

# DV-2026 VISA LOTTERY ENTRY GUIDE



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## Official Entry Period

Your entry for the visa lottery must be properly submitted online between:

**Noon (EDT) on Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
and Noon (EST) on Tuesday, November 5,  
2024**

### The following information is required on the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form:

- \* Your full name exactly as it appears on your passport;
- \* Your gender and date of birth;
- \* Your city and country of birth;
- \* Your native country
- \* Country of eligibility (*write this info only if different from country of birth*);
- \* Your current mailing address. This may be in the United States or abroad. If you are currently out-of-status, or expect to be, please call (718) 478-5502 or (718) 324-3039 before completing your application;
- \* Country where you reside today;
- \* Phone number (optional) and E-mail address;
- \* Highest level of education achieved;
- \* Current marital status;
- \* Number of children, including adopted and step-children, who are unmarried and under 21 years old;
- \* Information about current spouse, including full name, date of birth, place of birth;
- \* Information about children, including name, date of birth and place of birth

**\* You must provide a recent digital photograph taken within the last six months of yourself, spouse, and all unmarried children under 21 who are not US citizens or permanent residents. A separate passport style photograph must be submitted for each person. The person must face directly at the camera with nothing covering their face in front of a white background. No eye glasses should be worn. The head must cover about 50% of the photograph.**

The image must be in JPEG format, in color only. The maximum file size must be less than 240 kilobytes (240 KB) with a 24-bit color image depth. A new digital image taken with a digital camera must have a resolution of 600 pixels high by 600 pixels wide. A scanned photograph must be 2 inches by 2 inches square with a resolution of 600 x 600 pixels.

## Official Online Entry Address

Applications must be filed online at [dvprogram.state.gov](http://dvprogram.state.gov)

Entrants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week to file. Heavy demand may result in website delays.

### Things to Remember....

- \* No fee is required to apply;
- \* Only one application is allowed per person. More than one application will lead to automatic disqualification.
- \* Each spouse can submit their own application.
- \* You may submit it from within the United States.
- \* The application may only be filed online.
- \* Applicants must be a native of one of the eligible countries. Ineligible countries are listed below. Applicant's native country refers to the country where you were born. You may, however, claim the country of birth of your spouse or the country of birth of either parent if you were born in a country of which neither of your parents was a native or a resident at the time of your birth. A dependent child (under 21) may also claim the country of birth of either parent. Please call EIIC (718) 478-5502 or (718) 324-3039 if you have any further queries.
- \* Applicants must have a minimum of a high school education or the equivalent or two years work experience within the past five years in a job requiring at least two years training to perform; The U.S. Department of Labor's O\*Net Online database will be used to determine qualifying work experience.
- \* Starting May 3, 2025, all applicants for the DV-2026 lottery must check the status of their entry online to verify if they have been selected using their confirmation number. Lottery winners will not be notified by mail or e-mail.

**Persons born in the countries listed below are ineligible unless they can claim chargeability as a native of another qualifying country as described above: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (including Hong Kong SAR), Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Venezuela and Vietnam.**

**Persons born in Macau SAR and Taiwan are eligible.**

# DV-2026 Lottery Visa Entry Information

(information to be submitted online at [dvprogram.state.gov](http://dvprogram.state.gov))

**Entrant's Full Name:** .....  
last name first middle

**Entrant's Date of Birth:** ...../...../.....  
day month year

**Entrant's Place of Birth:** .....  
city/town county/province country

**Spouse's Name:**  
(if applicable) .....  
last name first middle

**Spouse's Date of Birth:** ...../...../.....  
day month year

**Spouse's Place of Birth:** .....  
city/town county/province country

**Children:** .....  
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name date of birth place of birth

**Entrant's Mailing Address:**  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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**Entrant's e-mail address:** .....

**Entrant's Native Country:**  
If different from country of birth .....

## **IF YOU HAVE OVERSTAYED YOUR VISA AND ARE OUT OF STATUS PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LOTTERY APPLICATION**

Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, the US Department of Homeland Security has been collecting passenger information from airline carriers on all arriving and departing visitors. The airlines are scanning passports upon departure and sharing this information with the authorities.

Arrival and departure records are now being matched to identify individuals who have overstayed their visas. Individual overstay data will be available to immigration authorities at all U.S. ports-of-entry, USCIS offices and U.S. Consular posts.

Winners of any DV lottery who are undocumented may not be eligible to collect a green card. Those who have overstayed are generally not eligible to be interviewed in the U.S. and must be processed at an American Embassy in their native country. As these embassies will have access to overstay information, it is probable that you will be disqualified from the DV Lottery.

Additionally, anyone who departs the U.S. after overstaying by more than 6 months will face a 3 year bar to re-entry. Anyone who overstays by more than 1 year and leaves the U.S. will face a 10 year bar to re-entry.

If you have overstayed and you are called for the DV Lottery please consult us or an attorney before applying. For more information and assistance call the Emerald Isle Immigration Center at (718) 478-5502 or (718) 324-3039.

Every caller and visitor to our Centers will be treated with complete confidentiality.