

K-1 Visa Document Checklist

Documents to gather before filing Form I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)

Use this checklist to organize the documents needed for your K-1 fiancé visa petition. Not every item will apply to every case. Your attorney can help you determine which documents are required for your specific situation.

Petitioner (U.S. Citizen) Documents

- Proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, naturalization certificate, U.S. passport, or certificate of citizenship)
- Valid government-issued photo ID
- Passport biographical page (copy)
- Evidence of legal name change, if applicable (marriage certificate, court order)
- Proof that all prior marriages were legally terminated (divorce decree, annulment order, or death certificate for each prior spouse)
- Form I-129F, completed and signed
- Two passport-style photographs (2" x 2", taken within the last 6 months)
- Filing fee payment (check or money order payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security)

Beneficiary (Fiancé/Fiancée) Documents

- Valid passport biographical page (copy)
- Birth certificate with English translation (if not in English)
- Two passport-style photographs (2" x 2", taken within the last 6 months)
- Proof that all prior marriages were legally terminated (divorce decree, annulment order, or death certificate)
- Police clearance certificates (see requirements by country of residence and nationality)
- Court records and dispositions for any court cases, if applicable

Evidence of Genuine Relationship

- Photographs together spanning the course of the relationship (label with dates and locations)

- Evidence of in-person meeting within the past two years (boarding passes, passport stamps, hotel receipts, travel itineraries)
- Correspondence records (screenshots of messages, call logs, email printouts)
- Letters of support from family and friends who know the couple (see sample template)
- Evidence of engagement (engagement photos, ring receipt, announcement)
- Evidence of wedding planning, if applicable (venue deposit, invitations, dress receipt)
- Social media evidence showing the relationship (posts, tagged photos, check-ins)
- Affidavits from third parties attesting to the relationship

Proof of In-Person Meeting

- Declaration of having met in person within the past two years (see sample template)
- Airline boarding passes or e-ticket confirmations
- Passport entry/exit stamps (photocopies of relevant pages)
- Hotel or accommodation receipts
- Dated photographs taken together during the visit
- Receipts from shared activities (restaurants, attractions, events)

Financial Documents for the Interview Packet

Note: These financial documents are typically not required when filing the I-129F petition with USCIS. They are prepared for the consular interview packet after the petition is approved.

- Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support
- Most recent federal tax return (or tax transcript from the IRS)
- Recent pay stubs (last 3 months)
- Letter of employment on company letterhead (stating position, salary, and start date)
- Bank statements (last 3 months)
- Evidence of other assets, if relying on assets to meet the income requirement
- Joint sponsor's financial documents, if using a joint sponsor (same items as above)

Statement of Intent to Marry

- Signed letter of intent to marry from both the petitioner and the beneficiary (see sample template)
- Any additional evidence of wedding plans (venue booking, officiant confirmation, marriage license research)

Note: After the I-129F is approved and the case moves to consular processing, additional documents will be required, including the DS-160 visa application, medical examination results, and updated police clearance certificates. Your attorney or the National Visa Center will provide instructions for the consular stage.

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