

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

Applicant: Esther Par Tha Sin Mawi

Submission Date: 2024-03-29T04:00:41UTC

Do you also want to apply for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture?: Yes
Part A.I. Information About You
1. Alien Registration Number(s) (A-Number) (if any): 2. U.S. Social Security Number (if any): 3. USCIS Online Account Number (if any):
4. Complete Last Name: Mawi 5. First Name: Esther 6. Middle Name: Par Tha Sin
7. What other names have you used (include maiden name and aliases)?
8. Residence in the U.S. (where you physically reside) Street Number and Name: 12110 SE 312TH ST APT F201 Apt. Number: City: AUBURN State: WA ZIP Code: 98092-3353 Telephone Number: 425-757-1624
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8) In Care of (if applicable): Telephone Number: 425-757-1624 Street Number and Name: 12110 SE 312TH ST APT F201 Apt. Number: City: AUBURN State: WA ZIP Code: 98092-3353
10. Gender (Male, Female): Female 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 02/25/1999 13. City and Country of Birth: City: Kalaymyo Country: MMR 14. Present Nationality (Citizenship): MMR 15. Nationality at Birth: MMR 16. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burmese, Chin 17. Religion: Christian
18.a. I have never been in Immigration Court proceedings.: Yes 18.b. I am now in Immigration Court proceedings: 18.c. I am not now in Immigration Court proceedings, but I have been in the past:

19.a. When did you last leave your country? (mm/dd/yyyy): 03/28/2023

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 289923848A3

19.c. List each entry into the U.S. beginning with your most recent entry. List date (mm/dd/yyyy), place, and your status for each entry. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

Most Recent Entry Record:

Date of Entry: 03/29/2023

Place of Entry: SET

Other Place of Entry:

Status: F1

Date Status Expires: 02/02/2024

Previous Entry Record(s):

20. What country issued your last passport or travel document?: MMR

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MF569999

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/23/2026

23. What is your native language (include dialect, if applicable)?: BUR

24. Are you fluent in English?: Yes

25. What other languages do you speak fluently?

BUR

Part A.II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

Your spouse

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any):

2. Passport/ID Card Number (if any):

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):

5. Complete Last Name:

6. First Name:

7. Middle Name:

8. Other names used (include maiden name and aliases)

9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy):

10. Place of Marriage:

11. City and Country of Birth:

City:

Country:

12. Nationality (Citizenship):

13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group:

14. Gender (Male, Female):

15. Is this person in the U.S.? "Yes" (Complete Blocks 16 to 24). "No" (Specify location) :

Spouse Location:

16. Place of last entry into the U.S.:

Other Place of Last Entry:

17. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy):

18. I-94 Number (if any):

19. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any):

20. What is your spouse's current status?:
21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy):
22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings?:
23. If previously in the U.S., date of previous arrival (mm/dd/yyyy):
24. If in the U.S., is your spouse to be included in this application?:

Your Children. List all of your children, regardless of age, location, or marital status.

I have children: No

Total number of children:

Part A.III. Information About Your Background

1. List your last address where you lived before coming to the United States. If this is not the country where you fear persecution, also list the last address in the country where you fear persecution. (List Address, City/Town, Department, Province, or State and Country.)

Number and Street, Line 1 (Provide if Available): No. 39, Thukha 52 St, Hlaing Township

Number and Street, Line 2 (Provide if Available):

City/Town: Yangon

Department, Province, or State: Yangon

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11051

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 02

Dates: From (Year): 2017

Dates: To (Month): 03

Dates: To (Year): 2023

2. Provide the following information about your residences during the past 5 years. List your present address first.

Number and Street, Line 1: 12110 SE 312th St Apt F201

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Auburn

Department or Province:

State: WA

Postal Code:

ZIP Code: 98092

Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 03

Dates:From(Year): 2023

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2024

Number and Street, Line 1: No. 39, Thukha 52 St, Hlaing Township

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province: Yangon

State:

Postal Code: 11051

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 02
Dates:From(Year): 2017
Dates:To(Month): 03
Dates:To(Year): 2023

3. Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent school that you attended.

