

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 or the prosecutor in the investigation of a crime
4. You have suffered substantial physical or mental harm as a result of the crime

What Criminal Activities Qualify Me for U Visa?

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
Attempt, 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 an immigration attorney or an immigration service organization.