

# **U Visas**

## *Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime*

### **What is a U Visa?**

A U Visa is a special visa for immigrants who have been victims of crimes. An immigrant is eligible for a U Visa if he or she helps the law enforcement or prosecutors in the investigation and the prosecution of a crime.

### **How can I qualify for a U Visa?**

You can qualify for a U Visa if:

- 1.) You have information about a criminal activity
- 2.) The criminal activity occurred in the United States
- 3.) You have helped, are helping, or will be helping the police in the investigation of a crime
- 4.) You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of the crime

### **What Criminal Activities Qualify Me for U Visa?**

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|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rape  | Torture                | Trafficking              |
| Incest  | Abusive Sexual Contact | <u>Domestic Violence</u> |
| <u>Sexual Assault</u>                             | Prostitution           | Black mail               |
| Obstruction of Justice                            | Perjury                | Extortion                |
| Manslaughter                                      | Murder                 | Involuntary Servitude    |
| Conspiracy or Solicitation of any of these crimes |                        |                          |

### **What are the benefits of the U Visa?**

If you qualify for a U Visa, you will receive special immigration status for 3 years that will allow you to live and work lawfully within the United States. Depending on the situation, Immigration may provide U Visas to your spouse and/ or your children. In the case of a child under 16 who was a victim, his or her parents would be eligible for U Visa status too. After 3 years, U Visa holders can petition for permanent residency.

### **How can I obtain a U Visa?**

If you are in need of a U Visa and believe you qualify for a U Visa, please contact Farmworker Legal Services, 1-800-968-4046 or any other Immigration attorney for more information.