Name of School: BEHS 1 Kalaymyo
Type of School: High School
Location (Address):
Street Name and Number: Bogyoke Road, Kalay
Apt. No.:
City: Kalaymyo
State:
ZIP Code:
Province: Sagaing
Postal Code: 02091
Country: MMR
Dates:From(Month): 06
Dates:From(Year): 2013
Dates:To(Month): 04
Dates:To(Year): 2015

Name of School: BEMS 9 Kalaymyo
Type of School: Middle School
Location (Address):
Street Name and Number: Tahan
Apt. No.:
City: Kalaymyo
State:
ZIP Code:
Province: Sagaing
Postal Code: 02092
Country: MMR
Dates:From(Month): 06
Dates:From(Year): 2005
Dates:To(Month): 04
Dates:To(Year): 2013

4. Provide the following information about your employment during the past 5 years. List your present employment first.

Name and Address of Employer: Suitstar Garment Co., Ltd.
Street Name and Number: Rm 5/c, 5th Fl, Pyay Yeik Thar Condo
Apt. No.: Pyay Yeik Thar St, Kamayut Township
City: Yangon
State:
ZIP Code:
Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 11041
Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Accountant

Dates:From(Month): 03

Dates:From(Year): 2020

Dates:To(Month): 05

Dates:To(Year): 2023

5. Provide the following information about your parents and siblings (brothers and sisters). Check the box if the person is deceased.

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Father

First Name: Hnair

Last Name: Sawn

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Falam, Chin State

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Kalaymyo

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother

First Name: Hlawn

Last Name: Tlem

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Falem, Chin State

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Kalaymyo

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Ngun Cer

Last Name: Sin

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Falam, Chin State

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: United States

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Tha Sui

Last Name: Sin

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Falam, Chin State

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: Kalaymyo

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Daniel Lal Lian

Last Name: Thang

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Falam, Chin State

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location: United States

Deceased:

Part B. Information About Your Application

When answering the following questions about your asylum or other protection claim (withholding of removal under 241(b)(3) of the INA or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture), you must provide a detailed and specific account of the basis of your claim to asylum or other protection. To the best of your ability, provide specific dates, places, and descriptions about each event or action described. You must attach documents evidencing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum or other protection and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim. If this documentation is unavailable or you are not providing this documentation with your application, explain why in your responses to the following questions.

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1. Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on:

Race: Yes

Religion: Yes

Nationality: Yes

Political Opinion: Yes

Membership in a particular social group: Yes

Torture Convention: Yes

A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?: Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail: **1. What happened; 2. When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred; 3. Who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and 4. Why you believe the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred.:** I, Esther ParThaSin Mawi, have been arrested, detained and tortured on August 10, 2022 by the police department under the authority of the Burmese military regime due to my providing aid to internally displaced persons. On August 10, 2022, my apartment in Yangon was forcibly entered by a combined force of police and military personnel without any legal warrant. They accused me of engaging in anti-state activities due to my humanitarian efforts, subjected me to physical abuse including slapping and beating with batons, and detained me without formal charges. Following this, I was interrogated and further abused in Insein prison, experiencing both physical and psychological trauma. This mistreatment occurred because of my involvement in aiding internally displaced persons from Chin State, reflecting the military government's crackdown on those opposing its rule and supporting democracy or ethnic minority rights in Myanmar.

B. Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?: Yes

If "Yes," explain in detail: **1. What harm or mistreatment you fear; 2. Who you believe would harm or mistreat you; and 3. Why you believe you would or could be harmed or mistreated.:** Yes, I fear significant harm or mistreatment if I return to Myanmar. I am afraid of being arrested, detained, tortured, and possibly executed by the police and military forces controlled by the current military government. This fear stems from my previous involvement in pro-democracy activities and my support for the rights of the Chin ethnic minority, as well as my Christian faith. Given my past experiences of direct violence and threats for my humanitarian efforts and political stance, I have strong reasons to believe that these authorities would target me again for my opposition to the military regime and for my activities while outside the country, which have been in support of democracy and human rights.

2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: Yes

If "Yes," explain the circumstances and reasons for the action: Yes, I have been directly involved in an incident where I was accused, arrested, detained, and interrogated by the authorities in Myanmar. On the evening of August 10, 2022, without any legal warrant, my apartment in Yangon was forcibly entered by a combined force of police and military personnel. They accused me of engaging in anti-state activities due to my humanitarian efforts to aid internally displaced persons from Chin State, following the 2021 military coup. I was then physically abused, detained without formal charges, and transported to Insein prison for interrogation. During my detention, I endured physical abuse and was coerced into signing a self-incriminating statement under

duress. This incident directly resulted from my political activities and opposition to the military regime. My family members, to the best of my knowledge, have not been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country for any reason, including immigration law violations.

