

2026 DIVERSITY VISA (DV) PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow the steps below to complete your Diversity Visa Program entry. Read the full instructions carefully prior to starting your application at dvprogram.state.gov.

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READ THE DV-2026 INSTRUCTIONS

DV-2026 Instructions can be found at travel.state.gov.



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FILL OUT & SUBMIT ENTRY

Enter between 12PM (EDT) on October 2, 2024 and 12 PM (EST) on November 5, 2024. Applications can be submitted online at dvprogram.state.gov. If your name is entered more than once per season, you will be disqualified.



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KEEP YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER

Make sure you keep the confirmation number at the end of your entry and don't share it with anyone.



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ENTRANT STATUS CHECK

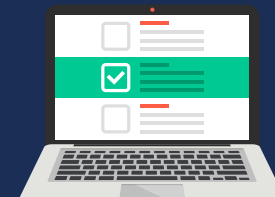
Starting May 3, 2025, use your confirmation number to determine whether you have been selected via Entrant Status Check, available at dvprogram.state.gov/ESC.



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COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

If selected, follow the instructions at dvselectee.state.gov to submit the DS-260 immigrant visa application form for you and your accompanying family members. No supporting documents are required at this stage.



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INTERVIEW PROCESS

Selected individuals who follow the instructions and submit a DS-260 will receive notifications to check the Entrant Status Check if an appointment is scheduled. All required documents will be collected at the interview.



TIPS:

Avoid Fraud & Scams: Some websites and emails try to mislead customers into thinking they are official U.S. government websites.

Do your own application: The online entry application is simple and free of charge.

Follow the rules: Read the application instructions carefully to avoid disqualification at dvprogram.state.gov.