardo 9801, Florido III	1 619 327 3684 
26 Centro de Rehabilitación Jardín de las Mariposas	*Referral Needed	664 524 9217 
27 La Roca	Gonzalez Ortega 271 Zona Nte	664 688 0190    