3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?: No

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.:

3.B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?:

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.:

4. Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?: Yes

If "Yes," explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted.: Yes, I am terrified of being subjected to torture if I return to Myanmar or if I am sent to any country where the Myanmar military government has influence. My fear of torture is based on personal experience and the well-documented practices of the military and police in Myanmar against those who oppose their rule. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical beatings, psychological abuse, and possibly worse forms of violence, such as electric shocks or waterboarding, which are methods known to be used by the military to extract information and intimidate. I would likely be targeted by the police department subordinate to the military-controlled government due to my involvement in pro-democracy activities, my ethnicity as a Chin, and my Christian faith. These factors have historically made individuals like myself targets for such extreme mistreatment, as the military regime seeks to suppress any form of dissent or opposition to their authoritarian rule.

Part C. Additional Information About Your Application

1. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal?: No

If "Yes," explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you were previously denied asylum by USCIS, an immigration judge, or the Board of Immigration Appeals, describe any change(s) in conditions in your country or your own personal circumstances since the date of the denial that may affect your eligibility for asylum.:

2.A. After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

2.B. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

3. Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.:

4. After you left the country where you were harmed or fear harm, did you return to that country?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trip(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of time you remained in that country for the visit(s).):

5. Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States?: No

If "Yes," explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. "Completing the Form," Part C.:

6. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: No

If "Yes," for each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. If you have been arrested in the United States, you must submit a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents.:

Part D. Your Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

WARNING: Applicants who are in the United States unlawfully are subject to removal if their asylum or withholding claims are not granted by an asylum officer or an immigration judge. Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis for the institution of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings even if the application is later withdrawn. Applicants determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act. You may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised you to provide false information in your asylum application. If filing with USCIS, unexcused failure to appear for an appointment to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and your biographical information within the time allowed may result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Failure without good cause to provide DHS with biometrics or other biographical information while in removal proceedings may result in your application being found abandoned by the immigration judge. See sections 208(d)(5) (A) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d) and 1208.20.

Print your complete name: Esther ParThaSin Mawi

Write your name in your native alphabet:

Did your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assist you in completing this application?: No

If "Yes," list the name and relationship.

Did someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) prepare this application? (If "Yes," complete Part E.): Yes

Asylum applicants may be represented by counsel. Have you been provided with a list of persons who may be available to assist you, at little or no cost, with your asylum claim?: Yes

Signature Email Address: estherparthasinmawi.usird@outlook.com

Signature Date: 03/29/2024

Electronic Filing Record

Part E. Declaration of Person Preparing Form, if Other Than Applicant, Spouse, Parent, or Child

I declare that I have prepared this application at the request of the person named in Part D, that the responses provided are based on all information of which I have knowledge, or which was provided to me by the applicant, and that the completed application was read to the applicant in his or her native language or a language he or she understands for verification before he or she signed the application in my presence. I am aware that the knowing placement of false information on the Form I-589 may also subject me to civil penalties under 8 U.S.C. 1324c and/or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1546(a).

Signature Of Preparer: Date:
Complete Name of Preparer: First Name: Ye Yint Myint Last Name: Mo Daytime Telephone Number: 646-698-2775
Address of Preparer Street Number and Name: 6034 Booth Street, Elmhurst, Queens, NY Apt. Number: City: New York State: NY ZIP Code: 11377 Province: Postal Code: Country:
Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable): Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any):
Evidence
Original File Name: Cover Letter_ Esther PaThaSin Mawi-2.pdf Category: Cover Letter
Original File Name: Statement - Esther Par Tha Sin Mawi.pdf Category: Written Statements
Original File Name: 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: BURMA Act 2021 Congress Paper.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: February 28 2021 Protest News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Section 505 A News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: I94 - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: I-94
Original File Name: Matriculation - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: NRC - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf

Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: Passport - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: Passport
Original File Name: Visa - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: Visa
Original File Name: Birth Certificate - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family Household - Esther ParThaSin Mawi.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: BURMA Act 2021 Congress Paper.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: February 28 2021 Protest News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Section 505 A News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: Preparer Signed Document.pdf Category: Preparer Signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum