

K-1 Pre-Interview Conversation Guide

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Please use this guide to prepare for your K-1 visa interview. This is only a guide. Every interview is unique because every couple's relationship is unique. Let this be the start of the conversation and a tool to help you feel more confident going into your interview. As always, please let us know if you have any questions about this guide, your interview, or any other aspect of your case.

Personal Information:

- Can you please state your full name and date of birth?
- What is your nationality and current residence?
- What do you do for work?
- Have you ever lived anywhere else?
- Do you have any family members currently living in the United States?

Relationship History:

- How did you and your fiancé(e) meet?
- If you were introduced to each other, who introduced you?
- If you met online, how did that happen? (be as specific as possible)
- (If different) When did you first meet in person?
- How much time have you spent together in person?
- What have been the primary barriers to spending more time together?
- Have you met your fiancé(e)'s family and friends? If yes, can you describe those interactions?
- When did you last see each other in person?
- What did you do during your most recent visit together?

Engagement and Wedding Plans:

- When did you become engaged to your fiancé(e)?
- Did one of you propose?
- What was the proposal like?

- Do you have specific plans for your wedding ceremony? Where and when will it take place?
- Have you looked into obtaining a marriage license? If so, in what county or state?
- Who will attend the wedding?

Communication and Knowledge about Each Other:

- How do you and your fiancé(e) communicate when you are not physically together?
- What apps or platforms do you use to communicate? How often do you talk?
- Can you tell me about your fiancé(e)'s family and background?
- What are your fiancé(e)'s likes, dislikes, hobbies, and interests?
- What does your fiancé(e) do for work?
- What is your fiancé(e)'s daily routine like?
- Have you discussed religious practices, cultural traditions, or holiday celebrations?

Future Plans:

- What are your plans for living in the United States with your fiancé(e)?
- Where will you live?
- Does anyone else live there?
- Do you have a plan for employment or education once you arrive in the US?
- How do you envision your life together with your fiancé(e)? Have you discussed having children, getting pets, or other aspects of building a life together?

Financial Support:

- How do you and your fiancé(e) plan to financially support yourselves?
- Do you have a clear understanding of your fiancé(e)'s financial situation and vice versa?
- Has your fiancé(e) completed the Affidavit of Support (Form I-134)?

Criminal History and Health:

- Have either of you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime?
- Do you have any health conditions that could affect your ability to travel or reside in the United States?
- Have you completed your medical examination with an approved panel physician?

Documentation:

- Do you have all the required documents for the visa application (see the checklist provided by the embassy)?
- Do you have clear documentation from the following phases of your relationship:
 - First meeting;
 - Beginning of dating;
 - Things getting serious;
 - Proposal / Engagement;
 - Discussions of marriage / plans
- Do you have letters of support, photos, cards, or other evidence to help convince the officer that your relationship is bona fide?
- Have you brought any new evidence of your relationship that was not included in the original I-129F petition (recent photos, new messages, updated travel records)?

Potential Red Flags

Many successful cases have one or more of these issues. That is not a problem. That said, you should be ready to answer questions about these points and discuss them beforehand.

- Are there any cultural or lifestyle differences between you and your fiancé(e)?
- Do you and your fiancé(e) have the same religion?
- Is there an age difference (>5 years)?
- Have either of you been married before?
- Do either of you have children from a prior relationship?
- Do you speak the same language?
- How do you plan to handle these differences once you are living together?
- Have you only met once in person?
- Has the U.S. citizen petitioned for someone else, or has the fiancé(e) abroad been the beneficiary of other visa petitions?

What to Expect at the Embassy

You will attend the interview alone. The petitioner (U.S. citizen) does not attend the consular interview. Arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled time. You will go through security screening, submit your documents at a window, and then wait to be called for the interview. Most interviews last 10 to 20 minutes.

The consular officer will place you under oath and ask questions about your relationship and your plans. The conversation is typically brief and conversational. Answer honestly and directly. If you do not understand a

question, it is fine to ask the officer to repeat or rephrase it.

If the visa is approved, the officer will explain how to pick up your passport with the visa stamp (usually within a few business days). If the officer needs additional documents, they will give you a written list. If the case requires further review (administrative processing), you will be told to wait for further communication from the embassy. Do not book travel until you have the visa in hand.

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